WHATCOM COUNTY Parks & Recreation 3373 Mount Baker Highw

3373 Mount Baker Highway Bellingham, WA 98226-7500



Bennett Knox, Director
Christ Thomsen, Operations Manager

MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Bennett Knox, Director

RE: Replacement Access Easement for 3307 North Shore (access through Lake

Whatcom Park)

DATE: April 1, 2025

Please find for an attached access easement as well as a companion easement relinquishment associated with a property adjacent to Lake Whatcom Park.

Background and Purpose

Private property at 3307 North Shore Road (Rauso Property) benefits from an easement (executed in December 1993 and recorded as Auditor's File No. 940411027) over a portion of Lake Whatcom Park for purpose of ingress and egress along a driveway to/from the residence (see Exhibit A).

The current easement had an initial term of 35 years and is expiring in 2028. Legally such an easement is perpetual in nature and appurtenant to the property. Upon advice of the prosecuting attorney the current easement should be relinquished and replaced with a new document that runs with the land.

Attached is an easement relinquish document to relinquish the existing easement (File No. 940411027) and a new easement which is perpetual and appurtenant to the Hall property.

Recommendation

Approval and signature for both the new access easement and relinquishment of the current easement.

Funding Amount and Source

Payment of \$650 is required from the grantee for document recording.