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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, and The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council, collectively serving in their capacity as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors.

**THROUGH:** Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

**FROM:** Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager   
Austin Rose, Planner I

**DATE:** October 19, 2022

**RE:** Interagency Agreement #2023-18: Whatcom County LIO – FFY 2022-2025 Funding

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Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive, and the County Council, acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors, enter into an interagency agreement between the State of Washington Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) and the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District, acting as the fiscal agent for the Whatcom County Local Integrating Organization (LIO), to coordinate the Whatcom County LIO.

**Background and Purpose**

The WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board acts as Local Integrating Organization (LIO) for water resources programs in the Whatcom County region. The WRIA 1 Management Team met on August 3, 2022 and approved the draft FFY 2022-2025 LIO Coordination Scope of Work for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District as fiscal agent, acting on behalf of the WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board, for negotiating a contract with the Puget Sound Partnership. This agreement provides funds for tasks related to 1) organize, support, administer, facilitate, and coordinate a Local Integrating Organization, 2) advance implementation of the 2022-2026 action agenda and support development of the 2026-2030 action agenda 3) performance management, 4) support adaptive management of LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plans, and 5) tailor LIO Coordination to implement the Action Agenda and support unique vision and goals of LIO.

This agreement is a 3-year contract (FFY 2022-2025), providing \$125,000 per year. It is anticipated that annual amendments will be needed. Tasks 1-4 are required and very similar to the past four LIO coordination grants. Funding in Task 5 provides capacity for the LIO to support local outreach networking, and continued development of an integrated funding strategy to support priority Near Team Actions (NTAs).

**Funding Amount and Source**

This grant agreement with the Puget Sound Partnership provides \$375,000 to complete tasks as outlined in the scope of work. Please contact Gary Stoyka at extension 6218 or Austin Rose at 6286 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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