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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:** Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

**FROM:** Kraig Olason, Stormwater Program Manager *ctc*  
Holly Faulstich, Natural Resource Specialist III

**DATE:** July 10, 2023

**RE:** BBWARM Rate Study and Funding Analysis

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**Requested Action**

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive and the Whatcom County Council collectively serving in their capacity as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors, enter into a contract for services with FCS Group for the purpose of conducting a rate study and funding analysis for the Birch Bay Watershed & Aquatic Resources Management (BBWARM) District.

**Background and Purpose**

The BBWARM stormwater utility rates have not been updated since its inception in 2009. This contract will authorize FCS Group to analyze the total amount of rate revenue needed to meet the program's financial obligations, including capital, operating and policy-driven commitments, as well as perform a rate structure analysis to determine how best to meet the program requirements.

**Funding Amount and Source**

The contract total of \$61,440.00 will be funded by existing authority in the BBWARM budget (169250, WO# 17275).

Please contact Holly Faulstich at extension 6290 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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