SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 24-313

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CASCADIA CONSULTING GROUP, INC. FOR THE CREATION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COMMUNITYWIDE CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLAN

WHEREAS, Snohomish County recognizes that the impacts of climate change continue to escalate, and the critical need for specialized expertise to develop a robust and adaptable response strategy; and

WHEREAS, the insights gathered through this initiative will play a pivotal role in steering resource allocation, strategic planning, and policy formulation, thereby enhancing the county's resilience against climate-induced challenges; and

WHEREAS, the urgency for consulting services has intensified due to the amplifying severity of climate impacts and the heightened state mandates for climate resiliency planning and policy development; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals (RFP 23-080RB) was released in 2024 seeking consulting services for the Snohomish County Communitywide Climate Resiliency Plan creation; and

WHEREAS, Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc. was selected through a competitive review process as the best qualified firm to complete the identified work; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Office of Energy and Sustainability and Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc. have negotiated a contract scope and fee to complete the identified work for the amount not to exceed \$230,000 (two hundred thirty thousand dollars) and there is sufficient funding within the Office of Energy and Sustainability 002 general fund budget to cover the expense; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract will be effective from the date of execution through December 31, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the County Council hereby approves the Professional Services Agreement with Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc. and authorizes the County Executive to sign the same.

PASSED this 28th day of August, 2024.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

<u>Jared Mead</u> Council Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk of the Council

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