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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**THROUGH:** Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director *JH*

**FROM:** Kraig Olason, Stormwater Program Manager *KO*  
Ingrid Enschede, Program Specialist *IE*

**DATE:** November 17, 2020

**RE:** 2021 Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the Whatcom  
Conservation District for Lake Whatcom Homeowner Incentive Program  
Assistance

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**Requested Action**

Please find attached for your review and signature two (2) original copies of the 2021 Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County (County) and the Whatcom Conservation District (WCD) for Lake Whatcom Homeowner Incentive Program Assistance.

**Background and Purpose**

HIP is a non-regulatory program that provides technical assistance and financial incentives to homeowners who voluntarily install stormwater best management practices (BMP) that reduce phosphorus runoff into Lake Whatcom. HIP helps meet Lake Whatcom Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements. The County and City of Bellingham (City) have been jointly implementing a single, unified version of the HIP since late 2016 with assistance from the WCD.

Starting in 2021, the County and City are transitioning to coordinated but separate and self-funded HIPs for each jurisdiction. This agreement provides continued assistance from the WCD to the County to implement HIP in the County, assist homeowners in stalling HIP projects in the County, and help County homeowners complete HIP 2.0 target program projects initiated before October 1, 2020.

**Funding Amount and Source**

The total cost of this agreement is \$92,095 and is included in the 2021 Stormwater Budget (cost center 123211). Work performed under task 2 to complete HIP 2.0 target program projects will be eligible for reimbursement by City with Amendment No. 1 of the 2019-2020 agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for the Lake Whatcom Homeowner Incentive Program (Whatcom County Contract No. 201909004).

Please contact Ingrid Enschede at extension 6229, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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