

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 29, 2021
To: Chehalis Basin Board
From: Andrea McNamara Doyle, Office of Chehalis Basin Director
Re: Revised Chehalis Basin Strategy 2021-23 Capital Budget Spending Plan Proposal

Below is the Chair's draft proposal for the Board's consideration and possible approval of a 2021-2023 budget and spending plan for the Chehalis Basin Strategy. The table includes proposed budget allocations for the ASRP, Flood Damage Reduction, Integrated, and Administrative/Operations elements of the budget. Noted below the table are several proposed conditions related to the spending plan.

Table 1. Revised 2021-2023 Budget Proposal for Discussion on July 1, 2021 ¹

| WORK ELEMENT | JUNE 3 PROPOSAL | JULY 1 CHAIR'S DRAFT |
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| Aquatic Species Habitat Restoration (TOTAL) | \$31,150,000 | \$31,150,000 ² |
| ASRP New Projects | \$20,650,000 | \$20,650,000 |
| ASRP Implementation Support | \$6,200,000 | \$6,200,000 |
| ASRP Program Oversight, Management, & Participation | \$4,200,000 | \$4,200,000 |
| All-H and Predation Integration | \$100,000 | \$100,000 |
| Flood Damage Reduction (TOTAL) | \$31,150,000 | \$31,150,000 |
| Local Actions Alternative & Comprehensive Basin-Wide Flood Damage Reduction Road Map | \$1,000,000 | \$2,500,000 ³ |
| Local Structural Flood Protection & Floodplain Mapping/Modeling | \$1,500,000 | |
| Flood Retention Facility & Airport Levee | \$20,100,000 | \$9,600,000 ⁴ |
| <i>Flood Damage Reduction Unobligated Reserve</i> | <i>N/A</i> | <i>\$10,500,000 ⁵</i> |
| Aberdeen-Hoquiam North Shore Levee West Segment | \$4,000,000 | \$4,000,000 |
| Flood Authority Projects | \$4,050,000 | \$4,050,000 ⁶ |
| Community Flood Assistance & Resilience (CFAR) | \$500,000 | \$500,000 |
| Integrated (TOTAL) | \$3,800,000 | \$3,800,000 ⁷ |
| Skookumchuck Dam Analysis | \$450,000 | \$450,000 |
| Erosion Management | \$320,000 | \$320,000 |
| Floodplain Acquisition Program & Land Use | \$600,000 | \$600,000 |
| Community Outreach/ Engagement | \$300,000 | \$300,000 |
| State, Tribal, and Local Agency Program Participation | \$2,130,000 | \$2,130,000 |
| Core OCB/Board Operations and Staffing (TOTAL) | \$3,900,000 | \$3,900,000 |
| TOTAL | \$70,000,000 | \$70,000,000 |

Proposed conditions for spending plan:

1. The Board will conduct check-in(s) during 2022 to assess spending and progress to date on all Chehalis Basin Strategy 2021-23 activities:
 - To compare actual spending against projections
 - To evaluate progress on near-term work plans and deliverables
 - To authorize new work/specific projects not included in current plan
 - To make other modifications to the spending plan
2. \$10.5M is reserved as unobligated until 2022 Board check-in(s). ASRP Steering Committee would be asked to make recommendations to the Board for how to adjust & prioritize specific projects within the total \$31.15M level, including any adjustments necessary due to the reservation of \$10.5M.
3. The \$2.5M will be prioritized for (1) Creating a structure for flood damage reduction that is similar to the ASRP structure, and developing a comprehensive basinwide flood damage reduction road map, (2) Supporting a group to use the best currently available information to develop, no later than June 2022, a recommended proposal for a Local Actions Alternative for a basin-wide suite of actions for flood damage reduction that does not include the flood retention facility/airport levee project, and (3) Providing for an independent evaluation of the Local Actions Alternative. Further Board decisions will be needed to finalize a governance structure, cost estimates, and deliverables.
4. The revised \$9.6M total for the FRE/Airport Levee would not fund any work identified by the FCZD in their June 21 memo that could occur after completion of the FEISs. The \$9.6M total would fund:
 - Agencies (Ecology & their consultants, USACE & their consultants, WDFW, DNR) to complete the final SEPA & NEPA EISs;
 - FCZD, and their consultants, to develop information for submission as part of FEISs;
 - FCZD & their consultants to implement a hyporheic exchange enhancement demonstration project and wetlands mitigation feasibility demonstration concurrently with the preparation of the FEISs;
 - QIN & Chehalis Tribe and their respective consultants to engage with the agencies and the FCZD on the FEISs & mitigation work described above.
5. \$2M would be reserved as contingency for the FRE/Airport Levee budget line item, to be obligated by the OCB Director only for unforeseen costs associated with completing the final SEPA & NEPA EISs. The Board will allocate the remaining unobligated reserve based on their 2022 check-in(s).
6. *From June 3:* The Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority would be asked to make recommendations to the Board for how to adjust & prioritize specific projects within the \$4.05M funding allocation.
7. *From June 3:* Funding for Integrated projects and programs would come equally from flood damage reduction and aquatic species restoration allocations.