## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 23-212

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SIGN AGREEMENT # SWMCC06-23 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH RHITHRON ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR BENTHIC MACROINVERTEBRATE SAMPLE ANALYSIS

WHEREAS, in an effort to quantify the health of streams, Snohomish County Surface Water Management will continue to implement a benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring program; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined a need for the specialized skills of a contractor to complete the benthic macroinvertebrate analysis and upload data collected into a regional database; and

WHEREAS, Rhithron Associates, Inc. responded to RFP-23-007RB and was selected through established Federal, State and County policies and practices; and

WHEREAS, a professional services agreement with Rhithron Associates, Inc. will allow the continuation of benthic macroinvertebrate sample analysis and provide the County with a Benthic Index of Biologic Integrity (BIBI) score for each site visited during the sampling season; and

WHEREAS, Council's approval of the professional services agreement between Snohomish County and Rhithron Associates, Inc. will assist the County in the identification of healthy or impaired waters that will guide programs and management actions;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council approves and authorizes the County Executive to sign, on behalf of Snohomish County, Agreement # SWMCC06-23 For Professional Services with Rhithron Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$163,000.

PASSED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

<u>Jared Mead</u> Council Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk of the Council