



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Public Infrastructure and Conservation
ECAF: 2023-0334
Proposal: Ord. 23-029

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell

Date: May 2, 2023

Consideration

The proposal seeks approval and authorization for the County Executive to sign an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Snohomish County and the Snohomish Conservation District to Implement Portions of the Shorelands Floodplain by Design Phase II Agreement. The proposal would further authorize the Director of Snohomish County Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to request, authorize and memorialize administrative amendments or amendments reducing or revising the scope of the agreement on behalf of the County without the need to obtain additional approvals, so long as the total amount does not exceed the agreed to amount of \$2,338,730, under RCW 39.34 and County Charter 1.30.

Background

Snohomish County was awarded \$8,564,176 in grant funds from the Washington State Department of Ecology to implement the “Shorelands Floodplains by Design Agreement” (SEAFBD-2123-SnCOPW-00013) within the Snohomish Watershed, with a focus on the Lower Skykomish River. The implementation of the Shorelands Floodplains by Design Phase II aims to increase ecological function, reduce impacts from flooding, while protecting and enhancing farmland productivity.

The Snohomish Conservation District is named in the Ecology agreement as a partner to carry out certain tasks listed in the grant, such as Integrated Team Support, Riparian Forest Health Implementation, Riley and Haskel Sough Water Conveyance and Connectivity Improvements and Agricultural Resilience Programmatic and Cost-Share Support.

An Interlocal Agreement was negotiated with the Snohomish Conservation District, under regulatory authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 39.34 (RCW).

Current Proposal

Scope: The County and the Snohomish Conservation District have negotiated an Inter Local Agreement (ILA) to Implement Portions of the Shorelands Floodplain by Design Phase II Agreement.

Duration: All parties wish to commence the agreement upon execution and terminate on June 30, 2025.

Fiscal Implications: Snohomish County will reimburse the District for the actual costs of the services provided by the District incurred during the term of the Agreement, necessary work performed under Appendix A and cost specified in Appendix B of the Agreement.

Budget Impacts: The County does not guarantee funding beyond the 2023 calendar year. Future funding will be governed by performance, availability of funds in view of competing demands, and value of products generated.

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: YES (ILA)

Risk Management: APPROVE.

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Attachments: NONE.

Amendments: NONE.

Request: Move to GLS on May 10, 2023, to set a time and date for a Public Hearing (June 7, 2023, at 10:30 am is recommended).