## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

## **MOTION NO. 23-128**

## AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT SWMCC03-23 WITH PCC FARMLAND TRUST DBA WASHINGTON FARMLAND TRUST FOR FLOODPLAINS BY DESIGN TO ACQUIRE FARMLAND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS IN THE SNOHOMISH WATERSHED

WHEREAS, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Surface Water Management Division was awarded \$8,564,176 in funding from the Washington State Department of Ecology under Grant Agreement #SEAFBD-2123-SnCoPW-00013 (the "Grant") to implement the Shorelands Floodplains by Design Project; and

WHEREAS, the grant identifies the need for a local land trust to provide services related to agricultural resiliency planning; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Surface Water Management Division does not have the capability to perform this work with County staff, and has therefore determined a need for assistance from a consultant; and

WHEREAS, PCC Farmland Trust DBA Washington Farmland Trust was the only firm to respond to RFP-22-028SB and was selected through established Federal, State and County policies and practices; and

WHEREAS, Council's approval of Agreement will allow the County to utilize Washington Farmland Trust's services to acquire farmland easements in the Snohomish Watershed;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council approves and authorizes 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, and for an additional \$160,000 provided that sufficient appropriation authority exists, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,760,000.

PASSED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

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ATTEST:

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Deputy Clerk of the Council