



June 14, 2017

TO: Flood Authority Members

FROM: Scott Boettcher, Staff

SUBJECT: Terms for Chehalis Basin Board Members Appointed by Flood Authority.

The purpose of this memo is to provide Flood Authority members with a recommendation on initial terms for Flood Authority appointed members to the Office of Chehalis Basin Board. We will discuss this recommendation at Thursday's 6-15-2017 Flood Authority call. Please feel free to call or email if you have questions (i.e., 360/480-6600, scottb@sbgh-partners.com).

Background

1. At the April 20, 2017 Flood Authority meeting, Vickie Raines (Flood Authority Chair, and Grays Harbor Commissioner), Edna Fund (Flood Authority Vice-Chair, and Lewis County Commissioner) and Jay Gordon (lower Chehalis Basin farmer, and Washington Dairy Federation Executive Director) were appointed as the three Flood Authority representatives to the new seven-member Office of Chehalis Basin Board.
2. Board member terms will start July 1, 2017 and be staggered (i.e., some member terms will be four years, some three years, and some two years). See Office of Chehalis Basin statute here <http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=43.21A.731> stating: "*The voting members of the board must be appointed for terms of four years, except that two members initially must be appointed for terms of two years and three members must initially be appointed for terms of three years*" [section (2)(a)].
3. To start the staggered schedule, two of the Flood Authority appointees to the Board are to serve initial three-years terms and one is to serve an initial two-year term.
4. A decision regarding which two Flood Authority appointees to the Board are to serve initial three-year terms and which one Flood Authority appointee to the Board is to serve an initial two-year term needs to be made by the Flood Authority at their June 15, 2017 meeting.

Recommendation

Flood Authority staff discussed ideas and a clear rationale for assigning the initial staggered terms with the new Flood Authority appointees to the OCB Board (i.e., Vickie, Edna, and Jay). From those conversations, the following emerged as a preferred recommendation to the Flood Authority:

- Vickie Raines serve an initial three-year term starting July 1, 2017.
- Edna Fund serve an initial three-year term starting July 1, 2017.
- Jay Gordon serve an initial two-year term starting July 1, 2017.

The rationale behind the staff recommendation is that the two elected County Commissioners serve the two initial three-year terms and the one non-elected representative serve the one initial two-year term.

Does the Flood Authority approve this recommendation (as is, or with modification)?