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TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, for the
Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director *ek*

FROM: Paula J. Harris, P.E., River and Flood Manager *PJH*
Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Program Manager *GS*

DATE: January 8, 2024

RE: Interlocal Agreement with City of Sumas for Acquisition of One Floodplain
Property for Hazard Mitigation

Enclosed is an Interlocal (ILA) agreement between the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) and the City of Sumas (City) for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

In response to the November 2021 flooding, the FCZD applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding to acquire twelve (12) properties that were substantially damaged during the flood. One (1) of these properties is located within the City. The HMGP grant requires a 5% local match which is being paid for with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding through a Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR). This ILA establishes the responsibilities for the FCZD and the City related to implementation of the HMGP grant agreement for acquisition of one property within the City. The HMGP grant was submitted to the Board of Supervisors at the November 21, 2023 Board meeting.

Once the property is acquired and demolition of structures is complete, the FCZD will transfer the titles of the property to the City, subject to the grant requirements. Deed restrictions recorded on the title will ensure the property is maintained in open space for perpetuity. The City will be responsible for maintaining and monitoring the property to ensure they are compliant with the deed restrictions and for ongoing reporting to the grant agency to ensure that the requirements are being met.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The FCZD will administer the HMGP grant and coordinate for the CDBG-DR reimbursement to implement the project scope. The project expenses will be fully reimbursed between the two grants so no additional funding is associated with this agreement.

Please contact Paula Harris at extension 6285 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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