



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Committee of the Whole
ECAF: 2021-1016
Proposal: Motion 21-441

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell
Date: December 20, 2021

Consideration

The proposed motion would approve and authorization the County Executive to sign joint funding agreement 22GJFA05600 with the U.S. Geological Survey, Washington Water Science Center, U.S. Department of the Interior, for Water Resource Investigations, pursuant to SCC 3.04.140(1).

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.

Current Proposal

Scope: The USGS and Snohomish County Public Works Department with to enter into a Joint Funding agreement for the operation and maintenance of the cooperative stream gaging programming.

Duration: The agreement duration is from October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. Federal law requires that a signed agreement be executed prior to work commencing, agreement due date is January 1, 2022.

Fiscal Implications: Public Works is responsible for \$93,992.00 and the USGS is responsible for \$11,194.00. The project funding included in the 2021 and 2022 budget.

Budget Impacts:

ORIGINAL Motion 21-441	CONTRACT# 22YGJFA05600	Start	End	2021	2022	TOTAL AMOUNT
USGS		10/1/2021	12/31/2022			\$11,194.00
SCPW		10/1/2021	12/31/2022	\$23,498	\$70,494	\$93,992.00
TOTAL						\$105,186.00

Handling: NORMAL (Returned signed agreement must be received by January 1, 2022)

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: APPROVE.

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Attachments: NONE.

Amendments: NONE.

Request: The requested action is for Council to consider the motion.