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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

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager 
Becky Snijder van Wissenkerke, Program Specialist

DATE: October 27, 2023

RE: 2024 Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Whatcom Conservation District for the Domestic-Municipal Water Use Efficiency Project

Please find attached for your review a copy of the 2024 Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Whatcom Conservation District (WCD) for the Domestic-Municipal Water Use Efficiency Project. The authorized agreement will be signed electronically 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 Whatcom Water Alliance (WWA) is a partnership of Whatcom County water utilities that collaborate and coordinate on water conservation, supply, and delivery activities. In 2020, the WWA developed an Enhanced Whatcom Water Alliance (EWWA) Program to support increased consistency and impact of water conservation messaging and activities across jurisdictions in Whatcom County. In 2023, the WWA completed implementation of a three-year EWWA Program Plan and Implementation Strategy for Domestic Water Use Efficiency, including development of a second program plan for 2024-2026.

This agreement will provide for implementation of the EWWA Program Plan in 2024 and will complement ongoing watershed management efforts in Whatcom County and Water Resource Inventory Area 1 (WRIA 1). Tasks under this agreement include support for water utilities through resource sharing, administration of a household water use rebate program, and implementation of a youth education program.

Funding Amount and Source

This agreement will provide \$33,000 to support the 2024 implementation of the Domestic-Municipal Water Use Efficiency Project. Budget authority for this agreement is provided in the proposed 2024 Natural Resources budget.

Please contact Becky Snijder van Wissenkerke at extension 6247 or Gary Stoyka at extension 6218 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.
Interlocal Agreement