



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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Related Files:					

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance amending the project budget for the Eagleridge Stormwater Improvements Project Fund, request no. 1

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

See memo

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
03/10/2026	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 6 Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler	
		Nay: 1 Elenbaas	
03/24/2026	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 7 Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler	
		Nay: 0	
03/24/2026	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 7 Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler	
		Nay: 0	

Attachments: Staff Memo, Proposed Ordinance, Notice of Action Proposed on 3.10.2026

1 PROPOSED BY: PUBLIC WORKS
2 INTRODUCTION DATE: MARCH 10, 2026
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5 **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-014**
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8 **AMENDING THE EAGLERIDGE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS**
9 **PROJECT FUND, REQUEST NO. 1**
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12 **WHEREAS**, this Eagleridge Stormwater Improvements project is listed as
13 item number one on the 2026-2031 Six-Year Water Resources Improvement
14 Program for the Lake Whatcom watershed; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, this project will install water quality treatment facilities to
18 remove sediment and phosphorus from the 34-acre Eagleridge neighborhood
19 before entering Lake Whatcom; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the initial funding request in 2024 established the Project
23 Based Budget in the amount of \$325,000 (Ordinance 2024-009) from the Lake
24 Whatcom Stormwater Utility fund (\$15,000) and a transfer from the Real Estate
25 Excise Tax II (REET) fund (\$310,000) to cover costs associated with contracted
26 professional design engineering services, project permitting, county survey and
27 county staff time for project management; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, additional funds are needed to cover the project's construction
31 costs and construction oversight, estimated at \$850,000; and
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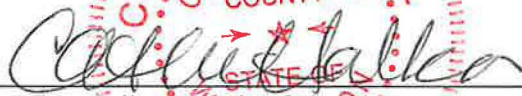
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34 **WHEREAS**, these additional expenses will be funded by a transfer from the
35 Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility fund in the amount of \$850,000.
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Ordinance 2024-009 is hereby amended to add \$850,000 of expenditure authority, as described in Exhibit A, to the current project budget of \$325,000, for a total amended project budget of \$1,175,000.

ADOPTED this 24th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:


Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council



WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tom Seguire (by email / 2-5-2026 / bw)
Tom Seguire,
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Approved () Denied

Date Signed: 3/26/26

EXHIBIT A

**Eagleridge Stormwater Improvements (#SWLW24-01)
Project Fund - 3922**

<i>Account</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Current Project Based Budget (ORD 2024-009)</i>	<i>Project Based Budget Amendment #1</i>	<i>Total Amended Project Based Budget*</i>
Expenditure				
6110	Wages	\$ 50,000	\$ 38,000	\$ 88,000
6290	Applied Benefits	\$ 40,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 67,000
6630	Professional Services	\$ 155,000 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 25,000	\$ 208,000
6699	Other Services Interfund (County Survey)	\$ 40,000 ⁽²⁾	\$ -	\$ 29,000
7199	Other Misc. Interfund (Permit Fees)	\$ 10,000 ⁽³⁾	\$ -	\$ 3,000
7199	Other Misc. Interfund (Contingency)	\$ 10,000 ⁽⁴⁾	\$ -	\$ -
7380	Other Improvements (RW + CN Contract)	\$ 20,000	\$ 760,000	\$ 780,000
Total Project Based Budget		\$ 325,000	\$ 850,000	\$ 1,175,000
Revenue				
8301.132	Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility (LWSU) Fund	\$ 15,000	\$ 850,000	\$ 865,000
8301.324	Operation Transfer In - REET II	\$ 310,000	\$ -	\$ 310,000
Total Revenue		\$ 325,000	\$ 850,000	\$ 1,175,000

* Total Amended Project Budget balances reflect line item transfers between fund accounts completed in 2025.

(1) \$28,000 tranfered into account 6630

(2) \$11,000 tranfered from account 6699 to 6630

(3) \$7,000 tranfered from account 7199 to 6630

(4) \$10,000 tranfered from account 7199 to 6630

Supplemental Budget Request

Public Works

Stormwater

Suppl ID # 5345 Fund 3922 Cost Center 39221000 Originator: Kraig Olason

Expenditure Type: One-Time Year 2 2026 Add'l FTE Add'l Space Priority 1

Name of Request: Eagleridge Stormwater Improvements PBB- Amend 1

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Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)		Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	6110	Regular salaries and wages	\$38,000
	6290	Applied benefits	\$27,000
	6630	Professional services	\$25,000
	7380	Other improvements	\$760,000
	8397.C.19031000	Transfers in	(\$850,000)
	Request Total		\$0

1a. Description of request:

This request is will amend the Project Fund for the Eagleridge Stormwater Improvements capital improvement project, listed as item number one on the 2026-2031 Six-Year Water Resources Improvement Program for the Lake Whatcom watershed, to fund the project's construction costs and construction oversite.

1b. Primary customers:

Improving the stormwater treatment facilities for the Eagleridge development system will protect and preserve the natural resources and water quality of Lake Whatcom.

2. Problem to be solved:

Whatcom County Public Works has determined that these capital improvements are necessary to update stormwater water quality treatment facilities associated with the 34-acre Eagleridge development, constructed circa 1988, to help meet TMDL requirements and remove sediments and phosphorus from this development's runoff before entering Lake Whatcom.

3a. Options / Advantages:

Updating water quality facilities for treating runoff from the existing development is the most cost effective and readily available option for protecting natural resources and water quality in Lake Whatcom.

3b. Cost savings:

The potential cost savings from this improvement will be the result of better water quality in Lake Whatcom and reduction of additional resources used to address detrimental environmental issues from excess phosphorus entering Lake Whatcom.

4a. Outcomes:

The project will be provide increased water quality for Lake Whatcom, upon completion of construction scheduled for 2026.

4b. Measures:

Whatcom County Public Work Stormwater Division may implement stormwater sampling to analyze pollutant removal from runoff.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

In preparation for construction the project's design and permitting applications will be reviewed by all applicable permitting agencies, including Whatcom County Planning and Development Services and

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Public Work Maintenance and Operations, to ensure compliance of all applicable rules, regulations and statutes. Whatcom County

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

Michael Koenen, Public Works Assistant Superintendent, will be responsible for any facility Maintenance upon construction.

6. Funding Source:

The funding source for the construction phase of the project is from the Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility (LWSU) fund.