



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Public Infrastructure and Conservation
ECAF: 2023-0309
Proposal: Motion 23-128

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell

Date: May 2, 2023

Consideration:

The proposed motion would approve and authorize the County Executive to sign Professional Services Agreement SWMCC03-23 with PCC Farmland Trust DBA Washington Farmland Trust for \$1,600,000, and further authorizes the Director of Conservation and Natural Resources or designee to approve amendments, for an additional \$160,000 provided that sufficient appropriation authority exists, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,760,000, under SCC 3.04.190.

Background:

Snohomish County was awarded \$8,564,176 in grant funds from the Washington State Department of Ecology to implement integrated floodplain management in the Snohomish Watershed, with a focus on the Lower Skykomish River. Surface Water Management (SWM) has determined a need for consultant services to assist with grant related activities, such as Landowner and Stakeholder Engagement and Agricultural Resiliency Planning. Snohomish County selected Washington Farmland Trust, through RFP-22-028SB, following established Federal, State and County policies. A Professional Services Agreement between Snohomish County and Washington Farmland Trust has been negotiated.

Current Proposal:

Scope: The proposed Agreement would allow for the implementation of Community Floodplain Solutions, which includes the acquisition of farmland conservation easements, implementation of best management practices, and farmland succession planning along the Lower Skykomish River, the Snohomish River and Estuary, providing long-term agricultural preservation support.

Duration: The Agreement is proposed to be effective upon execution and shall terminate on June 30, 2025.

Fiscal Implications: The total budget is \$1,600,000, with a total not to exceed amount of \$1,760,000.

2023 Budget: This agreement will be funded by the Department of Ecology Grant #SEAFBD-2123-SnCoPW-00013.

Future Budget Impacts: NA

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: APPROVE

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Requests: For Council to move the motion to GLS on May 10, 2023, for consideration.