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MEMORANDUM

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

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director *JH*

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

DATE: September 21, 2020

RE: Interagency Agreement #2021-11: Whatcom County LIO – FFY2021 Funding

Please find enclosed for your review and signature two (2) originals of Interagency Agreement # 2021-11: Whatcom County LIO – FFY2021 Funding between the State of Washington Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) and the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District to coordinate the Whatcom County Local Integrating Organization (LIO).

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors approve and sign the attached grant agreement as the fiscal agent for the Whatcom County LIO.

Background and Purpose

The WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board acts as Local Integrating Organization (LIO) for water resources programs in the Whatcom County region. The WRIA 1 Management Team met on August 12, 2020 and approved the draft FFY 2021 LIO Coordination Scope of Work for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District as fiscal agent, acting on behalf of the WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board, for negotiating a contract with the Puget Sound Partnership. This agreement provides funds for tasks related to 1) organize, support, administer, facilitate, and coordinate a Local Integrating Organization, 2) advance implementation of the 2018-2022 action agenda and development of the 2022-2026 action agenda 3) performance management, 4) support adaptive management of LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plans, and 5) tailor LIO Coordination to support unique vision and goals of LIO.

Tasks 1-4 are very similar to the past two LIO coordination grants. The inclusion of the new task (Task 5) includes a one-year increase in funding of \$50,000, for the LIO to tailor coordination to support the LIO's vision and goals for the LIO. This funding will provide seed money to local Near Team Actions (NTAs), support local outreach networking, and help address barriers to implementation.

Funding Amount and Source

This grant agreement with the Puget Sound Partnership provides \$125,000 to complete tasks as outlined in the scope of work. Please contact Gary Stoyka at extension 6218 or Austin Rose at 6286 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.