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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director *EK*

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager *GS*

DATE: January 13, 2025

RE: Lake Whatcom Management Program 2025-2029 Work Plan

Requested Action

Whatcom County Public Works requests that Whatcom County Council approve the resolution to adopt the Lake Whatcom Management Program 2025-2029 Work Plan.

Background and Purpose

The Lake Whatcom Management Program was established by an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County, the City of Bellingham, and the Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District in 1998 for the purpose of providing a coordinated, comprehensive approach to address threats to Lake Whatcom and its watershed. The three jurisdictions work together to develop comprehensive five-year work plans outlining activities in twelve program areas. The 2025-2029 Work Plan is the fifth consecutive work plan developed for the Lake Whatcom Management Program. It consolidates planned efforts of Whatcom County, the City of Bellingham, and the Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District into one place to ensure actions to protect the lake are efficient and effective. The City of Bellingham and Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District will be adopting this work plan concurrently.

Please contact Gary Stoyka at extension 6218, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this resolution.

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