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Memorandum

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

THROUGH: Mark Personius, Director, PDS *MS*

FROM: Becky Snijder van Wissenkerke, PDR Program Administrator *BS*

DATE: April 14, 2020

SUBJECT: Request approval to authorize Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu to act as the authorized representative on behalf of Whatcom County for Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (Office) Washington Wildlife and Recreation Farmland and Forestland Preservation project grants

Whatcom County PDR Program staff will apply to the 2020 Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Farmland Preservation and Forestland Preservation grant programs for four (4) of the Purchase of Development Rights Program applications.

The RCO requires use of resolution language provided by the RCO in order to apply for the grants. The application deadline is June 1, 2020. The attached draft resolution uses the RCO required language and defines the authority granted to the authorized agent.

The PDR Program Administrator will submit three (3) applications to the 2020 application round of the RCO WWRP Farmland Preservation category and one (1) application to the 2020 application round of the RCO WWRP Forestland Preservation category. These applications include:

Farmland Preservation category

20-1529A Bishop Agricultural Conservation Easement

20-1583A Rethlefsen Agricultural Conservation Easement

20-1584A VanderWerff Agricultural Conservation Easement

Forestland Preservation category

20-1585A Moors Forestry Conservation Easement

These projects are not guaranteed to be awarded matching funds and will still require Council approval before an agricultural or forestry conservation easement can be completed.

Request Summary

PDR Program Administrator requests approval of the attached resolution to authorize Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu as having full authority to bind Whatcom County regarding all matters related to the projects listed above. Please contact PDR Program Administrator Becky Snijder van Wissenkerke at (360)778-5956 with any questions.