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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, and the Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Interim Public Works Director

FROM: Kraig Olason, Stormwater Program Manager

DATE: November 3, 2022

RE: 2023 Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Conservation District for Education and Outreach Assistance with LWSU Stormwater Programs

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive enter into a contract for services between Whatcom Conservation District (WCD) and Whatcom County for the sum of \$64,600, for the purpose of providing outreach and education assistance for various stormwater-related programs, with particular emphasis on the Lake Whatcom watershed.

Background and Purpose

The WCD will provide outreach and engagement opportunities for residents in the Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility (LWSU) service area. Activities will include participation in education and outreach events and continued implementation/expansion of the Neighborhood Native Landscaping Program (NNLP). Based on what was learned during the NNLP pilot in 2022, increased staff time (140%) was allocated to this program and the WCD, rather than county staff, will be purchasing all the materials through this contract (\$30,000) to increase project efficiency and streamline workflow. Additionally, the WCD are aiming for approximately 43% increase in the square footage of native landscaping installed in 2023 in Lake Whatcom (20,000 ft²). County staff are also asking the WCD to assume responsibility for project management and to provide more detailed reporting and accounting than in previous years. These changes resulted in a significantly higher ILA budget in 2023 compared to past contracts.

Funding Amount and Source

Contract total of \$64,600.00 will be funded by existing authority in the LWSU budget (cost center 132100, work order 21207).

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

Encl.