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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom 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 *LBF*

FROM: Julie Anderson, River and Flood Manager *JMA*
Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager *GS*

RE: Black & Veatch Corporation – Engineering Services Contract
FEMA HMGP Grant Administration and Technical Support

DATE: November 15, 2024

Please find enclosed for your review, two (2) originals of a contract for services between the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) and Black & Veatch Corporation for your review and approval.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council, acting as the FCZD Board of Supervisors, enter into a contract with Black & Veatch Corporation to provide engineering and technical consulting services in the implementation and administration of current HMGP elevation and acquisition grants awarded under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grant Programs and assistance applying for future HMA grants if additional funding becomes available.

Background and Purpose

In response to the devastating flood events within Whatcom County in 2021, the FCZD pursued and was awarded grant funding under FEMA's suite of HMGP grants. Black and Veatch will provide engineering and technical consulting services to assist the FCZD in the implementation and administration of MGP elevation and acquisition grants programs.

Funding and Source

The proposed contract amount is \$302,038.00. The 2024-25 FCZD Budget has adequate budget authority for this work. Costs associated with this scope of work are eligible for reimbursement.

Please contact Julie Anderson at extension 6258, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this Contract.