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Memorandum

TO: Honorable Whatcom County Councilmembers
Honorable Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

THROUGH: Mark Personius, PDS Director

FROM: Alexander Harris, Conservation Easement Program Outreach Coordinator

DATE: July 22, 2025

SUBJECT: Presentation by Conservation Easement Program (CEP) Oversight Committee and staff providing an update and requesting approval to proceed with acquisition of four conservation easements

Whatcom County Conservation Easement Program (CEP) staff and the Chair of the CEP Oversight Committee would like to provide a program update and request approval to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement to acquire four conservation easements on the following properties pursuant to the process outlined in the CEP Guidelines:

- a. Sanfi Acres Canyon Creek property (FCE2024-02)
- b. Sanfi Acres Maple Falls property (FCE2024-01)
- c. Koblitz Red Mountain property (FCE2024-04)
- d. Taylor property (ECE2020-01)

The presentation will cover the following topics:

- Update on the work being done by the CEP Oversight Committee
- Overview of the four applications that have been approved by the CEP Oversight Committee and now require Council approval before staff proceed with acquisition.

Request Summary

Conservation Easement Program staff requests approval of the attached Resolution to authorize the Executive to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement to acquire four conservation easements on the Sanfi Acres Canyon Creek property, Sanfi Acres Maple Falls property, Koblitz Red Mountain property, and Taylor property, provided appraisals are completed, conservation easements are drafted which meet the CEP guidelines, landowners have agreed to the offer price and conditions, and budget authority has been adopted by Whatcom County Council.

Please contact CEP Outreach Coordinator, Alexander Harris, at (360)778-5979 with any questions.