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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 *ek*

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager *GS*
Austin Rose, Natural Resources Specialist II

DATE: October 1, 2025

RE: Contract between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Geneva Consulting Services for Coordination of the Whatcom County LIO

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive, and the County Council, acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors, enter into an agreement for the sum of \$291,068.00 with Geneva Consulting Services for coordination of the Whatcom Local Integrating Organization (LIO).

Background and Purpose

The WRIA 1 Management Team approved the draft FFY 2022-2025 LIO Coordination Scope of Work for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD), acting as fiscal agent on behalf of the WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board, for negotiating a contract with the Puget Sound Partnership, on August 14, 2025. The FCZD received a grant agreement from the Puget Sound Partnership (Agreement Number: 2026-30) to provide funding for LIO Coordination. The purpose of this contract is to utilize the services of Geneva Consulting Services to implement the scope of work in the LIO grant agreement to coordinate the Whatcom County LIO including the following tasks: 1) LIO Administration and Coordination, and 2) advancing ecosystem recovery. Geneva Consulting Services was chosen for this contract through a competitive selection process using the MRSC Consultant Roster.

Funding Amount and Source

This three-year contract, for the amount of \$291,068.00, is fully funded through a grant from the Puget Sound Partnership. The FCZD has adequate budget authority in the 2025 budget and in the proposed 2026 budget for this contract. Funding will be included in the 2027 and 2028 budgets when those are prepared.

Please contact Austin Rose at extension 6286 or Gary Stoyka at extension 6218, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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