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MEMORANDUM

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

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director *JH*

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Program Manager *GS*
Kraig Olason, Stormwater Program Manager *KO*

DATE: November 17, 2020

RE: Amendment No. 1 to the 2019-2020 Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and
the City of Bellingham for the Lake Whatcom Homeowner Incentive Program

Requested Action

Please find attached for your review and signature two (2) copies of Amendment No. 1 to the 2019-2020 interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for implementation of the Lake Whatcom Homeowner Incentive Program (HIP) (Whatcom County Contract No. 201909004).

Background and Purpose

HIP is a non-regulatory program that provides technical assistance and financial incentives to homeowners who voluntarily install stormwater best management practices (BMP) that reduce phosphorus runoff into Lake Whatcom. HIP helps meet Lake Whatcom Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements. Whatcom County (County) and City of Bellingham (City) have been jointly implementing a single, unified version of the HIP since late 2016 through interlocal agreement.

Starting in 2021, the County and City are transitioning to coordinated but separate and self-funded HIPs for each jurisdiction. This amendment extends the County and City HIP agreement through the end of 2021 with modified funding responsibilities to allow each jurisdiction time to transition to separate programs.

Funding Amount and Source

This agreement amendment outlines the terms for reimbursement from the City to the County for costs incurred to implement HIP in 2021. County HIP funding in 2021 is \$200,000 in cost center 123211. This amendment allows the County to seek reimbursement from the City for an additional \$200,000 in 2021 for specific tasks defined in the amendment including work performed by the Whatcom Conservation District under Whatcom County Contract No. 201903001-1 and task 2 of a new interlocal agreement between the County and Whatcom Conservation District for HIP in 2021.

Please contact Ingrid Enschede at extension 6229, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.