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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive and
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

FROM: Kraig Olason, Stormwater Program Manager *ko*

DATE: September 9 2025

RE: Consultant Contract - Lake Whatcom Subwatershed Master Plan II:
West Geneva and North Shore (RFP SWLW25-01)

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive and the Whatcom County Council enter into a contract for services with Parametrix, Inc. for the sum of \$298,740.54. The purpose of this project is to develop a comprehensive Subwatershed Master Plan as an addendum to the 2008 Lake Whatcom Comprehensive Stormwater Plan to address key environmental, hydrological, and land use challenges within the West Geneva and North Shore subwatershed areas.

Background and Purpose

Whatcom County is developing a second subwatershed master plan to identify potential runoff treatment opportunities to reduce phosphorus loading to Lake Whatcom in response to federal Clean Water Act requirements and the state Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). This plan would also address existing capacity issues and the infrastructure necessary to deliver storm runoff to the lake coming from the West Geneva and North Shore subwatersheds.

Funding Amount and Source

The contract total of \$298,740.54 will be funded by existing authority in the Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility's professional services budget (19031000.6630.WO24889).

Whatcom County Stormwater Division has won a Local Integrating Organizations grant that is administered by Washington State Department of Ecology. These funds are yet to be distributed, however, Whatcom County is anticipated to receive \$120,000 for this project. These funds will be added to the budget through a separate supplement.

Please contact Cody Swan at extension 6265 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.