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Exhibit 8

**Governor Drought and Water Supply Advisory Committee
Stream Gage Oversight Work Group**

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Montana Streamgauge Stakeholders Meeting

Sept. 18, 2019

Location: USGS Office, 3162 Bozeman Ave., Helena, MT
Remote Access: <https://gstalk.usgs.gov/409422>
Call 703-648-4848 or toll free 855-547-8255 conference code: 409422

8:30 - 9:00 AM

Overview of USGS streamgaging efforts in Montana

[Big picture overview of USGS streamgaging effort in Montana, everything except funding]

- Locations
- Data types (stage, discharge, temp., spec. cond., sediment)
- Periods of operation (full-time, seasonal)
- Operational notes

9:00-10:00 AM

Funding for USGS streamgaging in Montana

[Opportunity for funding entities to describe the portion of the USGS streamgaging program they are funding in FY19, why they are funding that portion, and any changes to what they intend to fund in FY20]

- USGS - Federal Priority Streamgages
- Federal agencies [USGS, Corps, Reclamation, U.S. EPA, U.S. FWS, others]
- State agencies [DNRC, FWP, DEQ]
- Tribes
- Watershed groups/NGOs
- Private companies (FERC licensees, etc)

10:00 - 10:15 AM

Break

10:15 - 11:00 AM **Are there opportunities for synergy in the funding of streamflow measurement?** Sharing gage costs or swapping gages to more closely align with agency missions? Gages of mutual interest?

11:00 - 11:30 AM **MT Drought and Water Supply Advisory Committee - Stream Gauge Oversight Work Group**

- Makeup
- Mission
- Plans

11:30 AM - Noon

Stakeholder input

- Wish list for future gage locations - unmet needs for streamflow data
- Five highest and lowest priority gages funded by USGS

Noon - 1:00 PM

Lunch - on your own

1:00 - 3:00 PM

BRAINSTORMING SESSION - Increasing funding for USGS streamgages in Montana? [stakeholder led discussion]

- Increasing Federal funding?
 - Untapped sources
 - Changing where federal funding for gages is directed
- Increasing state funding?
- Increasing county/municipal funding?
 - Asking cities and counties to contribute to gages they use
- Increasing private funding?
- How can we identify users and tap that base for support?

3:00 - 3:30 PM

Next Steps

- Follow up activities?
- Need for future stakeholder meetings (annually? other?)