## Exhibit 8

Witness List, Nevada State Engineer

# IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATIONS 89681 THROUGH 89684, AND 89991 THROUGH 90006 FILED TO **CHANGE** THE **POINT** DIVERSION, PLACE OF USE AND MANNER OF USE OF PORTIONS OF THE UNDERGROUND **WATERS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED** WITHIN THE QUINN RIVER VALLEY-OROVADA SUBAREA (033A), HUMBOLDT COUNTY, NEVADA

WITNESS LIST

COMES NOW LITHIUM NEVADA CORPORATION (hereinafter "LNC"), by and through its counsel of record, the law firm of Robertson, Johnson, Miller & Williamson, and hereby provides the following Witness List pursuant to NRS 533.365(5) and the State Engineer Hearing Chief's Notice of Hearing issued June 16, 2021.

#### 1. ALEXI ZAWADZKI

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Mr. Zawadzki will discuss his experience in the mineral industry, including that of being an experienced hydrologist. He will also discuss his knowledge and background of the Thacker Pass mine. He will explain the multitude of permits already acquired in the development of the mine. He will further discuss the various and multiple change applications, together with responses and comments to various protest items lodged against the applications which are the subject of this hearing. He will reply to at least items 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 16 of the Protest to Application 89684 filed by Bartell Ranch LLC and Protest to Application 89884 filed by Kings River Ranch (jointly "Protests"). The method of mining and means of ore processing, together with water conservation methods, will also be discussed.

He will further discuss several exhibits, being the Executive Order on American Supply Chains, dated February 24, 2021, and the Nevada Governor's Office Economic Development, dated September 16, 2020. He may discuss the mitigation plan as presented to Protestants as well as local citizens. He will discuss why the applications at issue meet the requirements for granting of same as set forth in NRS 533.370. This includes, *inter alia*, the public interest need for the mine, good faith efforts to develop the mine, and the financial ability to do so.

He will further discuss the national and worldwide need for lithium. He will also describe the multitude of public meetings which he has attended and presented an explanation of the proposed mining operations. These will include discussions with local ranching interests in the Quinn River Basin, tribal interests, and discussions with Protestant Mr. Bartell. Also discussed will be the ability to fund the project and possible mitigation measures. Financial benefits to the local, county, and state economies will also be discussed.

#### 2. DWIGHT SMITH

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Mr. Smith has qualified as an expert witness many times before the Nevada State Engineer in the field of hydrogeology. He is also an experienced and licensed water rights surveyor and will present his testimony on that subject. He will testify as an expert witness in this matter.

Mr. Smith will present numerous expert opinions which will address the legal status of the water rights sought to be changed or abrogated by the applications which are the subject of this hearing. A written report is provided regarding that subject. In addition, he will also present expert testimony regarding the legal status of other groundwater rights and claims of vested rights in the Quinn River Basin and address various protest items. Another written report is provided regarding that subject as well. Finally, he will present expert testimony as set forth in his reports regarding at least the following specific items of the Protests: 1, 2, 3, 6, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

#### 3. TYLER CLUFF

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Mr. Cluff is a Senior Hydrogeologist employed by the firm of Piteau Associates. He is very experienced in the field of hydrogeology and computer numerical models (hereinafter "Model"). His testimony will be offered as an expert in the field of groundwater hydrology on behalf of the applicant, Lithium Nevada Corporation. He will be qualified as an expert in the area of field groundwater hydrology and Modflow numerical flow model. He will discuss his field experience in the vicinity of the lithium mine and the various factors he utilized to prepare the Model. Calibration of the Model will be discussed, in addition to the factors and input placed or inserted into the Model, and he will also depict the cone of depression created by Applicant's pumping of its permitted water rights. He will similarly present calculations of impact based upon the formula of these comparable analytical methods. His presentation will conclude with three (3) methods of analysis proving that the pumping by Lithium Nevada Corporation will not conflict with any existing rights owned by Protestants or any third parties. His testimony will similarly include a schedule of sources that he relied upon. Mr. Cluff's testimony will further "run" various sequences of the Model and will explain that there will be no material impact to existing rights. Two written reports from Mr. Cluff are provided regarding these subjects. Finally, based upon his reports he will present expert testimony on at least Protest issues 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 14.

#### 4. ALLEN MCCABE

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Mr. McCabe is a Senior Archeologist and will present his expert testimony regarding the construction date of the Fenceline Windmill Well. His expert witness report is provided regarding this subject. He will testify regarding at least Protest issues 2 and 14.

#### 5. JAKE UHLMANN

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Mr. Uhlmann is an employee of the Home Ranch. He will testify regarding his observations of the Fenceline Windmill Well and authenticate a photograph he took of the Aermotor 10' 702B motor located at such well.

Respectfully submitted on this 20th day of August, 2021.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I am an employee of Robertson, Johnson, Miller & Williamson, 50 West Liberty Street, Suite 600, Reno, Nevada 89501, over the age of 18, and not a party to this action, and that on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to be served by e-mail and U.S. Mail, first-class postage fully prepaid, addressed to the following:

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