



Public Infrastructure and Conservation

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2024-0155

Motion: 24-078

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: Facility License Agreement with the Snohomish Conservation District.

Scope: Snohomish County’s Surface Water Management Division owns and operates a Native Plant Nursery located in Lake Stevens. The Snohomish Conservation District has a need for a place to propagate their native plants for their projects and a place for their Washington Conservation Corps to work. The Snohomish Conservation District is willing to dedicate hours and provide porta-potty services to the SWM Nursery in exchange for use.

Duration: Execution through December 31, 2026, with up to two additional three- year periods, with expiration not later than December 31, 2032.

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

Authority Granted: Approve and authorize the County Executive to sign the Facility License Agreement with the Snohomish Conservation District, and further authorizes the Director of Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to sign additional extension to the agreement, under SCC 4.46.191(1).

Background: Snohomish County and the Snohomish Conservation District have a mutual interest in conserving county natural resources, including native plants. The County’s Surface Water Management Division currently operates a Native Plant Nursery located on approximately 32 acres of land in Lake Stevens. The Conservation District has a need to for a place to propagate their own native plants and a place for their Washington Conservation Corps to work.

The existing parcel currently contains an Upper Nursery and a Lower Nursery, with a staging area, an office trailer, two conex containers and a hoop house.

The proposed lease would allow for use and occupancy for the purpose of growing and storing plant species that are native to the Pacific Northwest or for the Agroforestry program. The premise may also be used for basing the Washington Conservation Corps contracted crew. The County will continue to manage and use Zones 1-5, and the Licensee will use and manage Zone 6 and the Lower Nursery. The Licensee will be responsible for the irrigation, weeding, shade cloth installation/removal, and pest control, including the purchase of materials for their designated areas.

The staging area will be jointly used and managed, including parking indoor office space, and storage of tools, equipment, and project materials. Monetary compensation is not required to the County but in-kind labor for maintenance and other tasks is defined in the agreement.

Action Requested: For Council to move the motion to GLS on February 28, 2024, for consideration.