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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**Through:** Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director *EK*

**From:** Brett Piepel, Assistant Superintendent – Equipment Services

**Date:** June 4, 2024

**Re:** Amendment to Contract 202312010-1 with SoundEarth Strategies

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• **Requested Action**

Enclosed for review is a contract amendment for contract 202312010-1 between Whatcom County Public Works and SoundEarth Strategies in the amount of \$19,762.00.

• **Background and Purpose**

This amendment will provide adequate funding for the additional test wells that were required in order to ensure that the full scope of the project could be ascertained. These additional test drills were not part of our original scope and were an unforeseen necessary addition.

The underground storage tanks at the Central Shop are past the expected life span and have become nonfunctional. We have evidence that they have actively leaked fuel in the past. That leak is not ongoing. We have been tasked by Department of Ecology to remove the underground storage tanks at our facility and complete a remediation process for the site. It is imperative that we remove them before they cause any further damage and before we are out of compliance with the expectations of the Department of Ecology. These test drills were a crucial part of finding the full scope of the remediation.

• **Funding Amount and Source**

The funding has been allocated in the 2023- 2024 Budget process on budget line 501600.6630.

Please contact Brett Piepel at extension 6405 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Enclosures:

Whatcom County Contact Information Sheet  
Contract Amendment