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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD)
Honorable Members of the Whatcom County FCZD Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director *JH*

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager *GS*
Erika Douglas, Senior Planner *ED*

DATE: February 16, 2021

RE: Contract with Exact Scientific Services for Water Quality Analytical Testing Services

Please find attached for your review and approval two (2) originals of a contract for services between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Exact Scientific Services for water quality analytical testing services.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors authorize the County Executive to sign the attached contract for laboratory services.

Background and Purpose

Public Works conducts routine water quality monitoring at approximately 90 sites throughout Whatcom County coastal drainages. Additionally, water samples are collected at approximately 60 focus area sites. The data is used to track patterns in water quality, identify high priority areas for water quality improvement projects, and work with community members to identify solutions.

Exact Scientific Services was selected through a competitive bid process and will provide laboratory analysis of surface water samples for fecal coliform, E. coli, and other bacterial analysis, as specified in the attached exhibit.

Funding Amount and Source

This contract is not to exceed \$90,000.00 and will be funded through the Public Works Natural Resources approved 2021 budget and Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management (BBWARM) District's approved 2021 budget (Fund 169).

Please contact Erika Douglas at extension 6294 or Gary Stoyka at 6218 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.