



MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu 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 *EK*

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

Subject: Herrera Environmental Consultants Contract for Services to support Lower Nooksack River Floodplain Integrated Planning – Amendment No. 11

Date: April 29, 2026

Enclosed is one (1) original of Amendment No. 11 to a Contract for Services between the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) and Herrera Environmental Consultants for your review and signature.

Background and Purpose

Herrera was retained in March 2018 to assist Public Works staff in updating and broadening the scope of the 1999 Lower Nooksack River Integrated Flood Hazard Management Plan (IFHMP) to integrate flood risk reduction with the needs of salmon and floodplain land-uses. The update will provide a basis for future Whatcom County FCZD capital programs and support possible WRIA 1 Salmon Recovery Plan updates. Herrera is continuing to support the FCZD in development of the IFHMP and the technical, communications, and coordination work associated with the Floodplain Integrated Planning (FLIP) process. This proposed amendment supports the next phase of the FLIP work for the 2026-27 biennium.

Funding Amount and Source

The amount of this amendment is \$1,250,229, which brings the total contract amount to \$4,248,598. The 2026-27 FCZD Budget has adequate budget authority for this work. Costs associated with this scope of work are eligible for reimbursement under the Department of Ecology grants including the 2025 Proviso which is 100% funded (no local match) and the 2023-25 Floodplains by Design (FbD) grant which is 80% funded. The FCZD will pay the 20% local match required by the FbD grant.

Differences from Previous Contract

Under this contract amendment, additional support needs have been identified to further the work of the FLIP Team and Steering Committee and to produce deliverables required under the Washington State Department of Ecology 2025 proviso and 2023-25 Floodplains by Design (FbD) grant funding. In addition, a communications consultant (Caravan Labs) has been added to the contract, and updated 2026 rate sheets have been incorporated into this amendment.

Please contact Julie Anderson, River and Flood Manager, at extension 6258 or jmanders@co.whatcom.wa.us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.