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Memorandum

To: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, and
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Director

From: Doug Ranney, P.E., County Engineer
James E. Lee, P.E., Engineering Manager 

Date: November 17, 2023

Re: **Swift Creek Interagency Agreement Amendment No. 1**
between Whatcom County and the State of Washington
Department of Ecology (Contract No. 202308018)

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council authorize the County Executive to enter into Grant Amendment No. 1 with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) to provide for continued implementation of the Swift Creek Sediment Management Action Plan (SCSMAP) Projects.

Background and Purpose

In 2019 Ecology, the County, and other defendants entered into a Consent Decree which lays out the scope of work and overall schedule for this ongoing, multi-year project.

The first state funds for work on this project were appropriated in 2018 and administered under the original grant agreement between Whatcom County and Ecology, Whatcom County contract No. 201810012. Due to the longevity and large number of amendments under this original grant the decision was made to enter into a new grant agreement to administer the 23-25 biennium state funding appropriation for this project. This new grant agreement, which was entered into in August of this year, Whatcom County Contract No. 202308018, will be used to administer the state funding for this project moving forward. The purpose of this Amendment No. 1 to the new grant agreement is to transfer the \$1,040,989.97 remaining in the old grant agreement to the new, current grant agreement. The funds will provide for continued capital construction, engineering and permitting work for SCSMAP project elements.

Funding Amount and Source

Ecology is using state funding to provide a no-match grant for this project. This agreement has been prepared in conjunction with the Ecology and will be executed via DocuSign. These funds were previously advanced to the Swift Creek fund and per this amendment will be associated with the new grant agreement.

Please contact James Lee at extension 6264 if you have any questions regarding this request.