EXHIBIT 8
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SB 301

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RESOLUTION 2012 - 14

NOXIOUS WEED ACT COMPLIANCE

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to seek or support legislation to amend the timeframes within the Montana County Noxious Weed Control Act to manage noxious weeds.

WHEREAS, County Commissioners and Weed Districts recognize that compliance is necessary to manage noxious weeds in support of landowners and to minimize infestation, which in turn reduces the economic obligations of public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated Section 7-22-2123 encourages the management of noxious weeds once a complaint has been submitted to a Weed District; and

WHEREAS, the timeframes in the Montana Noxious Weed Act make it problematic to complete the process in a timely manner within the season that a non-compliance occurs; and

WHEREAS, the current timeframes of compliance under Montana Noxious Weed Act require significant time and expense before action can be taken by a Weed District to manage properties that are not in compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montana Association of Counties will seek or support legislation to amend the timeframes within the Montana County Noxious Weed Control Act to manage noxious weeds.

SPONSOR:	**Districts 8, 9 & 12**
RECOMMENDATION:	**Do Pass**
REFERRED TO:	**MACo Agriculture Committee**
ADOPTED:	**Annual Conference, Great Falls, MT, September 26, 2012**