

RESOLUTION NO. 799

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF WHATCOM COUNTY ("DISTRICT")
ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE DRINKING WATER SYSTEM
PLAN UPDATE 2021**

WHEREAS, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County ("District") owns and operates both potable and non-potable water systems. The District's potable water systems are the focus of the Drinking Water System Plan 2021 Update which includes Group A Grandview-Northgate Industrial Park and Group B Praxair Water System; and,

WHEREAS, it is a requirement of the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) for the District to establish a comprehensive drinking water system plan satisfactory to DOH and consistent with the regulations provided in Chapter 246-290-100 WAC; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) approved the District's existing Water System Plan in October, 2004, since then several agency guidance documents, regulatory and case law changes affecting water system plans have occurred including updated drinking water regulations under 246-290 WAC, updated Whatcom County Coordinated Water System Plan, the 2003 Municipal Water Law, implementation of the Water Use Efficiency Rule, updated DOH Water System Design Manual and DOH Water System Planning Guidebook; and,

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Drinking Water System Plan Update 2021 ("Plan") provides guidance for planning and managing the Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County's ("District") drinking water system and capital facilities, and it is the responsibility of the District to provide water that meets Washington State drinking water quality standards, to the customer at the meter; and,

WHEREAS, on August 10 2021, the District SEPA Responsible Official issued the District has prepared a Determination of Non Significance for the Drinking Water System Plan 2021 Update, which has been submitted to the Washington State Department of Ecology, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Whatcom County Public Works, Whatcom County Planning and Development Services, City of Ferndale Community Development, Lummi Nation Natural Resources Department, the Nooksack Indian Tribe, and Birch Bay Water and Sewer District; and,

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2021, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 798, Water Use Efficiency Goals and Performance Measures, and in order to continue to provide for the public health and safety of its customers, the Board of Commissioners of the District shall authorize the 2021 update to the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County, adopts the Drinking Water Comprehensive System Plan 2021 Update, a copy of which is attached to this resolution as "Exhibit A".

ADOPTED by the Commission of the Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County at its regular meeting held on the 14th day of September 2021.

**Public Utility District No. 1
of Whatcom County**

Atul Deshmane, President/Commissioner

Christine Grant, Secretary/Commissioner

Mike Murphy, Commissioner

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 14, 2021