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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 ^{gsoy}
John N. Thompson, Senior Planner

DATE: September XX, 2021

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

Requested Action

Enclosed are two copies of a Joint Funding Agreement (22YGJFA20075) 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 2022 water year (October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022). Gaging stations were selected to provide data that complements additional data collected at these and at other USGS and Washington State Department of 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 \$94,187. The USGS also contributes \$48,038 for a total project cost of \$142,225. The approved 2021 Natural Resources budget includes authority the fourth quarter of 2021 and the proposed Natural Resources 2022 budget includes a request for the balance.

Differences from Previous Contract

This new agreement reflects a 2.8% increase over the 2020-2021 Joint Funding Agreement.

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