

RESOLUTION 184

RESOLUTION REGARDING SUPPORT OF WATER RETENTION AS A PRIMARY FLOOD PREVENTION MEASURE FOR THE CHEHALIS RIVER.

WHEREAS, flooding has been a persistent problem in the Chehalis River Basin causing extensive and repeated loss in both public and private property.

WHEREAS, there have been numerous studies conducted in Lewis County recommending various solutions to flooding by providing flood mitigation, and

WHEREAS, after the 1996 flood a series of studies eventually culminated in the Chehalis River Flood Reduction project (AKA Twin Cities levees) which was proposed as a US Army Corps of Engineer Project to put in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) in 2003, and subsequently authorized in the 2007 WRDA bill, and

WHEREAS, the 2007 and 2009 floods demonstrated that a basin wide solution needs to be pursued to resolve flooding in the entire watershed and not just in the Centralia-Chehalis corridor; and, the 2007 and 2009 floods contributed extensive damage in the upper basin (Pe Ell through Adna), Bucoda, Grand Mound, Independence Valley, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, and on into Grays Harbor to the mouth of the Chehalis River, and

WHEREAS, water retention, and not levees alone, shows the greatest promise of contributing to a basin wide solution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

- Pe Ell supports funding and completion of Phase 11B, and such other phases that may be required, of the Lewis County Public Utility District #1 Water Retention Study;
- Pe Ell supports completion of the Governor's proposed Coordinated Study to show how water retention and levees may complement each other;
- Pe Ell supports the reauthorization of a significantly different US Army Corps of Engineers Twin City Project, with retention as the primary element that includes levees as secondary; and
- Pe Ell supports the formation of a Basin Wide Flood Control or Flood Control Zone District for the Chehalis River Basin.

DONE IN A REGULAR OPEN MEETING this 6th day of April, 2010.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CLERK/TREASURER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

SCOTT BLINKS, TOWN ATTORNEY