



July 16, 2024

TO: Flood Authority Members

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SUBJECT: Legislative Site Visit and OCB Community Outreach

The following will be discussed at the July 18, 2024 Flood Authority meeting. Contact Erika (425/260-6640, erika.britney@icf.com) or Katrina (206/801-2812, katrina.sukola@icf.com) with questions.

Legislative Field Trip

OCB is planning a legislative field trip to the Skookumchuck area for September 2024. The field trip is to:

- Provide an opportunity for legislators/legislative staff to learn more about how the state's investment in the Chehalis Basin Strategy is being leveraged for flood damage reduction and aquatic species restoration projects across the basin.
- Create a venue for dialogue and discussion between legislators/legislative staff, Chehalis Basin Board members, Office of Chehalis Basin staff, and basin partners (e.g., Flood Authority).
- Highlight the collaborative work across organizations to implement habitat restoration and flood damage reduction in the basin.

Draft itinerary includes the following steps:

- [Centralia home elevation project](#): City of Centralia's home elevations as well as CFAR's home elevation efforts across the basin.
- [Skookumchuck Dam](#): Skookumchuck Dam analyses, 2024 Flood Warning System upgrade ([new Skookumchuck Reservoir gage](#)), and the facility's fry trap.
- [Riverbend Ranch](#): ASRP project description and discussion of habitat restoration partners, funding sources, and programs.
- [China Creek Flood Damage Reduction project](#): Phase 1 and 2 accomplishments and proposed Phase 3 flood reduction project.

DRAFT Talking points developed for the Field Trip can be found [here](#):

OCB Community Outreach Activities

- See the OCB 2024 Mid-Year Communications Update [here](#):
- Information booths planned at high-visibility community events this summer
- New Web content:
 - Spanish Language Resource Library: <https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/recursos/>
 - Renters' Resource Booklet and Webpage: <https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/renters-resources/>
 - "In the News" page on the OCB website here: <https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/in-the-news/>
- An updated list of published and planned local project success stories is as follows:

Date	Project	County	Status
8/04/2023	Chehalis Airport Pump	Lewis	Published
8/25/2023	Montesano WWTP	Grays Harbor	Published
9/15/2023	Hoquiam Ramer Street Pump	Grays Harbor	Published
12/1/2023	Chehalis Basin Flood Warning System	Basin-wide	Published
2/7/2024	Chehalis Basin Farm Pads	Basin-wide	Published
5/24/2024	Cosmopolis Mill Creek Dam	Grays Harbor	Published
TBD	Bucoda Wellhead Protection	Thurston	Next #1
TBD	Pe Ell WWTP	Lewis	Next #2
TBD	Centralia China Creek	Lewis	
TBD	Elma WWTP Outfall Stabilization	Grays Harbor	
TBD	Lower Satsop Riverbank Erosion	Grays Harbor	
TBD	Oakville State Street Culverts	Grays Harbor	
TBD	Adna Levee Project	Lewis	
TBD	Boistfort Valley Water	Lewis	
TBD	Bucoda Foundation Flood Openings	Thurston	
TBD	Thurston County Home Elevations	Thurston	
TBD	Fry Creek Construction Update	Grays Harbor	