MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, and Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Director

FROM: Gary S. Stoyka, Natural Resources Program Manager

DATE: February 13, 2018

RE: February 20, 2018 Council Surface Water Work Session

Please refer to the proposed agenda below for the next Surface Water Work Session. Additional supporting documents may be distributed at or before the meeting.

**AGENDA**

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<td>ESSB 6091 Planning Update</td>
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If you have questions, please feel free to call me at (360) 778-6218.

cc: Mike McFarlane, Beth Bushaw, Tyler Schroeder, Sue Blake, George Boggs, Ryan Ericson, Joe Rutan, Jeff Hagedus, Josh Fleischmann, Kirk Christensen, Roland Middleton, Paula Harris, John Thompson, Karen Frakes, Dana Brown-Davis, Lonni Cummings, John Wolpers, Kraig Olason, Jennifer Schneider, Atina Casas, Kristi Felbinger, Mike Donahue, Erika Douglas, Jill Nixon, Cathy Craver, Mark Personius
Process for Developing and Approving Streamflow Restoration Act (ESSB 6091) Update of WRIA 1 Watershed Management Plan

Watershed Staff Team and Consultant
What happens here:
- Define scope of work
- Resolve technical issues
- Engage consultants and/or other technical experts, as needed
- Engage appropriate WDFW staff at key points
- Input from other Staff Teams and Work Groups as needed
- Monthly report to Planning Unit for feedback, etc.
Entities involved:
- Whatcom County
- City of Bellingham
- PUD No. 1
- Lummi Nation Natural Resources
- Nooksack Tribe Natural Resources
- Department of Ecology

WRIA 1 Planning Unit
What happens here:
- Input, feedback, guidance
- Approval at key decision points during the process
- Ecology consistency check as part of Planning Unit discussions and approvals at key decision points.
- Recommends plan update to WRIA 1 Management Team and WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board
Entities involved:
- Agriculture Caucus
- Diking/Drainage Districts Caucus
- Environmental Caucus
- Fishers Caucus
- Forestry Caucus
- Land Development Caucus
- Non-Government Water System Caucus
- Private Well Owners Caucus
- Small Cities Caucus
- State Caucus (Ecology represents)
- Water Districts Caucus
- Whatcom County
- City of Bellingham
- PUD No. 1
- Port of Bellingham

WRIA 1 Management Team
What happens here:
- Input, feedback, guidance during process
- Updates, engages Local Government and Co-Manager Caucuses at key points.
- Recommends plan update to WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board Managers and Directors:
  - City of Bellingham
  - Whatcom County
  - Small Cities Representative
  - PUD No. 1
  - Lummi Nation
  - Nooksack Indian Tribe
  - WDFW

WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board
What happens here:
- Recommends plan update to Whatcom County Council for approval

Elected Officials and Directors:
- City of Bellingham, Blaine, Everson, Ferndale, Lynden, Nooksack, Sumas
- Whatcom County
- PUD No. 1
- Nooksack Indian Tribe
- Lummi Nation
- WDFW

Whatcom County Council
What happens here:
- Final approval by Feb 1, 2019 (approve as presented or not; if not, then goes back to WRIA 1 Management Board to address changes with Management Team, Planning Unit and Staff Team)

Department of Ecology
What happens here:
- Approves for consistency with Legislation
- Writes any necessary rules stemming from the Plan update

County/City/Tribal/PUD Councils/Commissions
What happens here:
- Local Govt. and Co-Manager Caucus members work with their Councils and Commissions for approval prior to WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board meeting to approve.

Continued Implementation and Planning of Supporting Work
(e.g., WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board work plan, Water Supply Work Group, WID Plans, etc.)