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**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Champ Thomaskutty, Director  
**RE:** Puget Sound Partnership – Source Control Business Inspection Program Development Grant  
**DATE:** MARCH 4, 2026

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Attached is an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Puget Sound Partnership for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

This agreement provides revenue to develop a source control business inspection program that complies with the most current requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Stormwater Permit. The program will ensure that businesses within the NPDES service area (see Attachment 1) implement source control Best Management Practices as described in the *Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington*.

Puget Sound Partnership is the state agency leading the region's collective effort to restore and protect Puget Sound. The shoreline and habitat issues this project addresses are pollution, sedimentation, temperature, erosion, and flow issues. Enhanced stormwater compliance results in improved shellfish bed health and spawning habitat, decreased toxic algae blooms, and improved public health.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Puget Sound Partnership will reimburse Whatcom County in an amount not to exceed \$100,817 for the deliverables described in this agreement. A supplemental budget request is submitted concurrently to County Council so that funds will be included in the 2026 budget. Council authorization is required pursuant to WCC 3.06.010 as the grant funding provided by this agreement exceeds \$40,000

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

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