

CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Consider Joint Funding Agreement with US Geological Survey (USGS) for Redwood River Gaging Station near Marshall, Minnesota for Federal FY2027-2031.
Background Information:	Attached is a copy of the Joint Funding Agreement with US Geological Survey (USGS) for Redwood River Gaging Station near Marshall, Minnesota, for federal FY2027-2031. In 2010, the City of Marshall was notified that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would be discontinuing funding of the stream gage just west of the City of Marshall. The USGS relocated and constructed a new gage at no cost to the local entities but requires funding for a portion of the operational costs. This is an extremely important gage for not only flooding but several other informational issues, including the following items: - 75 years of continuous streamflow record - Unregulated flow record important for assessing trends - Site is part of National Streamflow Information Program - Gage data used in USGS water-quality studies - Flood forecasting and warning - Water-quality & aquatic life assessments - Wastewater permits tied to streamflows The USGS has estimated that the operational cost for federal FY2027-2031 will be \$44,800 per the last page of the agreement. The City of Marshall will be the local project sponsor of this gage. Since the initial agreement, ADM has continued to partner with the City in funding 50% of the annual operational costs, which City staff invoices annually to ADM.
Fiscal Impact:	Work performed with funds from this agreement will be conducted on a fixed-price basis. The City of Marshall will be billed quarterly, and the local participation will be paid from the Surface Water Management Utility. City staff will invoice ADM annually for their 50% participation.
Alternative/ Variations:	No alternative actions recommended.
Recommendation:	that the Council authorize entering into the attached five-year Joint Funding Agreement with US Geological Survey (USGS) for the Redwood River Gaging Station near Marshall, Minnesota, for federal FY2027-2031.