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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive
Honorable Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director 

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager 

DATE: January 31, 2019

RE: Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and the City of Bellingham: Aquatic Invasive Species Program

Requested Action

Enclosed are two (2) originals of an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for your review and signature for implementation of a joint Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program. Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive, acting for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) Board of Supervisors, execute the attached agreement.

Background and Purpose

The AIS program is part of the overall Lake Whatcom Management Program, which is a cooperative effort of the FCZD, Whatcom County, the City of Bellingham, and the Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District. The Public Works Department has been working with the City of Bellingham to coordinate efforts to provide boat inspections services and outreach to watercraft users as part of the AIS Program. Under this Interlocal Agreement, the FCZD will reimburse the City for managing and operating the AIS Watercraft Inspection Program. The City will also coordinate education and outreach activities throughout the County.

Funding Amount and Source

FCZD jointly funds the AIS program with the City of Bellingham and the Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District with a goal that the City and FCZD each contribute 40% of the funding and the District contributing 20%. The City has experienced cost increases over the past several years and has not passed those increases along to the FCZD and District, resulting in the proportion of the program being paid for by the City increasing above their 40% goal. The proposed maximum amount under this contract for 2019 shall not exceed \$123,000 which is the same rate the FCZD paid in 2017 and 2018. This agreement has maximum compensation rate increases of 8% for each of the following three years (2020-2022). These increases are intended to incrementally get the FCZD back up to its 40% funding goal by 2022. Thereafter, total compensation shall increase by 5% per calendar year, which is the annual anticipated cost increase per year for the foreseeable future. These rate increases are annual contract maximums. The actual amount of payment will be no more than 40% of the total annual costs incurred. The City is also entering into a new Interlocal Agreement with the District to incrementally get their contribution to their 20% funding goal.

Funding for 2019 is provided in the Natural Resources Program budget (Fund 169120). Funding for future years will be included in future annual budgets.

Please contact Gary Stoyka at extension 6218, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.