

CHEHALIS BASIN BOARD SUMMARIZED MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS

Date: September 15, 2020
Time: 8:00 am to 10:00 am
Location: Zoom online meeting

ITEM	FORMAL ACTION	FOLLOW-UP ACTION
1. Consent September 15 Agenda; approval of amended August 6, 2020 meeting summary and September 3 meeting summary	Decision: Current agenda approved; amended August 6 meeting summary approved; September 3 meeting summary approved.	No follow-up action.
2. Revised Draft Local Actions Program Outcomes	Decision: Board approved by consensus the outcomes to guide development of a Local Actions Program pending the updates identified during the Board meeting discussion.	OCB staff will revise the set of Local Actions Program outcomes to be reflective of the Board meeting discussion.
3. Next Steps for Responding to Governor's Letter	Direction/Decision	OCB staff will begin reaching out to potential advisory group members to gauge capacity and availability.
4. 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
- Glen Connelly, 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
- Josh Giuntoli, Conservation Commission
- Michael Garrity, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Stephen Bernath, Department of Natural Resources

Board Staff/Board Guests Present:

- See Attachment A

Welcome, Introductions

Chair Vickie Raines called the meeting to order 8:04 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 [September 15, 2020 Meeting Agenda](#).

BOARD DECISION: Agenda approved by consensus.

Approval of Amended August 6, 2020 Meeting Summary

The Board did not have additions or revisions to the amended [August 6, 2020 Meeting Summary](#).

BOARD DECISION: August 6, 2020 meeting summary approved by consensus.

Approval of September 3, 2020 Meeting Summary

The Board did not have additions or revisions to the [September 3, 2020 Meeting Summary](#).

BOARD DECISION: September 3, 2020 meeting summary approved by consensus.

Revised Draft Local Actions Program Outcomes

OCB Director McNamara Doyle reviewed revised draft Local Actions Program outcomes based on Board member feedback at the September 3 meeting. OCB staff adjusted the timeframe for the Local Actions Program to a 30-year planning horizon, recognizing different actions may take longer or shorter timeframes to implement. When considering outcomes and actions to include in the program, OCB staff will focus on 100-year flood conditions that are predicted for 2080 and require any projects funded to be designed, implemented, and mitigated to avoid making flood damage worse in other areas.

OCB Director McNamara Doyle highlighted the revisions to five of the eight measurable flood damage reduction outcomes previously discussed to guide development of a Local Actions Program. These revisions include:

- #1) Valuable structures protected from mainstem, catastrophic flooding
 - Program will focus on late century, catastrophic flooding that would affect a certain percentage of structures in each county that could be flooded by the 2080 predicted 100-year flood levels.
- #3) Lower basin properties & businesses protected from coastal storm surges
 - Construction and certification of the North Shore Levee West Segment
 - Obtain a letter of map revision removing at least 2,000 properties and 360 businesses from the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area designation.

- #4) Farmland and rural structures protected
 - Protective measures prevent flood damage from increasing above the damage to commercial agricultural operations that occurred in the 1990 flood.
- #5) Critical facilities protected
 - Refocus efforts to not include major floor events, focusing only on predicted 100-year flood levels.
- #6) Transportation routes protected
 - The overtopping and closure of I-5 and the BNSF rail mainline.
 - Closure of State Highways 6 and 12 due to flooding would be reduced to the greatest extent possible.

Key comments and discussion topics included:

- Board members discussed refining outcome #6 to state that the effect of flooding on commerce and other critical transportation be minimized through reduced overtopping or closure of I-5 or use of alternative routes.
- Board members expressed interest in completing a cost-benefit analysis of the suite of actions identified for the Local Actions Program.
- Board members were reminded that technical experts will help advise the Board on considerations for quantitative measurable outcomes, to ensure the Board can make informed decisions.
- Board members were interested in adding a context statement reflecting that outcomes should be developed in a way that allows people to compare future flood conditions the Board is planning for (100-year in 2080) to historical floods people have experienced in the Basin.

Below is a link to the Local Actions Program outcome materials:

- [REVISED Draft Local Actions Program Outcomes Memo](#)

FOLLOW-UP ACTION: OCB staff will revise the set of outcomes to be reflective of the discussion comments above.

BOARD DECISION: Board approved by consensus the outcomes to guide development of a Local Actions Program pending the updates identified during the discussion.

Process and Timeline for Responding to Governor’s Letter

OCB Director McNamara Doyle presented a draft process and timeline for responding to Governor Inslee’s letter on development of the long-term strategy, including a work plan/schedule for September 2020 – March 2021 which the Board will need to approve by the end of September. To achieve key Board milestones and process details, OCB proposed an organizational structure that included a Technical Advisory Group and Implementation Advisory Group, and public workshops to provide opportunities for interested parties (Board, local jurisdictions, communities, etc.) to learn about Advisory Group findings, engage and provide input at key milestones.

Key comments and discussion topics included:

- Board members raised concerns about the level of effort and capacity needed across OCB, state agency, local government, and consultant staff to implement the work proposed from Sep 2020 – Mar 2021, while recognizing that an aggressive schedule and timeline is needed to be responsive to the Governor’s letter.
- Board members were supportive of forming the two proposed advisory groups and urged OCB staff to begin reaching out to potential group members to gauge capacity and availability.

Below is a link to the process and timeline PPT for responding to the Governor’s letter:

- [Response to Gov Letter Presentation](#)

FOLLOW-UP ACTION: OCB staff will begin reaching out to potential advisory group members to gauge capacity and availability.

Next Steps and Closing

The next Board meeting is a special online meeting scheduled for September 30, 2020, followed by a regularly scheduled online Board meeting scheduled for October 1, 2020.

Attachment A

Board Staff/Board Guests:

- Andrea McNamara Doyle, Washington Department of Ecology, Director, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Brian Stewart, Conservation Northwest
- Chrissy Bailey, Washington Department of Ecology, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Cindy Bradley, Washington Department of Ecology, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Cindy Hansen, Orca Network
- Colonel Ron Averill, City of Centralia
- Cynthia Carlstad
- Dave Bingaman, Quinault Indian Nation, ASRP Steering Committee
- Dianne Butorac
- Dr. John Henrickson, OneVoice
- Erik Martin, Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District
- Heather Page, Anchor QEA
- Hope Rieden, Chehalis Tribe
- Izabella Zucker, Pyramid Communications
- Jennifer Hennessey, Governor's Office
- Jim Kramer, Kramer Consulting (Facilitator)
- Jon Ladd, DeVaul Publishing
- Ken Ghalambor, Ross Strategic
- Kris Koski, City of Aberdeen
- Larry Karpack, Watershed Science & Engineering
- Lee First, Twin Harbors Waterkeeper
- Scott Boettcher, Staff to Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Shelby Thomas, Ross Strategic
- Tammy Domike
- William Thoms