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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, and

Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Director

FROM: Gary S. Stoyka, Natural Resources Program Manager

DATE: January 12, 2021

RE: January 19, 2021 Council Water Work Session

Please refer to the proposed agenda below for the next Water Work Session. Additional supporting documents may be distributed at or before the meeting.

AGENDA

Date:	Tuesday, January 19, 2021		
Time:	10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.		
Place:	Virtual Meeting. For instructions on how to watch or participate in this meeting, please visit us at www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil or contact the Council Office at 360.778.5010. View meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, videos, and archives at www.whatcom.legistar.com .		
Time	Topic	Council Action Requested	Background Information Attached
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Water Resources Update	Informational	None
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Lake Whatcom Monitoring & Modeling Update	Discussion	None
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Farm Incentives and Cost Share Program	Discussion	WCD handout

If you have questions, please feel free to call me at (360) 778-6218.

Mike McFarlane Jim Karcher Paula Harris John Wolpers Doug Ranney Kraig Olason Erika Douglas Jeff Hegedus John Thompson Beth Bushaw Tyler Schroeder Josh Fleischmann Karen Frakes Jennifer Schneider Jill Nixon George Boggs Roland Middleton Dana Brown-Davis Atina Casas Mark Personius Cathy Craver Lonni Cummings Kristi Felbinger



Learn what opportunities exist in addition to our FREE and confidential Whatcom CD farm planning services.



Equipment Share

Rent our manure spreader and poultry processing equipment



Soil Testing

Improve pasture health with sample assistance and interpretation



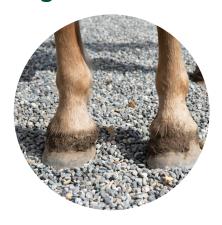
Manure Link

Use our new online resource to find or share manure



Free Manure Tarp

Protect your nutrients from runoff and improve composting



Grants and Rebates

Fund your farm goals to improve animal health and chore efficiency



Workshops & Events

Learn from local professionals and your peers





Take advantage of Whatcom CD programs to improve your chore efficiency, animal health, and pasture productivity!



Small Farm Rebate Program

Recieve \$200 back on your purchase of barn gutters or heavy use area footing. Attend a workshop or complete a site assessment with Whatcom CD to start the eligibility process.



Small Grants Program

Recieve up to \$3000 to install best management practices on your farm. Common projects include manure storage, fencing, and heavy use area footing. To apply, complete a farm plan with Whatcom CD.



Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

CREP pays landowners to establish buffers of native trees and shrubs along fish bearing streams and rivers. In addition, the program covers fencing, removal of invasive plants and annual rental payments.