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# MEMORANDUM

**To:** The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu Whatcom County Executive  
Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

**Through:** Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director *ek*

**From:** Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Program Manager *GS*  
Julie Anderson, River and Flood Manager *JMA*

**Subject:** Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lynden for the  
Hannegan Levee Rehabilitation (NSK-03-26) Project

**Date:** 05/22/2026

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Enclosed please find one (1) original for the subject project between the Whatcom County Flood Control District (FCZD) and the City of Lynden for your review and signature.

## Background and Purpose

High flows along the Nooksack River from the December 2025 flood event have caused scouring and bank sloughing along the riverward slope and toe of the Hannegan levee including loss of riprap and embankment material. The damage occurred adjacent to and immediately downstream of the City of Lynden's Municipal Water Intake Facility along the left bank of the Nooksack just upstream of the Hannegan Road bridge. The proposed project will repair approximately 50 linear feet of the levee to better withstand future high-water events. The segment of levee to be repaired provides a 100-year level of protection (undamaged condition) and mainly protects the Cities Municipal Water Facility but also agricultural lands, low density development and other public infrastructure (roads and bridge).

## Funding Amount and Source

The total construction cost is estimated at \$321,400, of which 80% or \$257,120 will be funded by the USACE, and 20% or \$64,280 is the responsibility of the FCZD or local sponsor. Although the repair work is located within Unincorporated Whatcom County it is on property owned and operated by the City of Lynden. Accordingly, the City shall provide cash payment to the FCZD for the total actual local sponsor share costs assessed by the USACE pursuant to the Cooperative Agreement.

## Recommended Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive, acting on behalf of the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors, enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Lynden for the subject levee rehabilitation project along the Nooksack River. This repair project is being performed by the U.S.

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Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under the Public Law 84-99 Program. The Cooperative Agreement between the USACE and Whatcom County for this levee project will be forwarded under separate cover. Please contact Travis Bouma (Project Manager) at extension 6293 if you have any questions or concerns.

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