



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, and the Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council, collectively serving in their capacity as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

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

DATE: August 25, 2022

RE: Grant Agreement with Department of Ecology for Floodplain Integrated Planning Support

Enclosed is a grant agreement between the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) and the Department of Ecology (Ecology) for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

In response to the November 2021 floods, the State legislature included a budget proviso in the supplemental budget that provides funding support for the Floodplain Integrated Planning (FLIP) process that was initiated several years ago. The grant provides funding to advance the technical work needed to develop and evaluate flood mitigation alternatives, primarily focused in the Everson-Sumas overflow corridor. This work includes updating and calibrating the Nooksack River hydraulic model; developing, modeling and evaluating potential flood mitigation alternatives; technical support for the Nooksack River International Task Force; and facilitation and public outreach support for the FLIP process.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The proposed grant agreement provides \$500,000 of State funding and requires no match.

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