



Planning and Community Development

Jim Martin

Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2026-1774

Motion: 26-285

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:

Authorizing approval of Professional Services Agreement SWMCC02-26 with Natural Systems Design, Inc for the Chinook Marsh Restoration Project

Scope:

Natural Systems Design, Inc (NSD) will provide management services, including regular status updates to the County via e-mail or by phone. NSD will coordinate all team subconsultants and manage team schedule and budget review and approval of monthly subconsultant invoices. Project management will also include developing and maintaining a risk register to identify, evaluate, and track risks specifically related to constructability, budget, schedule, and permitting. Scope of work also includes project planning and coordination; partner, network, diking district, and public meeting support; and Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program grant support; additional data collection; site survey and real estate support; cultural resources assessment; preliminary hydraulic modeling; flood risk evaluation and hydraulic model review; preliminary restoration design; preliminary geotechnical engineering; regulatory agency coordination and preparation of permit applications.

Duration:

Upon execution to December 31, 2030 with the option to extend for two (2) additional two (2) year terms.

Fiscal Impact:

☐ Current Year

☒ Multi-Year

☐ N/A

Expenditures	Current Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
425.5095133	\$600,000	\$1,100,000	\$465,026	\$465,026	\$465,026	\$3,095,078
Total's	\$600,000	\$1,100,000	\$465,026	\$465,026	\$465,026	\$3,095,078

Revenue	Current Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
425.309513	\$600,000	\$1,100,000	\$465,026	\$465,026	\$465,026	\$3,095,078
Total's	\$600,000	\$1,100,000	\$465,026	\$465,026	\$465,026	\$3,095,078

Authority Granted: Approve and authorize the County Executive to execute the agreement with Natural Systems Design, Inc as well as any future related amendments.

Background: Snohomish County is planning to restore publicly owned property between Ebey Slough and Fobes Hill. Formerly referred to as Diking District 6 (DD6), this approximately 430-acre property is now called Chinook Marsh. This project proposes to restore tidal habitat by reconnecting Ebey Slough to its natural floodplain. This work includes the development of preliminary designs (2025-2026), final designs and permitting (2026-2027), and construction support for the project through 2030. The majority of the former DD6 property was acquired in 1994 as part of a mediated

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agreement to conduct restoration work, provide open space, and ease flooding in the area, as was recommended in the Snohomish River Comprehensive Flood Control Management Plan, adopted by Snohomish County in December of 1991. The overall goal of the project was to acquire and restore the floodplain to intertidal wetland to provide off-channel water storage for seasonal flood water flows, and to restore the natural tidal hydrology, and associated fish and wildlife habitat.

Requested Action: For Council to move to GLS on July 22nd for consideration.