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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District

**THROUGH:** Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director 

**FROM:** Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager   
John N. Thompson, Senior Salmon Recovery Planner

**DATE:** October 13, 2020

**RE:** USGS Joint Funding Agreement for Stream Gaging

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**Requested Action**

Enclosed is a Joint Funding Agreement (No. 21YGJFA20075) between the United States Department of Interior, Geological Survey (USGS) and Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) for your review and signature.

**Background and Purpose**

This Joint Funding Agreement with the USGS will provide for continued data collection, real-time data access, and publication of surface water data at 8 stream gaging stations in the Nooksack River watershed for the 2021 water year (October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021). Gaging stations were selected to provide data that complements data collected at these and other USGS and Ecology gaging sites and which collectively support watershed management and salmon recovery in WRIA 1.

**Funding Amount and Source**

This one-year agreement is for \$91,653. The USGS also contributes \$50,572 for a total project cost of \$142,225. The approved 2020 Natural Resources budget includes authority for the fourth quarter 2020 work and the proposed Natural Resources 2021 budget includes a request for the remainder.

**Differences from Previous Contract**

This new agreement reflects a 2.6% increase over the previous agreement amount of \$89,296 (WCC 201911005).

Please contact Gary Stoyka at extension 6218, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement,

Encl.