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MEMORANDUM

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

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager 

DATE: March 31, 2022

RE: Interlocal Agreement Amendment with the Whatcom Conservation District for Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program Non-Dairy Agriculture Outreach & Financial Assistance

Please find enclosed for your review a copy of the interlocal agreement amendment between the Whatcom Conservation District and Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District to provide community outreach, financial assistance, and farm planning services. The authorized interlocal agreement amendment will be signed electronically through DocuSign.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors authorize the County Executive to sign the interlocal agreement amendment to support agriculture financial assistance programs.

Background and Purpose

The purpose of this interlocal agreement amendment is to provide additional funding for the WCD to implement both an emergency manure transfer and storage cost share program in response to impacts from the November 2021 Atmospheric River Event and the standard non-dairy agriculture cost share program to support water quality improvement and protection. These activities will be in coordination with and in support of the Whatcom County Pollution Identifications and Correction (PIC) Program and other water quality efforts.

Funding Amount and Source

This interlocal agreement amendment with the Whatcom Conservation District will provide an additional \$25,000 for a total budget of \$140,027 to support outreach, farm planning, and financial assistance programs for water quality improvement and protection. This amendment will be funded through the 2022 FCZD budget for Public Works- Natural Resources programs. A supplemental budget request was approved on March 22, 2022.

Differences from Previous Contract

This amendment includes \$25,000 for emergency manure transfer and storage cost share to assist with conditions created by the November 2021 Atmospheric River Event.

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

Encl.