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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive, and The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council, collectively serving in their capacity as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director **DWR** for EK

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager 
John N. Thompson, Sr., Salmon Recovery Planner 

DATE: February 14, 2024

RE: **Contract for Services with Saturna Watershed Sciences, L.L.C.**

Please find attached for your review an agreement between the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Saturna Watershed Sciences, LLC. to implement a second phase of investigation into extrapolated initial recommended instream flow information in support of watershed and salmon recovery planning. The authorized agreement will be signed through DocuSign.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors authorize the County Executive to sign this agreement.

Background and Purpose

The Watershed Staff Team (WST), through the WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board, compiled a list of technical data needed to advance the implementation of the WRIA 1 Watershed Management Plan. Technical Study Need Item No. 1 - *Investigate extrapolated initial recommended Instream Flow Information as well as the subsequent hydrologic updates* was identified as a high priority.

The first phase of this project was completed June 30, 2023 using the funding available at the time. That phase determined the information available and level of functionality of the instream flow modeling tool developed by Utah State University (USU). A draft Phase 2 scope of work outlining the work necessary to complete the technical study needs as envisioned by the WST was delivered as a Phase 1 work product and subsequently revised in consultation with the Watershed Staff Team. Funding is now available to continue the work as scoped in the original request for proposals (RFP) and Saturna proposal.

Funding Amount and Source

This contract in the amount of \$81,585.00 is included in the 2024 Natural Resources budget and will be reimbursed through proviso funding for WRIA 1 stream adjudication.

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

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