



July 16, 2024

TO: Flood Authority Members

FROM: Erika Britney and Scott Boettcher, Staff

SUBJECT: 2024 Flood Authority Outreach Visits to Member Councils and Commissions

The following will be discussed at the July 18, 2024 Flood Authority meeting. Contact Erika (425/260-6640, erika.britney@icf.com) or Scott (360/480-6600, scottb@sbgh-partners.com) with questions.

Council and Commission Outreach - Background

Following the November 2023 elections, there were multiple changes to city and town councils and county commissions within the basin. Outreach visits would provide important context and updates to councils and commissions to:

- Ensure new members are familiar with the important work of the Flood Authority and how we serve basin communities.
- Clarify the roles of various entities involved in the Chehalis Basin Long Term Strategy.

In addition, with Edna Fund's new appointment as Chair of the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) Advisory Committee, this will be a great opportunity to share information on how the Flood Authority and the FCZD can work together on flood mitigation issues.

The last round of outreach visits to councils and commissions was conducted in 2022 (see [here](#)).

Proposed Plan

1. Review draft presentation at the September 19, 2024 Flood Authority meeting.
2. Schedule presentations at council and commission meetings for late-September 2024 through November 2024.
3. Participants at each meeting would include Flood Authority representative from host city/county, Edna Fund, and one Flood Authority staff member.

Discussion: Key Messages

1. Biennial state budgeting process and the role the Flood Authority plays in identifying and securing funding for flood reduction and readiness projects.
2. Role the Flood Authority and FCZD play in developing the Chehalis River Basin Long Term Strategy.
3. Preparing for the 2024-2025 flood season and Flood Warning System sign-up drive.
4. Other?