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Memorandum

TO: SATPAL SIDHU, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

FROM: Sue Sullivan, Environmental Health Manager

DATE: SEPETMBER 23, 2025

RE: COORDINATED WATER SYSTEM PLAN (CWSP) RESOLUTION

Chapter 70A.100 RCW, Public Water System Coordination Act of 1977, authorizes the state or local legislative authority to determine that the CWSP should be updated or revised. The final draft of the Whatcom County Coordinated Water System Plan was presented at Public Works and Health Committee on May 27, 2025. The County held a public hearing on August 6, 2025, as per RCW 70A.100.50.

Public comment themes included:

- 1. Lack of specificity on certain aspects of the plan such as data on water demand and water use efficiency
- 2. Stronger language recommending integration of the CWSP into future Comprehensive Plan updates
- 3. Concerns relating to the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 1 adjudication, specifically noting water supply, rights and connections associated with specific water systems.
- 4. Suggested revisions to new section on climate change
- 5. Lack of inclusion of non-Group A community water systems

The Water Utility Coordinating Committee has responded to the public comments, approved the final draft and is requesting Council approval.

Pending council review and approval, the final draft will be submitted to the Secretary of Health for final approval, as per RCW 70A.100.

Please call Sue Sullivan at 360-778-6026 if there are any questions. Thank you.

