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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, and The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council, collectively serving in their capacity as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

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

DATE: July 18, 2022

RE: USGS Joint Funding Agreement for Stream Gaging at 8 Locations

Requested Action

Enclosed are two copies of a Joint Funding Agreement (23YGJFA20075) between the United States Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) for your review and signature.

Background and Purpose

This Joint Funding Agreement provides 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 2023 water year (October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023). Gaging stations were selected to provide data that complements additional data collected at these and at other USGS and Washington State Department of Ecology stream gaging sites and which collectively support watershed management and salmon recovery in WRIA 1.

Funding Amount and Source

This one-year agreement is for \$98,502. The USGS contributes \$48,038 for a total project cost of \$146,540. The approved 2022 Natural Resources budget includes authority for the fourth quarter of 2022 and the proposed Natural Resources 2023 budget includes a request for the balance.

Differences from Previous Contract

This new agreement reflects a 4.6% increase over the 2021-2022 Joint Funding Agreement.

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

Encl.