



Public Infrastructure and Conservation

Deb Bell

Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2023-1326

Motion: 23-487

Type:

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

Requested Handling:

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

Fund Source:

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

Executive Rec:

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Subject: Joint funding agreement 24GJFA05600 with the U.S. Geological Survey of Washington Water Science Center and the Snohomish County Conservation and Natural Resources Department.

Scope: The proposed contract is to jointly fund the operation and maintenance of stream and river gages along the Snohomish, Skykomish and Stillaguamish river basins.

Fiscal Impact: 2024 Multi-Year N/A

The following amounts are contributed to cover the cost of necessary field and analytical work directly related to the program.

USGS: Contributions are provided through other USGS regional or national programs in the amount of \$6,995.00

DCNR: \$79,300.00

Expenditures	2024	Total
415 50951144101 Professional Services	\$79,399	\$79,399
Revenue	2024	Total
415 3065114902 (Road Fund Transfer)	\$79,399	\$79,399

Duration: January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

Authority Granted: Approve and authorize the Executive to sign Agreement 24GJFA05600 with U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, under SCC 3.04.140.

Background: Since 1986 Snohomish County has partnered with the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey to jointly fund the operation and maintenance of stream and river gages located along the Snohomish, Skykomish and Stillaguamish rivers. Additional stream and river gages have been installed along the North Fork Stillaguamish River near SR 530 Slide to monitor the site. The monitoring of these river basins provides information related to salmon habitat restoration design, flood mitigation, other water resource issues including but not limited to real-time river levels during storms to aid in evacuation planning and response.

Pursuant to the authority granted in 43 U.S.C. 36C, 43 U.S.C 50, and 43 U.S.C 50b the USGS and Snohomish County agree to maintain in cooperation operation and maintenance of the cooperative stream gaging program, as outlined in the fixed cost agreement (Form 9-1366), a total of nine USGS Stations.

Requested Action: For Council to move the motion to GLS on December 6, 2023, for consideration.