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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:** Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

**FROM:** Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager 

**DATE:** October 24, 2022

**RE:** Interlocal Agreement with the Whatcom Conservation District for Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program Non-Dairy Agriculture Outreach and Financial Assistance

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Please find enclosed for your review a copy of the interlocal agreement between the Whatcom Conservation District (WCD) and Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District to provide agriculture Best Management Practices (BMP) outreach and financial assistance to support the Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program. The authorized interlocal 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 the interlocal agreement to support agriculture BMP outreach and financial assistance programs.

**Background and Purpose**

The purpose of this interlocal agreement is to provide funding for the WCD to implement community outreach activities and manage the financial assistance and incentives program for landowners/operators with agricultural operations in Whatcom County to support water quality improvement and protection. These activities will be in coordination with the Whatcom County Pollution Identifications and Correction (PIC) Program.

**Funding Amount and Source**

This interlocal agreement with the Whatcom Conservation District will provide \$66,000 to support agriculture outreach and financial assistance programs for water quality improvement and protection. This agreement will be funded through the 2023 FCZD budget for Public Works- Natural Resources programs.

**Differences from Previous Contract**

This agreement does not include \$50,000 for farm planning services for landowners/operators outside coastal watersheds as in 2022. Additionally, this contract does not include cost share funds to support emergency manure storage transfers that were added to the 2022 agreement in response to flood impacts.

Please contact Erika Douglas at extension 6294 or Gary Stoyka at extension 6218, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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