




## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Bennett Knox, Director 

**RE:** Professional Services Contract for the Lake Whatcom Watershed Forest Management Plan

**DATE:** March 18, 2025

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Enclosed are two (2) originals of an amended professional services contract between Whatcom County and Northwest Natural Resource Group for your review and signature. The amended contract amount is \$145,123.

### **Background and Purpose**

On September 24, 2024 the County entered into a contract with Northwest Natural Resource Group for development of a forest management plan for the Lake Whatcom watershed (contract #202409046). This contract included consideration of both Whatcom County and City of Bellingham parcels as governed by an Interlocal Agreement (#202409022). The City of Bellingham recently purchased an additional 754 acres of forested parcels in the Lake Whatcom watershed and seeks to add these parcels for consideration as part of the planning effort. Parks, therefore, seeks to amend contract #202409046 with Northwest Natural Resource Group to cover this additional planning effort. Parks has submitted a Supplemental Budget request to increase budget authority associated with this contract amendment. Separately, Parks is also submitting an amendment to the existing interlocal to cover the additional expenses that will be incurred and reimbursed by the City of Bellingham

### **Funding Amount and Source**

This amendment increased the contract value by \$12,063 from \$133,060 to \$145,123. The funding source is Parks Special Revenue.

The City of Bellingham will reimburse Whatcom County for a maximum of \$53,358 in expenses under this contract.

### **Differences from Previous Contract**

This is a new contract.

Please contact me at extension 5855 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement

Encl.