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Memorandum

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

Through: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

From: James P. Karcher, P.E., County Engineer *JPK*
James E. Lee, P.E., Engineering Manager *JEL*

Date: March 7, 2022

Re: **Swift Creek Sediment Management Action Plan (SCSMAP) Implementation**
Interagency Agreement Amendment No. 7 between Whatcom County and the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Contract No. 201810012-6)

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council authorize the County Executive to enter into Grant Amendment No. 7 with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) to provide for continued implementation of the SCSMAP Projects.

Background and Purpose

To date, the Washington State Legislature has awarded Whatcom County appropriations totaling \$8.4 million dollars for the SCSMAP Project. In 2019 Ecology, the County, and other defendants entered into a Consent Decree (CD) which lays out the scope of work and overall schedule for this ongoing, multi-year project. Ecology will continue to request future additional state funding to carry out the objectives of the CD.

This grant amendment will advance an additional \$2,640,000 in state funds for a new total of \$8,268,400 in funds secured by Whatcom County. This latest advance will provide for continued design of project elements and the first significant phase of capital construction including construction of three sediment traps, phase one of the upper deflection berm and associated improvements all located east of Goodwin Road.

Funding Amount and Source

Ecology is using state funding to provide a no-match grant for this project. This amendment has been prepared by Ecology and will be executed via DocuSign. After execution of this grant amendment a separate ordinance will be submitted to the Council to deposit these funds into the Swift Creek Project Based Budget fund.

Please contact James Lee at extension 6264 if you have any questions regarding this request.