

Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

*Reducing Flood Damage and
Restoring Aquatic Species*

City of Centralia

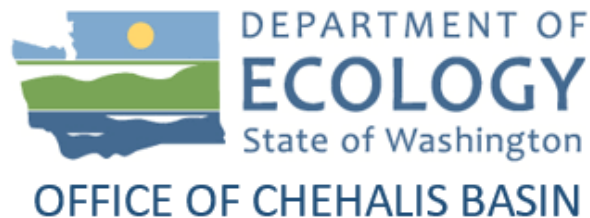
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Today's Presentation

- Describe the “Flood Authority”
 - #1 -- Local Projects
 - #2 -- Flood Warning System
 - #3 -- Role
- Touch on “Office of Chehalis Basin” and “Chehalis Basin Strategy”
- Allow time for discussion



Office of Chehalis
Basin

Chehalis Basin
Board

<https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/>

Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

- **Formed** in 2008
- **Focused on** flood hazard mitigation
- **Decision-making**
 - informed by science
 - protective of Basin residents/communities
 - environmentally appropriate
- **Jurisdictions** represented (see [inter-local agreement](#))
 - Grays Harbor County (2008)
 - City of Aberdeen (2008)
 - City of Cosmopolis (2011)
 - City of Hoquiam (2017)
 - City of Montesano (2008)
 - City of Oakville (2008)
 - Lewis County (2008)
 - City of Centralia (2008)
 - City of Chehalis (2008)
 - City of Napavine (2011)
 - Town of Pe Ell (2008)
 - Thurston County (2008)
 - Town of Bucoda (2008)

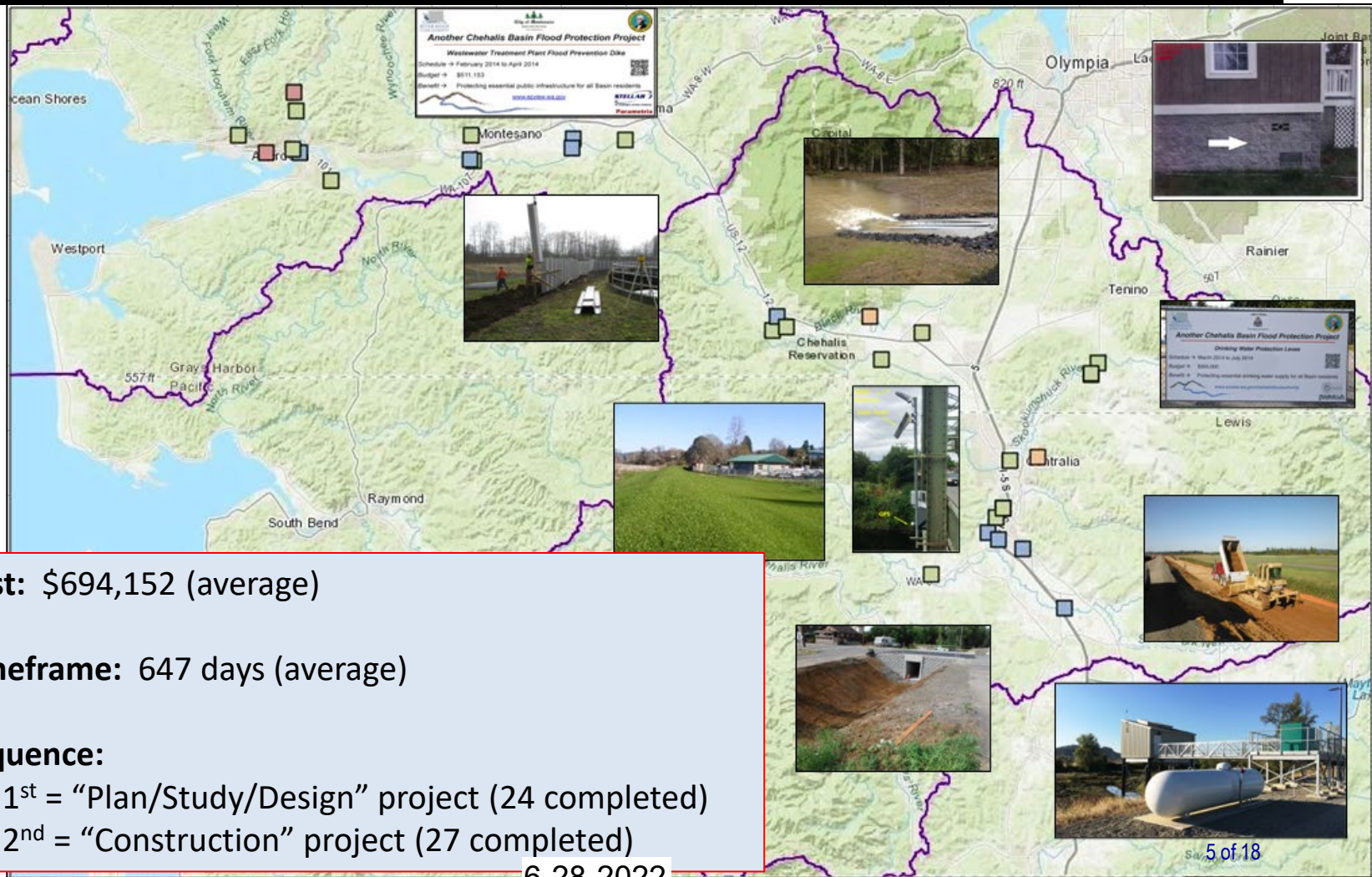


Local Projects (#1)

1. Reduce flood damage.
2. Protect people, property, infrastructure.
3. Improve readiness, response, resiliency.
 - *Drinking Water* (Boistfort, Bucoda).
 - *Wastewater* (Montesano, Pe Ell).
 - *Emergency Response* (Grays Harbor County, Chehalis-Centralia Airport).
 - *Regional Economic Infrastructure* (Montesano, Port of Chehalis, Port of Grays Harbor).
 - *Community Protection* (Aberdeen, Adna, Bucoda, Centralia, Chehalis, Chehalis Tribe, Cosmopolis, Hoquiam, Oakville).
 - *Flood Warning* (Basin-wide).

State Capital Budget:
2012-13 -- \$ 5.0M
2013-15 -- \$10.7M
2015-17 -- \$15.7M
2017-19 -- \$ 9.6M
2019-21 -- \$ 6.3M
2021-23 -- <u>\$ 4.1M</u>
\$51.4M

Local Projects (Completed 2012-23)



Cost: \$694,152 (average)

Timeframe: 647 days (average)

Sequence:

- 1st = "Plan/Study/Design" project (24 completed)
- 2nd = "Construction" project (27 completed)

Local Projects (Centralia)

Our Views: China Creek an Example of Success in Chehalis Basin



China Creek is seen at near the Pine Street and Rock Street intersection in Centralia.

PETE CASTER / FILE PHOTO

Posted Friday, March 12, 2021 4:12 pm

March 12, 2021

By The Chronicle Editorial Board

Second Phase of China Creek Flood Mitigation and Fish Habitat Improvement Work Underway in Centralia

Dirt Work: Project Aims to Add More Water Storage, Reduce Flooding Downstream



Signage details the Chehalis Basin Strategy for China Creek flood and habitat protection seen Friday in Centralia. JARED WENZELBURGER / JARED@CHRONLINE.COM

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Local Projects (Centralia)



CHEHALIS RIVER AT CENTRALIA, WA (GOES):

https://chehalis.onerain.com/site/?site_id=22812&site=49db3831-6517-40a1-9bdd-c86300c495e2

Two Chehalis Basin Flood Gauges Replaced; Flood Authority Partners With USGS



Jim Shedd, a surface water hydrologist from the Department of Ecology, measures the depth of Salzer Creek in Chehalis on Wednesday, July 22, 2015.

Posted Friday, September 22, 2017 9:38 pm

By The Chronicle



SKOOKUMCHUCK RIVER AT CENTRALIA, WA (GOES):

https://chehalis.onerain.com/site/?site_id=22804&site=23a7ceaa-7d6c-4453-b695-5bed3b415b94

Local Projects (Centralia)

COMPLETED – Webcam

<https://chehalis.onerain.com/dashboard/?dashboard=4a77124f-3311-4f07-963f-a3f302bf8335>

Looking upriver at Mellen Street bridge

Images provided throughout the day.

📷 Chehalis River at Centralia, WA

Latest



2022-06-28 05:00:50



COMPLETED – Chehalis-Centralia Airport

Local Projects (Chehalis-Centralia)



New Pump -- 2017

January 2022



Old Pump – 1940s



Widening/Repairing

Levee – 2014

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- ✓ New Pump Cost = \$1.1M
- ✓ Widening Levee = \$1.2M
- ✓ ROI = Substantial (~\$9M annual in local and state tax revenues)
- ✓ 1/2022 High-water event = Airport stayed operational

UNDERWAY – Chehalis Industrial Park: “Regionalized Floodwater Management Approach”

Local Projects (Chehalis Industrial Park)

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 20-163

IN THE MATTER OF:

APPROVE A .09 (“DISTRESSED COUNTIES”) GRANT
AGREEMENT WITH LEWIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
DISTRICT #1

WHEREAS, by Resolution the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners approve funding in the amount of \$156,000.00 for the Flood Reduction Projects in the LCFCF #1 a project to serve future demand, a project that meets the definition of a “public facility” under RCW 82.14.370; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is a list of projects maintained by the Lewis County Economic Development Council (EDC) (RCW 82.14.370); and

WHEREAS, Lewis County Flood Control District #1 application for funding of the Flood Reduction Projects in the LCFCF #1 project has been recommended for approval and listing in the CEDS by the Distressed Counties/Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee, the Committee created to recommend projects for listing in the CEDS; and

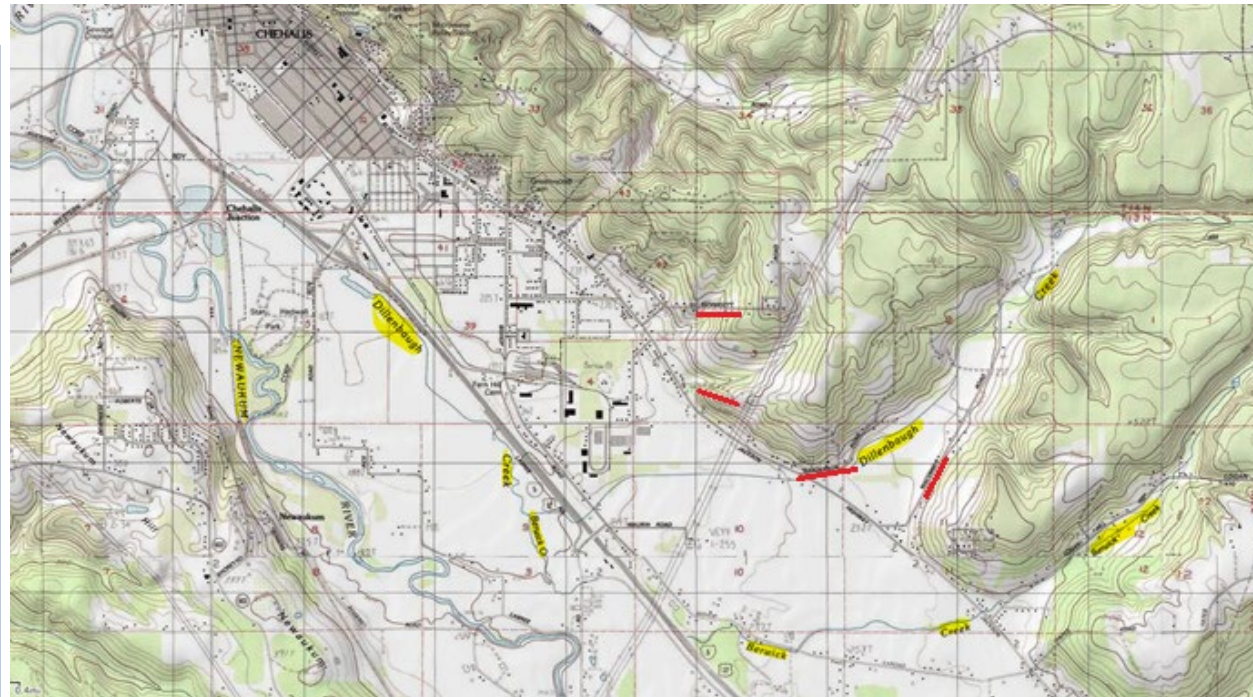
WHEREAS, the Lewis County Flood Control District #1 application is also supported by the attached Grant Agreement prepared by the EDC pursuant to the CEDS, which Agreement is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Lewis County that the funds requested by CEDS be authorized in order to allow completion of the “Flood Reduction Projects in the LCFCF #1” a project that supports economic development in our community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approves the Flood Reduction Projects in the LCFCF #1 project as a public facility for purposes of RCW 82.14.370 and amends the Community Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) list to include that project in the county’s overall economic development plan; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOCC authorizes Lewis County to enter into the attached Grant Agreement with the Lewis County Flood Control District #1, for the Flood Reduction Projects in the LCFCF #1 project, in the amount of \$156,000.00 using monies from the “Distressed Counties Fund,” all in accordance with RCW 82.14.370 and applicable law.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 18th day of May, 2020.



Vicinity Topography, Lewis County GIS Web Map



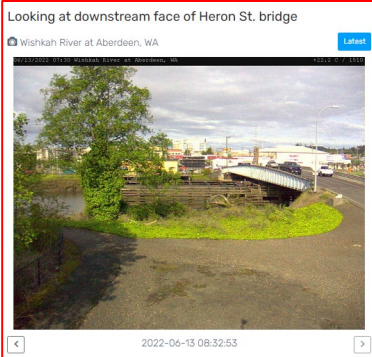
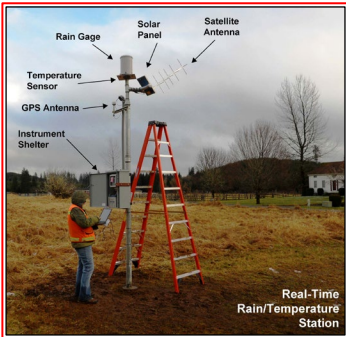
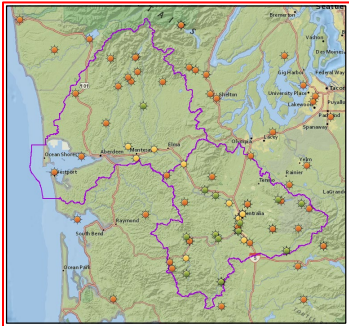
2019 Flooding, Rick Rouse

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Flood Warning System (#2)



CHEHALIS RIVER BASIN FLOOD AUTHORITY

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Home Map Sites News Dashboards

Rainfall Summary River Summary Additional Resources

Weather Forecast	Rainfall Forecast	River Forecast	Flood Maps	Plot Gage Data	Gage Data Maps
Landslide	Radar Rainfall	Road Conditions	USGS Gages	Atmospheric Rivers	Chehalis Basin Gage Height Conversion Project

Photo Credit:
www.chehalisbasinstrategy.com

- ✓ Developed with State Capital Budget \$.
- ✓ Maintained with local \$.

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Flood Warning System (2022 Flood Event)

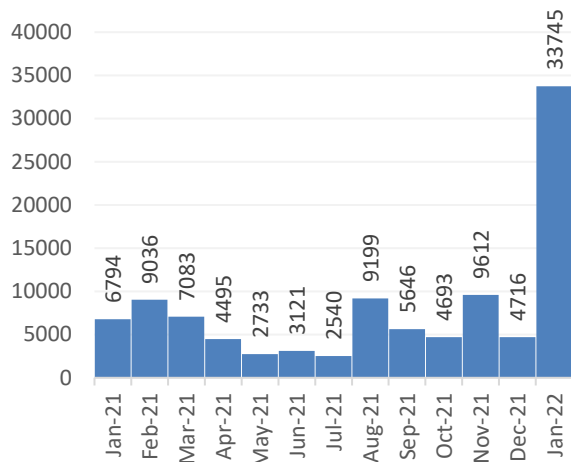
Flood Warning System Works!

The Flood Authority's flood warning system website was incredibly active during the January flood. Nearly 25,000 individual user logins were recorded and the flood inundation maps received almost 75,000 hits, providing vital information to the community during the flood emergency. *Dave Curtis, West Consultants, 2/01/2022*

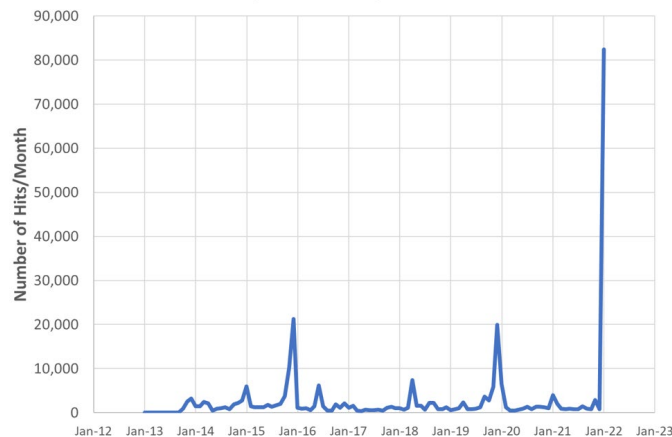
Unknown contact said:

"Our house flooded in '96 and '07--we like to be prepared The gauges and alerts give us more peace of mind. Info=peace of mind" *Survey Respondent, 2/01/2022*

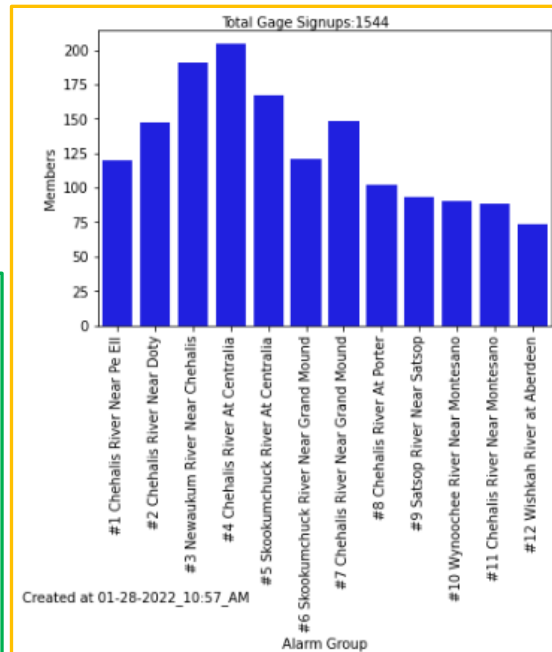
Chehalis FA Website Visits



Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority Flood Warning System Monthly Inundation Map Website Hits



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Flood Authority Role (#3)

Local Resolutions Favoring Basin-Wide Solution

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Bucoda -- 2021-02-08 -- 2021-01.pdf	862.3 KB	2021	03/18/21 05:11 AM
Centralia -- 2016-11-08 -- 2652.pdf	76 KB	2016	07/15/20 10:38 AM
Centralia -- 2020-05-26 -- 2718.pdf	809.8 KB	2020	07/15/20 10:39 AM
Centralia -- 2021-02-09 -- 2733.pdf	1 MB	2021	03/18/21 09:11 AM
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- ✓ **Help** local communities identify, develop, implement local flood hazard solutions.
- ✓ **Appoint** 3 of 7 members to Chehalis Basin Board (current appointees are Vickie Raines, Edna Fund, Jay Gordon).
- ✓ **Provide** local perspective to Basin-Wide solution discussions.
- ✓ **Advocate** for balanced basin-wide fish and flood solutions (see local resolutions library [here](#)).
- ✓ **Work** as a team. 13 of 18

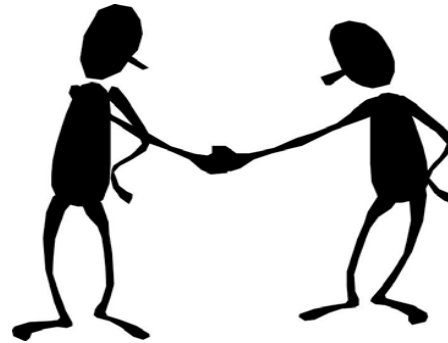
Office of Chehalis Basin, Chehalis Basin Strategy



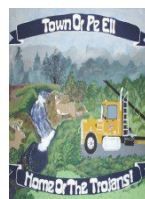
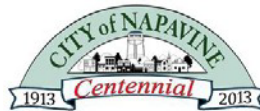
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Chehalis Lead Entity



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

TOWN of BUCODA



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Today vs 2007

Today, we are substantially more aware, better prepared for catastrophic flooding than ever before.

- ✓ We have a state-of-the art flood warning system.
- ✓ We've completed many cost-efficient local projects and habitat projects.
- ✓ We're serving people, local governments, emergency responders, agriculture, fish and habitat.
- ✓ We have a governance, administrative, and funding structure that's delivering results.



<https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/office-of-chehalis-basin/>

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Looking Ahead

- ✓ **Proposed Flood Retention Facility** – DRAFT EISs were issued February 2020 (SEPA) and September 2020 (NEPA). Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (project proponent) working diligently to provide refinements and clarifications for FINAL EIS. Final EISs are currently scheduled for release in late 2022/early 2023.
- ✓ **Local Projects** -- 2023-25 call for local projects will be issued June 29, 2022.
- ✓ **Flood Authority Meetings** – Third Thursday of January, February, March, May, July, September, and November from 10 AM to 11:15 AM (11:30 AM).
- ✓ **Chehalis Basin Board Meetings** – First Thursday of every month from 9 AM to 2 PM.
- ✓ **Sign-Up For Email Gage Alerts** – www.chehalisriverflood.com



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Thank You!

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https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias__1492/34490/outreach_education.aspx

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Also -- Key Links

Key Organizations:

1. Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority -- www.ezview.wa.gov/chehalisfloodauthority
2. Office of Chehalis Basin -- <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-to-know-us/Our-Programs/Office-of-Chehalis-Basin>
3. Chehalis Basin Board -- https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias_1962/37068/chehalis_basin_board.aspx

Key Activity Areas:

1. Local Projects -- https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias_1492/34489/local_projects.aspx
2. Flood Warning System -- www.chehalisriverflood.com
3. Chehalis Basin Strategy -- www.chehalisbasinstrategy.com
 - ASRP -- <https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/asrp/>
 - CFAR -- <https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/cfar/>
 - Proposed Retention Project -- <https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/proposed-project/>
 - Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District -- <https://www.chehalisriverbasinfczd.com/>
 - State EIS (SEPA) -- <https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/sepa-process/>
 - Federal EIS (NEPA) -- <https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/federal-envl-review/>
 - Flood Retention Facility (visualization) -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=cKTejUE3WsU>
 - Skookumchuck Dam -- <https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/skookumchuck-dam-study/>
 - LAND -- <https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/local-actions-non-dam-alternative/>

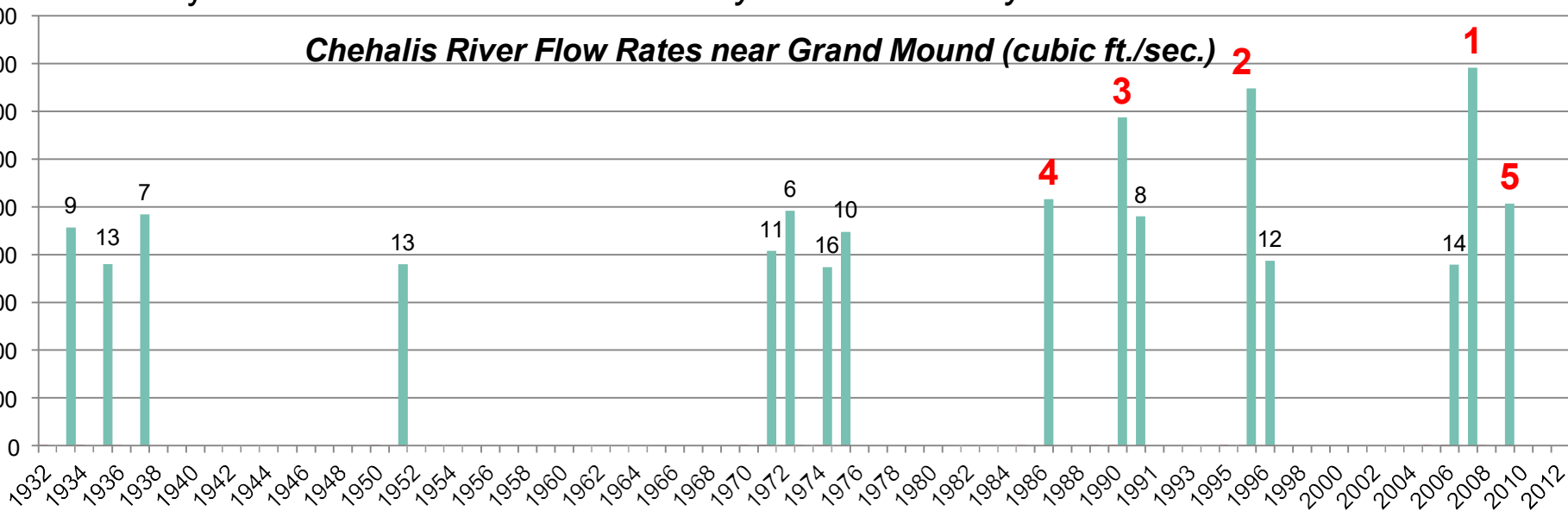
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Also -- Background

■ Ranked high flow events (1932 - 2012) . . .

- I-5 closed 1990, 1996, 2007, 2009.
- Five largest events since 1986 -- *Frequent floods are getting worse and damage is increasing . . .*
- 100 year flood estimate -- *Increased by 33% in last 30 years.*

Chehalis River Flow Rates near Grand Mound (cubic ft./sec.)



Also -- Background

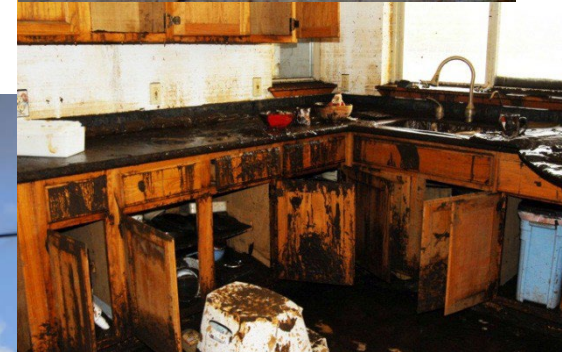
- 2007 Storm -- \$938M Basin-wide damage, \$300M lost economic activity (WA).



Exit 77 (I-5) in Chehalis
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