



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: RH2 – Coordinated Water System Plan Update Contract Amendment #1
DATE: JUNE 26, 2024

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and RH2 for your review and signature. This amendment extends the contract for one year and increases funding to support the revisions that were not initially included in the contract such as the review of fire flow standards (which were updated after the original contract was executed), agency review, submittal to WA State Department of Health, and meeting facilitation for public meetings.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for RH2 to update the Whatcom County Coordinated Water System Plan (CWSP) in accordance with RCW 70.116 and WAC 246-293. Updating the CWSP is a key component of the 2024 update of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan (WCCP). Objectives of this update include:

- Coordinating acquisition, treatment and delivery of water among the various public water purveyors in Whatcom County, consistent with local, state and federal laws and regulations and in the best interest of the served public.
- Integrating updates into a regional water supply that addresses other beneficial uses in Whatcom County.
- Informing preparation of the WCCP update scheduled to be completed in 2024, relative to water supply.
- Addressing complex issues such as climate change and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in relation to water system planning.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This amendment increases funding by \$50,000. Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, is provided by the Washington State Department of Health’s Foundational Public Health Services funds. These funds are included in the 2024 budget. Council authorization is required as the additional funding provided by this amendment exceeds 10% of the amount authorized by Council on 12/05/2023.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

Section	Differences
General Terms – Section 10.2, Extension	Extends contract for an additional year, through 12/31/2025
Exhibit A – Scope of Work	Adds Task 10 – WUCC and County Review revisions
Exhibit B – Compensation	Adds funding to support the addition of Task 10, updates invoicing requirements and the Contractor’s rates which were in development at the time of the original contract execution.

Please contact Sue Sullivan, Environmental Health Manager at 360-778-6026 (SSullivan@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions.