

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVING THE WHATCOM COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 WATER SYSTEM PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Whatcom County Water District No. 2 (WCWD2) Water System Plan (the Plan) was prepared at the request of the District Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, per [WAC 197-11-845](#), the Plan is proposed to have less than one thousand connections and is therefore exempt from SEPA review; and

**WHEREAS**, per [RCW 57.16.010](#), Whatcom County Public Works approved the Plan Update on January 12, 2024, contingent on compliance with the following:

1. All work performed in County right-of-way requires a Revocable Encroachment Permit as a prerequisite. See [Whatcom County Code \(WCC\) 12.16](#) for additional information.
2. Depending on the scope of work of any given WCWD2 planned water system facilities project, the County might require:
  - a. Other permits (e.g., building, conditional use, land disturbance, shoreline) as a prerequisite to project execution, and;
  - b. Stormwater management documentation, with possible required engineered stormwater management system design.
3. To accommodate our desire to minimize disturbance to County roadway surfaces, we encourage the WCWD2 to locate, where feasible, new or reworked water system facilities outside the existing pavement of any improved County roadway.
4. We encourage the WCWD2 to accomplish, to the maximum extent feasible, its planned water system projects that involve work in County rights-of-way, in advance of our planned road projects. This will minimize roadway patching that would otherwise occur without coordination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Whatcom County Planning and Development Services issued a Local Government Consistency Determination on February 21, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Whatcom County Health and Community Services Department issued a Local Government Consistency Determination on February 29, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 57.16.010(7) requires the County Council approve, conditionally approve, or reject comprehensive water system plans; and

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Water District No. 2 has submitted a final version of the Plan to the County Council for review and approval; and

1           **WHEREAS**, under the provisions of state law, the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan,  
2 and the County-Wide Planning Policies, water service in rural areas must be at rural levels and  
3 should not be used as a basis for rezoning property; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, the County Council has reviewed the Whatcom County Water District 2  
6 Water System Plan for compliance with the approval criteria set forth in RCW 57.16.010(7) and  
7 RCW 57.02.040 and finds that the Plan satisfies these criteria, subject to certain conditions.  
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9           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Whatcom County Council hereby  
10 approves the Whatcom County Water District No. 2 Water System Plan, subject to the following  
11 conditions:

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13       a prerequisite. See [Whatcom County Code \(WCC\) 12.16](#) for additional information.
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15       project, the County might require:
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17           prerequisite to project execution, and;
  - 18           b. Stormwater management documentation, with possible required engineered  
19           stormwater management system design.
- 20       3. To accommodate our desire to minimize disturbance to County roadway surfaces, we  
21       encourage the WCWD2 to locate, where feasible, new or reworked water system facilities  
22       outside the existing pavement of any improved County roadway; and
- 23       4. We encourage the WCWD2 to accomplish, to the maximum extent feasible, its planned  
24       water system projects that involve work in County rights-of-way, in advance of our  
25       planned road projects. This will minimize roadway patching that would otherwise occur  
26       without coordination.  
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29           **APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.  
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34 ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

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44 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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/s/ Royce Buckingham/email 2/29/24 ch  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor