

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	JH	1-31-08	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>RECEIVED</p> <p>FEB 05 2008</p> <p>WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL</p> </div>	2/12/08	NR/Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:	JAA	1/31/08			
Prosecutor:	JK	02/01/08			
Purchasing/Budget:	JL	2/4/08			
Executive:	DR	2-5-08			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:
Water Resources Integration Project Resolution

ATTACHMENTS:
Resolution and Resolution Exhibit A

SEPA review required? () Yes (x) NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes (x) NO
SEPA review completed? () Yes (x) NO	Requested Date:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: *(If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)*

At the January 22, 2008 Surface Water Work Session, Councilors requested a resolution reflecting the sense of the Council regarding the water resources data base, analysis tool and principles for implementation developed during Phase 1 of the Water Resources Integration Project.

COMMITTEE ACTION:
 2/12/2008: Forwarded to Council for approval

COUNCIL ACTION:
 2/12/2008: Council Approved 6-0, Fleetwood absent Res. 2008-009

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number:

Res. 2008-009

Please Note: *Once adopted and signed, ordinances and resolutions are available for viewing and printing on the County's website at: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/council.*

PROPOSED BY: Consent

SPONSORED BY: Public Works

INTRODUCED: 2/12/2008

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-009

Integrated Water Resources Management

WHEREAS, water resources support nearly every aspect of human and environmental function in Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, the 1999 Whatcom County Comprehensive Water Resource Plan and various local, state and federal laws provide a framework for protecting and improving the state of the region's water resources; and

WHEREAS, many hours of community and County time continue to be devoted to water resources planning and management; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County must now meet the challenge of implementing the multitude of programs, plans and capital projects (hereafter, investments) that stem from the last decade of intensive water resource planning; and

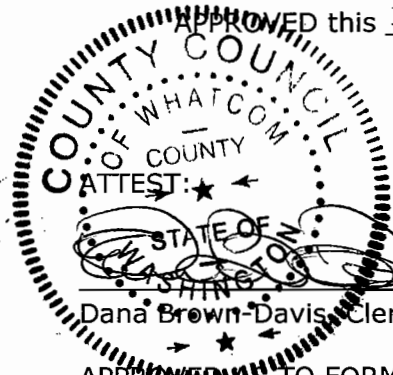
WHEREAS, for the purposes of this resolution water resources means all surface waters and ground waters of Whatcom County, including, but not limited to, marine, estuarine, riverine, lacustrine and ground waters, and associated shorelines and riparian areas, that contribute to the physical, economic, social and aesthetic well being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, in May, 2007, the County Executive and County Council initiated an intensive effort, known as the Comprehensive Water Resources Integration Project, to organize, prioritize and integrate water resource-related activities in Whatcom County for the purpose of improving internal coordination and control of Whatcom County's water resource investments; and,

WHEREAS, the project has developed a database of county water resource investments and an evaluation tool for making standardized, transparent, objective comparisons of investments and proposed investments of the same type;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all water resource investments of Whatcom County shall be subjected to a standardized, transparent and objective process for prioritization against other investments of the same class as generally described in Exhibit A; that such a prioritization shall be the basis for establishing work programs, funding levels and budgets for the various Departments; and that the process shall be administered according to the principles of Adaptive Resource Management.

APPROVED this 12th day of February, 2008.



Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Carl Weimer, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

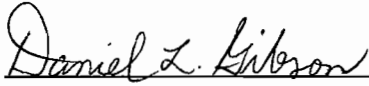

(Name), Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Exhibit A

Whatcom County Integrated Water Resources Management: **Process**

