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Memorandum

TO: Honorable Whatcom County Councilmembers
Honorable Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive

THROUGH: Mark Personius, Director, PDS

FROM: Chris Elder, PDR Program Administrator

DATE: May 10, 2019

SUBJECT: Request approval to authorize Whatcom County Executive Jack Louws to act as the authorized representative on behalf of Whatcom County and to legally bind our organization with respect to the below Projects for which we seek grant funding assistance managed through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

Due to an availability of additional funds in both the Farmland Preservation and Forestland Preservation grant categories, Whatcom County PDR Program staff applied to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Farmland Preservation and Forestland grant program in 2019 for 4 of the Purchase of Development Rights Program applications.

A requirement of the RCO requires use of resolution language that is provided by the RCO. The attached draft resolution uses the RCO required language and defines the authority granted to the authorized agent.

The PDR Program Administrator has submitted two (2) applications to the supplemental 2019 application round of the RCO WWRP Farmland Preservation category and two (2) applications to the supplemental 2019 application round of the RCO WWRP Forestland Preservation category. These applications include:

Farmland Preservation category
19-1537A Rethlefsen Agricultural Conservation Easement
19-1542A Bishop Agricultural Conservation Easement

Forestland Preservation category
19-1330A Squalicum Forestry Conservation Easement
19-1542A Kiera-Duffy Forestry Conservation Easement

These projects are not guaranteed to be awarded matching funds and will still require Council approval before an agricultural or forestry conservation easement can be completed.

Request Summary

PDR Program Administrator requests approval of the attached resolution to authorize Whatcom County Executive Jack Louws as having full authority to bind Whatcom County regarding all matters related to the projects listed above. Please contact PDR Program Administrator Chris Elder at (360)778-5932 with any questions.