

A photograph of a rural landscape under a thick layer of fog. In the foreground, there's a small body of water or a flooded field. To the left, a white cylindrical silo stands next to a dark-colored barn. The background is filled with trees and foliage, all obscured by a heavy mist.

DRAFT Proposed Organizational Structure for Local Actions Program

Chehalis Basin Board Meeting
September 3, 2020

Presentation Objectives

In response to the Governor's July 22 letter:

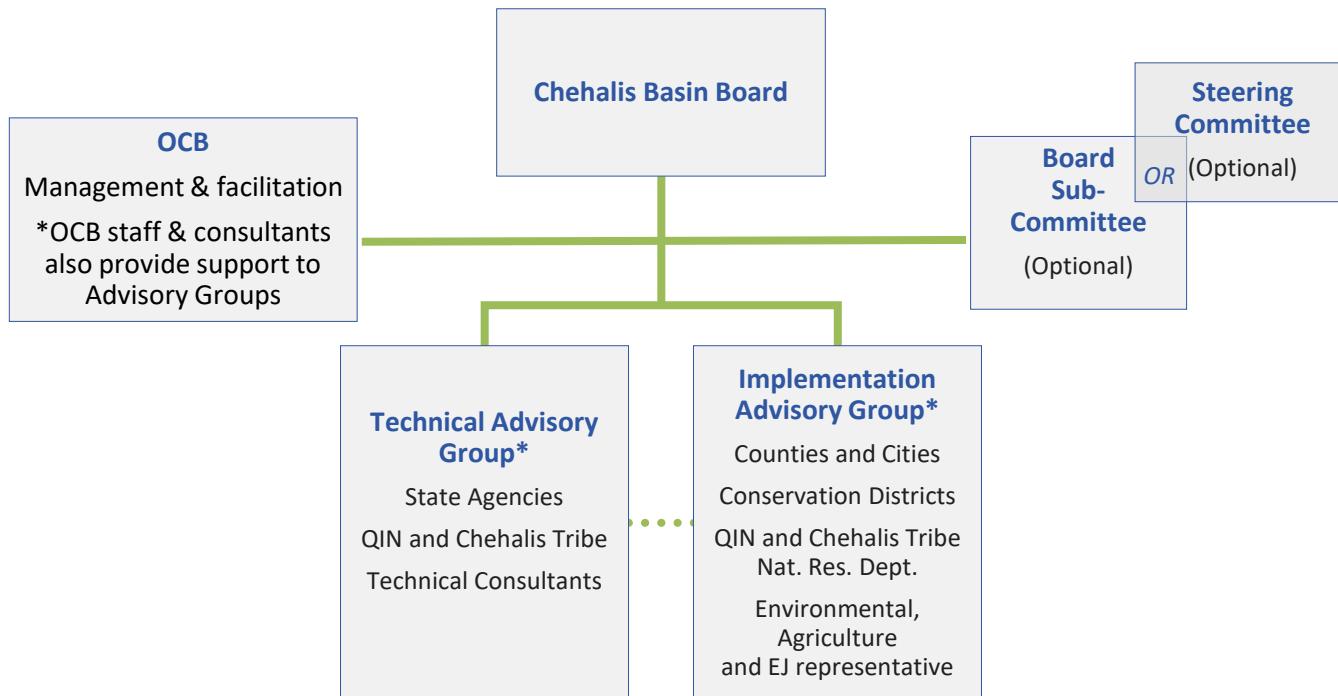
- Outline options for process & organizational structure to develop and evaluate a Local Actions Program (LAP)
- Receive Board feedback/direction on strength and feasibility of recommended approach

Key Board Milestones / Process Details

Board Action/Direction Needed on Local Actions Program (LAP):

- Sep. 3 – Approve outcomes to guide development of LAP
- Sep. 30 – Approve process for Board's evaluation of LAP and feasibility of addressing impacts of flood retention facility
- Oct 2020-Mar 2020 – Provide guidance to technical and policy analyses so that Board receives necessary information about LAP for deliberations on long-term strategy
- Oct 2020-Mar 2020 – Provide guidance to ensure key stakeholders and other parties are successfully engaged
- Mar. 30, 2021 – Decide whether and how LAP should be included in long-term strategy

Proposed Organizational Structure



Technical Advisory Group

- Provide input on technical aspects of evaluation of Local Actions Program, including approach, schedule, technical assumptions, and data
- Focus on state consultants' evaluation of past work relevant to Local Actions Program and options for additional analyses
- Identify pros/cons of potential technical approaches and review the conclusions of analyses

Technical Advisory Group

Technical expertise needed on the following topics:

- Models and other methods for predicting flood damage
- Floodplain extent from climate change
- Erosion hazard analysis & protection
- Potential for additional flood storage and structural facilities
- Membership: technical staff from state agencies (Ecology, Fish & Wildlife, Natural Resources, Transportation, Commerce, Conservation Commission), QIN, Chehalis Tribe, and their technical consultants

Implementation Advisory Group

- Provide policy input to Board on potential feasibility of implementing different approaches to reducing flood damage, including strengths and limitations of actions such as acquisition, buyouts/relocations of structures, ag-related actions, and structural protection measures
- Large focus on potential changes to land use
- Where pertinent, review Technical Advisory Group's findings of potential actions to achieve Board approved outcomes

Implementation Advisory Group (membership)

- Implementation Group would communicate with their respective communities and bring perspectives to group deliberations on community support/acceptance for potential Local Actions Program actions
- Membership: Lewis, Thurston, Grays Harbor County staff and Conservation Districts, cities of Chehalis, Centralia, Aberdeen & Hoquiam city managers, QIN and Chehalis Tribe natural resource directors, Environmental, Agricultural, and EJ community representatives

Board Sub-Committee or Steering Committee (Optional)

If Board approves, a sub-committee of up to 3 Board members, *or* a steering committee of non-Board members, could be created to:

- ***Prior to each Board meeting*** – receive updates on info generated through technical analyses and Advisory Group deliberations
- ***Between each Board meeting*** – be available to provide guidance to staff for policy and technical work to resolve issues regarding the process or elevate to Board

Proposed Workshops

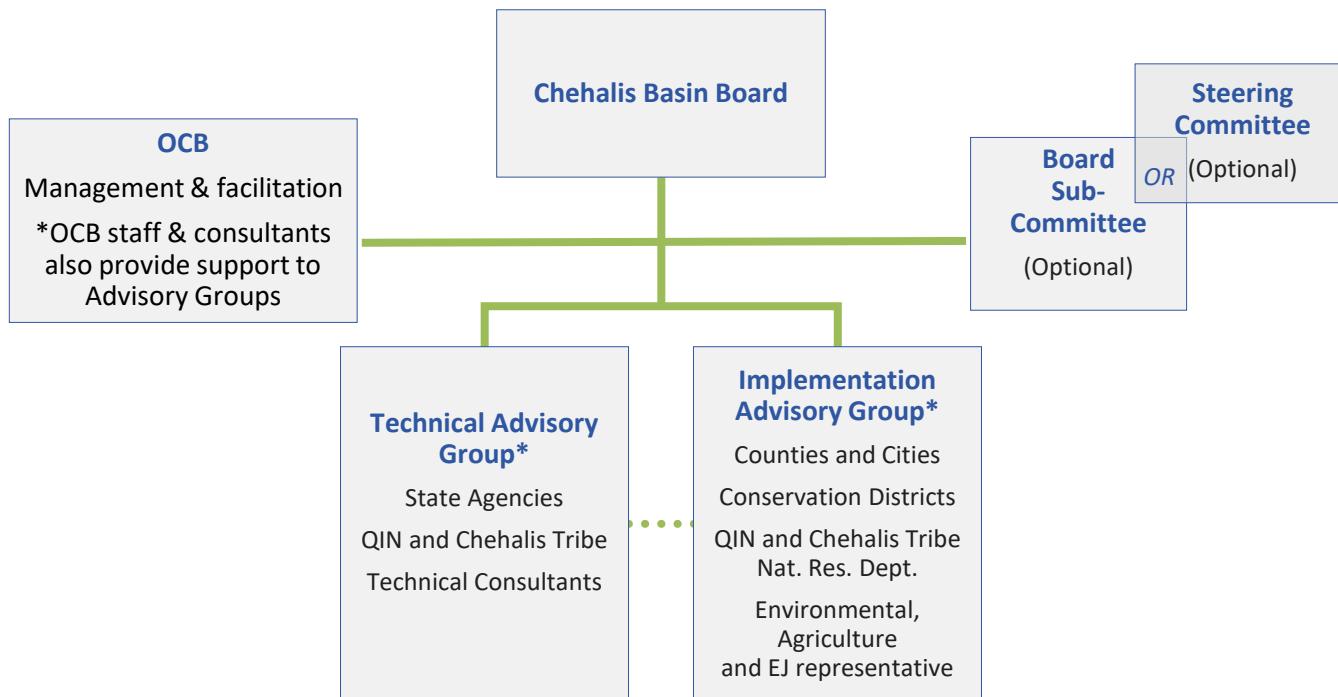
Provide opportunities for interested parties (Board, local jurisdictions, communities, etc.) to learn about Advisory Group findings, engage and provide input at key milestones

- **Oct – Nov 2020** – give input on the actions and analyses that will be considered for development of a Local Actions Program
- **Nov 2020 – Jan 2021** – review initial conclusions of technical analyses and perspectives on implementation feasibility
- **Feb – Mar 2021** – consider conclusions of technical analyses and implementation feasibility, and potential options for the long-term strategy for Board consideration

OCB Staff Roles

1. Provide direction and oversight for technical analyses necessary for Board's (*and Board Sub-Committee if created*) approved process and outcomes
2. Facilitate Implementation and Technical Advisory group meetings
3. Elevate consequential differences of technical and policy perspectives to the Board for their resolution
4. Summarize technical and policy analyses and provide options for Board consideration
5. Organize, facilitate, and summarize results from workshops

Proposed Organizational Structure



Breakout Session Questions

- What are your perspectives on having a steering committee of Board members or non-board members to guide the work and resolve differences of opinion of advisory group(s)?
- Do you think the proposed organizational structure can adequately evaluate technical information and achieve community engagement necessary for what the Board needs to make decisions?