



# Memorandum

**TO: SATPAL SIDHU, COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**FROM: Sue Sullivan, Health and Community Services**

**DATE: 7/21/25**

**RE: PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2025 COORDINATED WATER SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE**

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Chapter 70A.100 RCW, Public Water System Coordination Act of 1977, authorizes the state or local legislative authority to determine that the CWSP should be updated or revised. The final draft of the [Whatcom County Coordinated Water System Plan](#) was presented at Public Works and Health Committee on May 27, 2025. Prior to submission of the CWSP to the Secretary of Health for approval, the County shall hold a public hearing as per RCW 70.A.100.50.

The plan update includes:

1. Water demand projections based on updated population projections and per capita water consumption values
2. Discussion of the impacts of climate change on water systems
3. Identifying areas of higher risk to evaluate
4. Updates on the Nooksack adjudication process and recent legislation allowing more flexibility with respect to accessory dwelling units on property within the urban growth area.

The tentative schedule for the remainder of the CWSP update process is as follows:

Date	Step in Process	Action Requested
June – Aug 2025	Public Comment Period, Public Hearing	Submit comment
August – September 2025	WUCC receive, reconcile and respond to comments Council approval of CWSP Plan Update	Council approval of resolution/ final draft – Sept. 23
October 2025	CWSP Plan sent to DOH for approval	N/A
December 2025	WA State Department of Health approval.	N/A

Please call Sue Sullivan at 360-778-6026 if there are any questions. Thank you.

