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Memorandum

TO: Honorable Whatcom County Councilmembers
Honorable Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

THROUGH: Steve Roberge, Assistant Director, PDS

FROM: Lauren Templeton, Conservation Easement Program Admin

DATE: February 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Conservation Easement Program update and request for approval to proceed with acquisition of one conservation easement

Whatcom County Conservation Easement Program (CEP) staff would like to provide a program update and request approval to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement to acquire a conservation easement on the Jacoby application parcels.

- The presentation will provide a program overview, program summary, and update on recent and pending acquisitions.
- The Jacoby application is located off of Mosquito Lake Road in the South Fork – South Acme watershed. This application will result in acquiring 2 development rights and effectively protect 85 acres of working farmland and 15 acres of working forestland.

Thank you for receiving this program update and considering the above referenced request.

Request Summary

Conservation Easement Program Staff requests approval to authorize the Executive to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement to acquire a conservation easement on the Jacoby application, provided appraisal is completed, conservation easement is drafted which meets the CEP guidelines, landowners have agreed to the offer price and conditions, and budget authority has been adopted by Whatcom County Council.

Please contact CEP Administrator, Lauren Templeton, at (360)778-5956 with any questions.