




MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, and The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council, collectively serving in their capacity as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors.

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager 
Austin Rose, Planner I

RE: Contract between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Geneva Consulting Services for Coordination of the Whatcom County LIO

DATE: October 19, 2022

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive, and the County Council, acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors, enter into an agreement for the sum of \$247,587.46 with Geneva Consulting Services for coordination of the Whatcom Local Integrating Organization (LIO).

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board acts as the Local Integrating Organization (LIO) for protection and recovery of the WRIA in coordination with the Puget Sound Partnership. The WRIA 1 Management Team met on August 3, 2022 and approved the draft FFY 2022-2025 LIO Coordination Scope of Work for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) as fiscal agent, acting on behalf of the WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board, for negotiating a contract with the Puget Sound Partnership. The FCZD received a grant agreement from the Puget Sound Partnership (Agreement Number: 2023-18) to provide funding for LIO Coordination.

The purpose of this contract is to implement the scope of work in the LIO grant agreement to coordinate the Whatcom County LIO including the following tasks: 1) organize, support, administer, facilitate, and coordinate a Local Integrating Organization, 2) advance implementation of the 2022-2026 action agenda and support development of the 2026-2030 action agenda 3) performance management, 4) support adaptive management of LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plans, and 5) tailor LIO Coordination to implement the Action Agenda and support unique vision and goals of LIO. Geneva Consulting Services was chosen for this contract through a competitive selection process using the MRSC Consultant Roster.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This three-year contract, for the amount of \$247,587.46, is fully funded through a grant from the Puget Sound Partnership. The FCZD has adequate budget authority in the 2022 budget and in the proposed 2023 budget for this contract. Funding will be included in the 2024 and 2025 budgets when those are prepared.

Please contact Gary Stoyka at extension 6218 or Austin Rose at extension 6286, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Enclosures