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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, serving in his capacity for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director *EK*

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager *GS*

DATE: July 21, 2025

RE: Agreement Between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Associated Earth Sciences, Inc. for continued data collection

Please find attached for your review a copy of an Agreement Between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Associated Earth Sciences, Inc. for ongoing monitoring for an agricultural tile drain study. The authorized agreement will be signed electronically through DocuSign.

Requested Action

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

Background and Purpose

This amendment provides funding to continue monitoring activities for the second half of 2025 as part of a groundwater-surface water interaction study and an investigation into the impacts of agricultural tile drains on stream flows. This information is necessary for developing projects that will provide sufficient water to meet our out of stream needs while protecting and enhancing instream flows necessary to sustain our aquatic ecosystems.

Funding Amount and Source

This agreement with Associated Earth Sciences, Inc. will provide \$77,420 for continued groundwater and surface water monitoring. Budget authority is provided in the 2025 Natural Resources budget.

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

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