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

Through: Jon Hutchings, Director *JH*

From: Andrew Hester, Public Works Real Estate Coordinator *AH*

Date: March 10, 2021

Re: Leasing of Whatcom County Flood Control Zone Property

Enclosed is a resolution declaring the intent of the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) to lease property located on Emmerson Road for agricultural purposes, subject to a public hearing.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the FCZD Board of Supervisors hold a public hearing and take action on the proposed resolution to lease the property for agricultural purposes, and authorize the Whatcom County Executive to execute a lease agreement with the highest responsible bidder that can demonstrate their ability to comply with the conditions contained in the resolution.

Background and Purpose

The FCZD acquired the property from in 2001. The property has been leased for agricultural purposes since 2010. The existing lease expired on May 31, 2020. Whatcom County Public Works is supportive of continuing to lease the property for agricultural purposes as long as it is subject to the limitations described in the attached resolution.

Resolution and Bid Process

Should the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed resolution to lease the property, sealed bids will be received at the Whatcom County Finance Department office. Further information such as the deadline will be publicized upon approval of the resolution. The highest responsible bidder who can demonstrate their ability to comply with the limitations on use will be awarded the lease.

Please contact me at extension 6216 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this resolution.

Encl.