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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive for the
Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

FROM: Kraig Olason, Stormwater Program Manager

DATE: December 6, 2021

RE: 2022 Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the Whatcom
Conservation District for Outreach, Education and Technical Assistance
with Stormwater Programs

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive, acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors, enter into a contract for services between Whatcom Conservation District (WCD) and Whatcom County for the sum of \$35,000, for the purpose of providing outreach, education and technical assistance for various stormwater-related programs, with particular emphasis on the communities within the Terrell Creek, Birch Bay and Lake Whatcom watersheds.

Background and Purpose

The WCD will provide outreach and engagement opportunities for residents and rural landowners in the Birch Bay & Aquatic Resources Management (BBWARM) District and Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility (LWSU). Activities will include the development of informational mailers and newsletter articles, hosting of educational events and workshops, participation in existing outreach events, and continued implementation/expansion of a volunteer Watershed Watcher program. The WCD will also assist rural landowners and small farm owners in the Birch Bay watershed with farm management options and provide information on current environmental laws that have been put in place to protect water quality and habitat associated with critical areas. They will offer free technical assistance in the form of confidential risk assessments, farm plan development, and guidance in the implementation of best management practices.

Funding Amount and Source

Contract total of \$35,000.00 will be funded by existing authority in the BBWARM district budget (cost center 169250, work order 17339), and any work performed outside the district will be reimbursed by other funds.

Please contact Holly Faulstich at extension 6290 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.