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Agenda Bill Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution approving the Samish Water District Comprehensive Sewer Plan

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

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HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
10/10/2023	Council Public Works & Health Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S) Aye: 3 Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner Nay: 0	
10/10/2023	Council	APPROVED AS AMENDED Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner Nay: 0	

Attachments: Proposed Resolution, Sewer Plan, Approval letters, RCW 57.16.010, Proposed Resolution Amended in Committee 10.10.2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 032

**APPROVING THE SAMISH WATER DISTRICT
COMPREHENSIVE SEWER PLAN UPDATE**

WHEREAS, the Samish Water District Comprehensive Sewer Plan was prepared in May 2023 at the request of the Samish Water District Board of Commissioners and in accordance with the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) guidelines as presented in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-240-50.; and

WHEREAS, a determination of non-significance was issued by the Samish Water District for the Comprehensive Sewer Plan on May 31, 2023, pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, RCW 57.16.010(7) requires that all comprehensive water and sewer system plans and plan amendments be either approved, conditionally approved, or rejected by the legislative authority of the county in which the district is located: and

WHEREAS, as required by RCW 57.16.010(7), the Whatcom County Health Department approved the Comprehensive Sewer Plan on August 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, as required by RCW 57.16.010(7), Whatcom County Public Works approved the Comprehensive Sewer Plan on September 5, 2023, with the following notations:

- The District should coordinate its planned water and sewer system facilities construction program with the County's planned road construction program.
- All work performed in County public road right-of-way requires a Revocable Encroachment Permit as a prerequisite.
- Depending on the scope of work of any given District planned water and sewer system facilities project, the County might require:
 - o Other permits (e.g., building, conditional use, land disturbance, shoreline) as a prerequisite to project execution, and
 - o Stormwater management documentation, with possible consequent engineered stormwater management system design; and

WHEREAS, a review of the Samish Water District's Comprehensive Sewer Plan by the Whatcom County Planning and Development Services Department resulted in no comments or concerns; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 57.16.010(7), before becoming effective, the plan shall be approved by any state agency whose approval may be required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Samish Water District submitted the Comprehensive Sewer Plan to the Washington State Department of Ecology on August 2, 2023 for review and comment; and

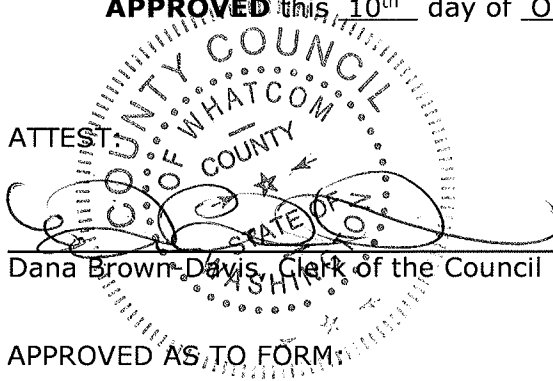
1 **WHEREAS**, according to RCW 57.16.160, the appropriate state agency has 90 days
2 to review and either approve, conditionally approve, reject, or request amendments; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, Whatcom County has reviewed the Samish Water District
5 Comprehensive Sewer Plan for compliance with the approval criteria set forth in RCW
6 57.16.010(7) and RCW 57.02.040 and finds that the plan satisfies these criteria.
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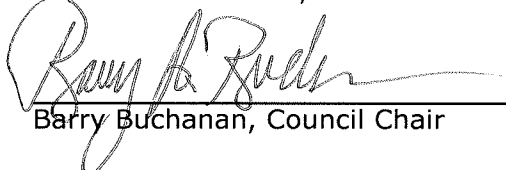
8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Whatcom County Council hereby
9 approves the Samish Water District Comprehensive Sewer Plan (dated May 2023) as
10 presented.
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13 **APPROVED** this 10th day of October, 2023.
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17 ATTEST:

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21  Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council
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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

24 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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27 /s/Karen Frakes approved on 10/10/2023/MR
28 Civil Deputy Prosecutor
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PLAN IS ON FILE
AND AVAILABLE
FOR REVIEW IN
THE COUNTY
COUNCIL OFFICE