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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, and  
The Honorable Whatcom County Council

**THROUGH:** Jon Hutchings, Director *JH*

**FROM:** Kraig Olason, Stormwater Program Manager *KO*  
Gary S. Stoyka, Natural Resources Program Manager *MS*

**DATE:** November 4, 2019

**RE:** Interlocal Agreement with Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District to Conduct a  
Follow-up Investigation into Potential On-site Sewage System Impacts to Lake  
Whatcom

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### Requested Action

Enclosed are two (2) originals of an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District (District) for your review and signature.

### Background and Purpose

There are approximately 100 residences with on-site sewage systems (OSSs) located along the Lake Whatcom shoreline on North Shore Drive in unincorporated Whatcom County. The District hired Herrera Environmental Consultants to conduct an assessment of potential impacts of these systems on lake water quality in 2017. The results of the study indicated that these systems may be adversely impacting the quality of Lake Whatcom. County staff has worked with District staff to develop a scope of work for additional work to investigate potential data gaps in the first study and to better determine if impacts are occurring and, if so, to what extent. The District wishes to partner with the County for this study with the District paying 60% of the cost, and the County contributing 40%. The District will contract with a consulting firm to conduct the study. The County will participate in consultant selection and data and report review. The District has funds in its 2019 budget to begin this work. The County's portion of the funding would be provided in 2020.

### Funding Amount and Source

The total estimate cost of this investigation is \$100,000.00. The County's estimated budget for this agreement is \$40,000.00. County funding for this project is included in the 2020 proposed Stormwater Budget.

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