

# CHEHALIS BASIN BOARD SUMMARIZED MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS

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**Date:** May 7, 2020  
**Time:** 9:00 am to 12:15 pm  
**Location:** WebEx online meeting

ITEM	FORMAL ACTION	FOLLOW-UP ACTION
1. Consent May 7, 2020 Agenda; Approval of April 2, 2020 meeting summary	Decision: Current agenda approved; April 2 meeting summary approved.	No follow-up action.
2. Long-Term Strategy Assessment	Discussion/Direction	OCB staff will work with Board members and agency and contractor staff to identify additional work in the long-term strategy assessment to (1) evaluate an alternative to the flood retention facility for large-scale flood damage reduction and (2) review and provide input to the Flood Control Zone District for potential opportunities to mitigate for the fish and wildlife and water quality impacts identified in the draft SEPA EIS.
3. Aquatic Species Restoration Plan (ASRP)	Discussion	No follow-up action.
4. Local Flood Damage Reduction Projects	Decision: 2021-23 local flood damage reduction project solicitation process approved by consensus.	Flood Authority staff will adjust the due date for 2021-23 local project proposals in order to be able to give the Board an update on local project proposals received at the July 9 Board meeting.
5. Director's Report	Discussion	No follow-up action.
6. 2019-2021 Supplemental Budget	Decision: Redirecting \$450,000 in unspent 2019-21 ASRP implementation funding for the OCB supplemental budget proviso match for the Lower Satsop project approved by consensus.	No follow-up action.
7. 2021-2023 Legislative Session Planning	Discussion	OCB staff will develop options for Board consideration on how to structure budget

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		categories and assumptions for allocations across budget categories.
8. Next Steps and Closing	Discussion	No follow-up action.

## Attendees

### Chehalis Basin Board Members Present:

- Vickie Raines, Chair, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Edna Fund, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Harry Pickernell, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
- Jay Gordon, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- J. Vander Stoep, Office of the Governor
- Steve Malloch, Office of the Governor
- Tyson Johnston, Quinault Indian Nation

### Chehalis Basin Board Ex-Officio Members Present:

- Bart Gernhart, Department of Transportation
- Gordon White, Department of Ecology
- Stephen Bernath, Department of Natural Resources
- Michael Garrity, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Josh Giuntoli, Conservation Commission

### Board Staff/Board Guests Present on Sign-In Sheet:

- See Attachment A

## Welcome, Introductions

Chair Vickie Raines called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and welcomed the Board, staff, and audience. Board members and attendees provided brief introductions.

## Consent Agenda

The Board did not have additions or revisions to the [May 7, 2020 Meeting Agenda](#).

**BOARD DECISION:** Agenda approved by consensus.

## Approval of April 2, 2020 Meeting Summary

The Board did not have additions or revisions to the [April 2, 2020 Meeting Summary](#).

**BOARD DECISION:** April 2, 2020 meeting summary approved by consensus.

## Long-term Strategy Assessment

Chair Vickie Raines began the discussion by recommending OCB staff work with Board members and agency and contractor staff to identify additional work in the long-term strategy assessment to (1)

evaluate an alternative to the flood retention facility for large-scale, basinwide flood damage reduction and (2) review and provide input to the Flood Control Zone District for potential opportunities to mitigate for the fish and wildlife and water quality impacts identified in the draft SEPA EIS. This recommendation was developed in response to a recent press release from the Quinault Indian Nation (QIN) stating its opposition to the proposed flood retention facility. The QIN press release also encouraged the State to more thoroughly evaluate an alternative to the flood retention facility for basin-wide flood damage reduction.

Key comments and discussion topics included:

- Board members were supportive of Chair Raines' recommendation.
- OCB staff clarified that the draft SEPA EIS identified what impacts would need to be mitigated for the proposed project. Development of a mitigation plan is a responsibility of the project applicant (Flood Control Zone District) and occurs during the formal permit review process with the pertinent regulatory agencies. The District is currently doing due diligence on the feasibility of potential mitigation opportunities and will produce an assessment of possible mitigation strategies in summer 2020. The Board received a briefing on the District's process at the April 2020 board meeting.
- Board members discussed how Chair Raines' recommendation could affect the scope of work and level of detail for the analyses in the long-term strategy assessment but should not impact the overall schedule.

**FOLLOW UP ACTION:** OCB staff will work with interested Board members, and agency and contractor staff, to identify how additional work can be incorporated into the long-term strategy assessment to (1) evaluate an alternative to the flood retention facility for large-scale, basin-wide flood damage reduction and (2) review and provide input to the Flood Control Zone District for potential opportunities to mitigate for the fish and wildlife and water quality impacts identified in the draft SEPA EIS.

### **Aquatic Species Restoration Plan (ASRP)**

Celina Abercrombie (WDFW), Ryan Walker (Forterra), Laurence Reeves (Capitol Land Trust), Bob Amrine (Lewis County Conservation District), Mara Healy (Thurston County Conservation District), and Anthony Waldrop (Grays Harbor County Conservation District) provided an update and lessons learned to-date on the ASRP's Early Action Reach (EAR) projects. The goal of the presentation was to highlight opportunities to learn from EAR implementation in order to (1) adapt strategies based on feasibility and (2) inform future ASRP restoration in the Chehalis Basin.

Below is a high-level summary of the lessons learned to-date:

- Incorporate landowner's needs into the project design
- Develop a clear process to present to landowners upfront
- Build project teams that include CDs, land trusts, project sponsors and design leads to coordinate and collaborate early in the process
- Discuss flexibility in design to accommodate landowner needs (e.g., riparian restoration areas)
- Identify a variety of compensation options for landowners
- Standardize the design process for efficiency and clarity
- Continue to cultivate relationships – now and into the future

The presenters highlighted that landowners are the foundation of EAR projects and that landowner interest varies throughout the Basin and can shift over time. They also noted that plans are to begin constructing the Skookumchuk EAR project this summer and the Newaukum, Satsop, and Wynoochee EAR projects next summer. EAR projects will generally take two seasons/years to complete construction.

Below is a link to the EAR presentation:

- [ASRP Early Action Reach Presentation](#)

## **Local Flood Damage Reduction Projects**

Scott Boettcher (Flood Authority Staff) presented the 2021-23 local flood damage reduction project solicitation process and schedule for Board approval. The 2021-23 process will continue efforts of previous biennia to request, prioritize, and fund local projects. The Flood Authority and its Projects Committee have updated and approved the solicitation materials and website for release in May 2020. The Projects Committee will be supported by a Technical Review Team made up of staff from state agencies, tribes, and the Lead Entity. The solicitation will also seek to understand future local project needs (beyond 2021-23) to inform the long-term strategy assessment. Below is a high-level schedule/timeline:

- 5-7-2020 - Board approves release of 2021-23 local projects solicitation.
- 5-14-2020 - 2021-23 local projects solicitation is issued.
- 7-9-2020 - Local project proposals due.
- 8-6-2020 - Board update on local project proposals received, future local project needs (beyond 2021-23).
- 12-3-2020 - Board approves 2021-23 funding recommendation to Governor.

Board members requested Flood Authority staff adjust the July 9 proposal due date to an earlier date, so that Flood Authority staff may update them on local project proposals received at the July 9 Board meeting.

Below are links to the Local Flood Damage Reduction Projects handouts:

- [2021-23 Local Projects Solicitation Overview](#)
- [2021-23 Local Projects Recruitment Form](#)
- [2021-23 Local Projects Recruitment Background](#)

**BOARD DECISION:** 2021-23 local flood damage reduction project solicitation process approved by consensus.

**FOLLOW UP ACTION:** Flood Authority staff will adjust the due date for local project proposals so they can give the Board an update on local project proposals received at the July 9 Board meeting.

## **Director's Report**

OCB Director McNamara Doyle provided the Director's report on various topics, including:

- Chris Davis will be leaving his role as the Governor's office representative for the Chehalis Basin Strategy. A replacement has not yet been identified.
- OCB staff worked with Ecology and WDFW staff to develop a follow-up memo to answer Board member follow up questions on the draft SEPA EIS findings from the April 2 Board meeting.

- OCB was notified our proposal to FEMA for a pre-disaster mitigation grant has been accepted, provided additional requested information is provided.

## **2019-2021 Supplemental Budget**

OCB Director McNamara Doyle reminded the Board of the proviso in the 2020 supplemental budget for \$450,000 in state match from the Chehalis Basin Strategy for the Lower Satsop Restoration and Protection Program Keys Road Protection Project. OCB Director McNamara Doyle recommended the Board approve redirecting unspent 2019-21 ASRP implementation funding for the state match, given the updated implementation schedule for ASRP Early Action Reach projects. \$450,000 is available to redirect to the Lower Satsop project without negatively impacting the ASRP schedule.

Below is a link to the Lower Satsop Budget Proviso Memo:

- [Lower Satsop Budget Proviso Memo](#)

**BOARD DECISION:** Redirecting \$450,000 in unspent 2019-21 ASRP implementation funding for the OCB supplemental budget proviso match for the Lower Satsop project approved by consensus.

## **2021-2023 Legislative Session Planning**

OCB Director McNamara Doyle provided the Board a preview of considerations on an approach for developing the 2021-23 budget. This included a review of the new requirements in SHB 1154, which states that OCB shall submit agency decision packages in preparation for the 2021-23 capital budget containing:

- A specific list of projects
- Project costs and suggested fund sources
- Location information
- A timeframe, including initiation and completion

Moving forward, Board direction will be needed for:

- Range for Total Overall Size of Budget Recommendation
- Top Tier Budget Categories (main types of projects & activities)
- Relative Priorities Between the Top Tier Budget Categories (initial allocations)
- Preferred Approach to Scaling Recommendations (role of project lists)

Below is a link to the 2021-23 budget planning PPT:

- [2021-23 Budget Planning PPT](#)

**FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:** OCB staff will develop options for Board consideration on how to structure budget categories and assumptions for allocations across budget categories.

## **Next Steps and Closing**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2020 as an online webinar.

## Attachment A

### **Board Staff/Board Guests on Sign-In Sheet:**

- Andrea McNamara Doyle, Department of Ecology, Director, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Anthony Waldrop, Grays Harbor Conservation District
- Argem Card
- Barbara Cairns, Pyramid Communications
- Betsie DeWreede
- Betsy Dillin, Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District
- Bob Amrine, Lewis Conservation District
- Brandon Parsons, American Rivers
- Brandon Clinton, US Army Corps of Engineers
- Brian Stewart, Conservation Northwest
- Carol Schultze, Tierra Row
- Carson Coates, Office of Congresswoman Herrera-Butler
- Celina Abercrombie, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Chris Davis, Washington State Governor's Office
- Chrissy Bailey, Department of Ecology, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Cindy Bradley, Department of Ecology, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Colleen Granberg, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Colton Dodgson
- Curt Hart, Department of Ecology
- Cynthia Carlstad, NHC
- Dave Bingaman, Quinault Indian Nation, ASRP Steering Committee
- Emelie McKain, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Felton Jenkins
- Frank Corbin
- Glen Connelly, Chehalis Tribe
- Heather Page, Anchor QEA
- Hope Rieden, Chehalis Tribe
- Izabella Zucker, Pyramid Communications
- James Philip
- Jim Kramer, Kramer Consulting (Facilitator)
- Jim Waldo, Consultant to Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District
- John Robinson, Consultant to Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District
- John Gaffney, InterFluve
- Keith Douville, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Ken Ghalambor, Ross Strategic
- Kris Koski, City of Aberdeen
- Laurence Reeves, Capitol Land Trust
- Lee First, Twin Harbors Water Keepers
- Lee Riener

- Luciano Torres
- Luke Kelly, Trout Unlimited
- Luke Swan, InterFluve
- Mandy Godwin
- Mara Healy, Thurston Conservation District
- Mara Zimmerman, Coast Salmon Partnership
- Mark Glyde, Consultant to Quinault Indian Nation
- Nicholas Carr, Forterra
- Nicole Czarnomski, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, ASRP Steering Committee
- Nikki Atkins, Lewis Conservation District
- Ronald Olson
- Ron Averill, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Ryan Walker, Forterra
- Scott Boettcher, Staff to Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Sue Joerger
- Tom Gorman, Department of Natural Resources
- Trent Lougheed, City of Chehalis