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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, and The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council, collectively serving in their capacity as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager 
Austin Rose, Planner I

DATE: June 21, 2023

RE: Contract with Environmental Science Associates to continue to develop and implement the WRIA 1 Integrated Funding Strategy

Please find enclosed for your review a copy of a contract agreement between the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD), acting as fiscal agent for the WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board (WMB), and Environmental Science Associates to continue to develop and implement the WRIA 1 integrated funding strategy. The authorized agreement will be signed electronically through DocuSign.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive and the County Council, acting as the FCZD Board of Supervisors, enter into a contract agreement between Environmental Science Associates and the FCZD to continue to develop and implement the WRIA 1 integrated funding strategy.

Background and Purpose

The WMB acts as the Local Integrating Organization (LIO) for water resources programs in the Whatcom County region. On behalf of the WMB, the FCZD entered into Contract #202211021, which supports the LIO with EPA/National Estuary Program funding. Sub-task 5.05 of that agreement consists of pursuing a funding strategy for the 2022-2026 Action Agenda. This scope covers work to be conducted by Environmental Science Associates (ESA) through federal fiscal years (ending September 30): FY23 and, FY24. In 2022, ESA developed a WRIA 1 integrated funding strategy for the WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board through a previous contract with Whatcom County, Contract #202202030. This scope of work implements key recommendations of that strategy.

Funding Amount and Source

The contract is not to exceed \$45,000. Funds are provided by an interagency agreement with the Puget Sound Partnership to support Local Integrating Organization efforts, Whatcom County Contract #202211021. The attached ad memo provides written approval from the Puget Sound Partnership to proceed with contracting. Work in the contract is in the 2023 budget for Whatcom County Cost Center 169121.

Please contact Austin Rose at extension 6286, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.