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TO: The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director *EK*

FROM: Julie Anderson, River and Flood Manager *JHA*
Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Program Manager *GS*

DATE: March 20, 2025

RE: Herrera Environmental Consultants Contract for Services to support Lower Nooksack River Floodplain Integrated Planning – Amendment No. 10

Enclosed is an amendment to a Contract for Services between the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) and Herrera Environmental Consultants for your review and approval.

▪ **Requested Action**

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive and Council, acting as the FCZD Board of Supervisors, enter into a contract amendment with Herrera Environmental Consultants to continue supporting the Floodplain Integrated Planning (FLIP) Process through March 31, 2026. Under this contract amendment, additional support needs have been identified to further the work of the FLIP Team and Steering Committee and to produce deliverables required under the Washington State Department of Ecology proviso grant funding. In addition, updated 2025 rate sheets have been incorporated into this amendment.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Herrera was retained in March 2018 to assist Public Works staff in updating and broadening the scope of the 1999 Lower Nooksack River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan to integrate flood risk reduction with the needs of salmon and floodplain land-uses. The update will provide a basis for future Whatcom County FCZD capital programs and support possible WRIA1 Salmon Recovery Plan updates.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The amount of this amendment is \$590,829, which brings the total contract amount to \$2,998,369. The 2025-26 FCZD Budget has adequate budget authority for this work. Costs associated with this scope of work are eligible for reimbursement under the Department of Ecology grant.

Please contact Julie Anderson at extension 6258 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this amendment.