



Snohomish County Council

Legislation Text

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Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

ITEM TITLE:

Motion 24-189, approving Property Officer of the Department of Facilities and Fleet to sign temporary easement on behalf of Snohomish County Surface Water Management Department in favor of Snohomish County for access, construction staging, and log storage affecting portion of Tax Account Number 00528600000600 also known as the Middle Pilchuck River Project

DEPARTMENT: Facilities and Fleet

ORIGINATOR: Carl Jorgensen

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: Ken Klein 4/19/24

PURPOSE: This project proposes to add large woody debris in the mainstem Pilchuck River, enhance river complexity, such as bank edge habitat and pools, increase connectivity to the floodplain and side channels, and reestablish native riparian forest. In addition, with the addition of instream wood, river flow velocities will be reduced and therefore potentially reduce erosion.

BACKGROUND: The **Middle Pilchuck River Restoration Project** is a multi-faceted project that seeks to address a lack of habitat for juvenile salmon within the Pilchuck River and also reduce local flood risks. The majority of the project is contained within a parcel owned by Snohomish County. Beginning spring of 2022, County staff are working with adjacent landowners to review project details, address concerns, and to build support for the project. **Project Objectives** The information collected during the Middle Pilchuck River Assessment (conducted by the County in 2010-2011) indicated that the following actions will benefit landowners, fish and wildlife:

Restore flow to side channels - to provide more space for flood waters, reduce the river’s impact on failing banks, and provide refuge for young salmon during winter flooding, winter, spring and summer rearing and outmigration, and during high summer water temperatures. Plant vegetation along the river - to slow erosion, maintain cooler water temperatures, and provide protective cover and shade for fish. Add large wood to the river - to reduce erosion in vulnerable areas, and to create pools and cover for fish.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
DAC 415 5095133 6113	\$3,090.00		
TOTAL			

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
TOTAL			

DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONTRACT INFORMATION:

ORIGINAL _____ CONTRACT# _____ AMOUNT _____
AMENDMENT _____ CONTRACT# _____ AMOUNT _____

Contract Period

ORIGINAL START _____ END _____
AMENDMENT START _____ END _____

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS: Reviewed/approved by: Fleet Management (Sheila Barker 4/17/24), Finance (Nathan Kennedy 4/18/24), and Prosecuting Attorney's Office as to form only (Rebecca Guadamud 4/18/24)