

RESOLUTION 2652

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING
ALTERNATIVE 1 AS OUTLINED IN THE CHEHALIS BASIN STRATEGY
PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Chehalis Basin, the second largest watershed in Washington State, suffers from the dual problems of catastrophic flooding and significant degradation of aquatic species; and

WHEREAS, climate change projections forecast drier, hotter summers and more intense winter storms with disastrous consequences for the basin's fishery and for the families and communities across the basin and for the State's transportation system from a 60 percent increase in the level of extreme floods in the coming decades; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Ecology has prepared a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that evaluates a combination of actions to reduce flood damage and restore aquatic species habitat; and

WHEREAS, "no action" is totally unacceptable for aquatic species, for basin residents and for the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Chehalis Basin Work Group has been tasked by the Governor to make recommendations for a long-term strategy to reduce flood damage and restore aquatic species habitat; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 1 in the EIS provides significant reductions in flood damage from the combination of a dam, flood proofing structures, improvements to land use management and local projects; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 1 will include a range of habitat restoration actions that will significantly increase salmon populations as well as improve or maintain populations of other native aquatic species; and

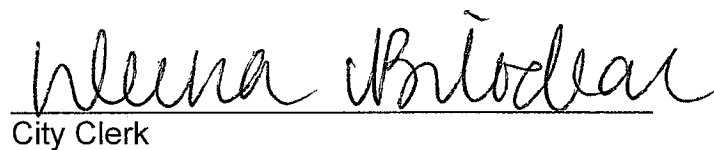
WHEREAS, the Chehalis Basin Flood Authority comprised of appointed representatives from the following basin cities and counties: Aberdeen, Cosmopolis, Oakville, Montesano, Grays Harbor, Bucoda, Thurston County, Centralia, Chehalis, Napavine, Pe Ell and Lewis County, voted unanimously to recommend Alternative 1;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Centralia hereby recommends to the Governor's Chehalis Basin Work Group and State Department of Ecology, that Alternative 1 should be implemented as the long-term strategy for reducing flood damage and restoration aquatic species habitat in the Chehalis Basin. In addition, the next state biennium (2017-19 Budget) should include significant funding to advance the immediate and long-term actions outlined in Alternative 1.

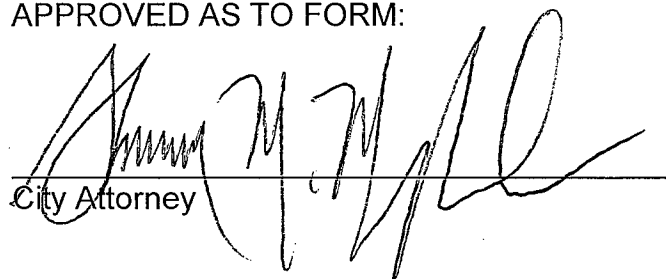
ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Centralia Washington and executed by its Mayor at a regularly scheduled meeting this 8th day of November, 2016.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney