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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive for
The Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

FROM: Kraig Olason, Stormwater Program Manager *ko*

DATE: January 12, 2026

RE: Lora Lane Drainage and Tide Gate Modifications Project; SWBB23-06
Interlocal Agreement w/ Birch Bay Water & Sewer District for
Inclusion of Water Line Relocation into Culvert
Replacement Construction Contract

Attached for your review and DocuSign signature is one (1) PDF original of an Interlocal Agreement between the Birch Bay Water & Sewer District (District) and Whatcom County.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive, acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors, enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the District and Whatcom County to provide preliminary design, final design, cost estimate, bid documents, engineering support services for the District's waterline relocation.

Background and Purpose

The District currently has two (2) asbestos concrete water mains running the culvert replacement project's limits. The water line's material type is vulnerable to breakage when construction occurs around the pipe. As part of the project, the water line is required to be reconstructed with a durable ductile iron water main. As part of their current utility franchise, the District is required to move and pay for this work. This interlocal establishes the project coordination, engineering, construction coordination, and payment between the County and the District for this work. It has been determined that the inclusion of this work into the culvert replacement construction contract is mutually beneficial to both parties.

Funding Amount and Source

This project is listed as No. 10 on the 2026-2031 Water Resources Improvement Plan and will be funded by BBWARM (Cost Center 19141905, Work Order #19799). As noted above, all work outlined in the attached Interlocal Agreement will be paid for by the District.

Please contact Cody Swan at extension 6265 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.