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**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director  
**RE:** RH2 – Coordinated Water System Plan Update  
**DATE:** NOVEMBER 16, 2023

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Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and RH2 for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for RH2 to update the Whatcom County Coordinated Water System Plan (CWSP) in accordance with RCW 70.116 and WAC 246-293. Updating the CWSP is a key component of the 2024 update of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan (WCCP). Objectives of this update include:

- Coordinating acquisition, treatment and delivery of water among the various public water purveyors in Whatcom County, consistent with local, state and federal laws and regulations and in the best interest of the served public.
- Integrating updates into a regional water supply plan that addresses other beneficial uses in Whatcom County.
- Informing preparation of the WCCP update scheduled to be completed in 2024, relative to water supply.
- Addressing complex issues such as climate change and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in relation to water system planning.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This contract is awarded as a result of a solicitation to the MRSC Roster for which the contractor was the only respondent. Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, is provided by the Washington State Department of Health's Foundational Public Health Services funds. These funds are included in the 2024 budget. Council authorization is required as this contract exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Sue Sullivan, Environmental Health Manager at 360-778-6026 ([SSullivan@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:SSullivan@co.whatcom.wa.us)) or Kathleen Roy, Financial & Administrative Manager at 360-778-6007 ([KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us)), if you have any questions.

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