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TO: Flood Authority Members

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SUBJECT: Transition of Local Projects to OCB

The following will be discussed at Thursday's Flood Authority meeting. Please feel free to contact Katrina (206/801-2812, katrina.sukola@icf.com) with questions.

Updates

Office of Chehalis Basin Reorganization

To accommodate growing staff, the Office of Chehalis Basin (OCB) has reorganized and created two distinct units within the office, a "Planner" unit and a "Grants & Contracts" unit. This is primarily an internal structural shift. Over time there may be some changes with which particular OCB staff work with particular local project sponsors, especially as OCB fully transitions grants and contracts away from RCO to Ecology and as OCB works out responsibilities between the two new units. OCB doesn't anticipate any additional staffing changes for the foreseeable future. See OCB Organizational Chart on page 3.

RCO to OCB Transition:

OCB will be managing funding agreements at Ecology starting in 2025. The transition from RCO's PRISM to Ecology's EAGL system requires OCB Project Specialists to work with project sponsors to create new Ecology/OCB funding agreements. Sponsors and Ecology/OCB will sign the new funding agreement to activate the Project in EAGL. RCO funding agreements will remain active during the transition in order for project sponsors to bill for expenses prior to transferring the project to Ecology/OCB.

Projects that will be completed before 2025 will continue to be managed by RCO in PRISM. All new projects will be managed by Ecology/OCB.

The following spreadsheet summarizes current project funding balances and status.

Summary of Current Flood Authority Local Projects

Sponsor	RCO#	Project	Budget	End Date	Transition to OCB	Notes
Aberdeen	22-2301	Aberdeen Pump Stations	\$679,462	6/30/2025	Wave 1, April 1	Farragut Pump Equip & Const completed; Division Pump Design & Permit 20% complete
	22-1728	Design and Permitting of Farragut Pump Station	\$559,443	6/30/2025	No	Completing final design and securing permits
	23-1219	Fry Creek Phase 3 Design	\$129,113	6/30/2025	Wave 1, April 1	Identifying next steps & funding requirements. Completion anticipated by 6/30/2026.
Hoquiam	22-2277	Joint Surface Water Management Comp Plan	\$511,019	9/30/2025	Wave 1, April 1	Anticipate Hoquiam comp plan completed by Dec 2025; Expect to complete Aberdeen and Cosmopolis portions later and get fully closed out by Aug 2026.
	22-2278	Hoquiam Pump Stations	\$4,418,794	9/30/2025	No	On track for September completion
Lewis County	23-1297	Lewis County Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority	\$286,104	6/30/2025	-	Will have a new biennial IAA Contract for administration and other work. There is also a new grant funding agreement for flood gages.
Montesano	23-1482	Montesano Water Supply Resiliency	\$350,000	6/30/2025	No	Waiting for standby generator delivery; most radio-controlled equipment procured
Chehalis	23-1221	Chehalis Flooding Strategy and Investment Plan	\$341,840	6/30/2025	Wave 2, July 1	Expanded scope and funds Approved at March CBB meeting
	23-1481	Derelict WWTP Demolition and Removal	\$100,000	6/30/2025	Wave 1, April 1	Tribal consultation process started
Port of Chehalis	18-2614	Berwick Creek Flood Reduction and Restoration	\$493,172	6/30/2025	Wave 1, April 1	Moving remaining funds (\$159,447) for monitoring

OCB Organizational Chart

