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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**



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
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MEMORANDUM

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

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Interim Director

FROM: Kraig Olason, Stormwater Program Manager
Ingrid Enschede, Program Specialist 

DATE: December 12, 2022

RE: 2023 Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Conservation District for Lake Whatcom Homeowner Incentive Program Assistance

Requested Action

Please review and sign the 2023 Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County (County) and the Whatcom Conservation District (WCD) for Lake Whatcom Homeowner Incentive Program Assistance.

Background and Purpose

The Lake Whatcom Homeowner Incentive Program (HIP) is a non-regulatory program that provides technical assistance and financial incentives to homeowners who voluntarily install stormwater best management practices (BMP) that reduce phosphorus runoff into Lake Whatcom. HIP engages Lake Whatcom watershed residents in stewardship activities that help protect water quality and improve habitat.

The WCD has provided HIP implementation assistance since October 2016 through interlocal agreements with the County. The County requests continued assistance from the WCD in 2023 to help landowners who have already initiated HIP projects complete their projects. The level of assistance requested in 2023 is less than 2022 because the County is phasing out HIP and transitioning to a new Neighborhood Native Landscaping program model.

Funding Amount and Source

The total cost of this agreement is \$63,500 and is included in the 2023 Stormwater Budget (cost center 123211 Work Order #21514).

Please contact Ingrid Enschede at extension 6229, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.