

# DRAFT - LWMP 2025-2029 Work Plan – July 2024

## Program Area 10: Administration

**Objective:** Implement the Lake Whatcom Management Program (LWMP) Work Plan and provide opportunities for public input.

**2025-2029 Estimated Investments:** \$1 million

The Lake Whatcom Management Program (LWMP) facilitates collaboration between the City of Bellingham, Whatcom County, the Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District, and other partners. Meeting facilitation, reporting, budget development, and other administrative activities are all critical to the success of the program.

### 10.1 Meeting Coordination

Coordinate and provide staff support for LWMP meetings and information-sharing opportunities.

10.1.1 Hold meetings of the Lake Whatcom Joint Policy Group to discuss Lake Whatcom policy topics and provide guidance and direction to staff.

10.1.2 Hold annual Joint Councils and Commission meeting to discuss LWMP Work Plan and accomplishments.

10.1.3 Hold monthly meetings of the Data Management Team to address issues related to monitoring, modeling, Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements and other data management.

10.1.4 Hold meetings of the Interjurisdictional Coordinating Team to oversee work plan implementation efforts and work product development.

10.1.5 Hold Lake Whatcom Management Committee meetings as needed to provide staff with administrative direction.

10.1.6 Hold joint councils and commission work sessions as needed to discuss technical policy questions.

10.1.7 Engage the Water Resources Advisory Board as appropriate.

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## 10.2 Public Information

Coordinate education and engagement efforts by LWMP staff and partners. Inform the community about opportunities for involvement in public meetings, comment periods and decision-making processes.

10.2.1 Provide notice of public meetings and other opportunities for public involvement on the LWMP website.

10.2.2 Provide periodic updates to the Bellingham City Council, Whatcom County Council, and Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District Board of Commissioners.

10.2.3 Conduct public presentations as needed.

## 10.3 Work Plans and Reports

Support development of work plans, presentations and reports.

10.3.1 Oversee the development of the Lake Whatcom Management Program five-year work plan and annual Lake Whatcom Management Program progress and monitoring reports.

10.3.2 Oversee performance measure tracking and reporting and work with the Lake Whatcom Policy Group to gather feedback on performance goals as needed.

10.3.3 Develop 2030-2034 Lake Whatcom TMDL Implementation Tasks.

## 10.4 Funding

Establish work plan funding needs and strategy to support work plan implementation.

10.4.1 Seek funding necessary to implement LWMP programs.

10.4.2 Identify and pursue grant funding as opportunities arise.

10.4.3 Manage stormwater fee rolls and watershed protection fund.

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## **10.5 Regulatory Agencies**

Support work plan implementation by communicating with agencies.

10.5.1 Communicate with regulatory agencies regarding Lake Whatcom water quality, natural resources and land use activities in the watershed.

## **10.6 Contracts**

Oversee a variety of consultant and contractor projects, contracts and work products.

10.6.1 Manage and oversee all contracts with consultants and contractors.