



June 14, 2017

TO: Flood Authority Members
FROM: Scott Boettcher, Staff
SUBJECT: Local Projects Update

The purpose of this memo is to provide Flood Authority members with a quick update on a few local projects items to cover during tomorrow'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).

A. Invoicing and RCO Time Extensions/Reappropriations

1. Project sponsors have done a good job this past month submitting invoices. It is anticipated that this will continue for June too.
2. RCO has been actively working with project sponsors to amend and extend funding agreements where necessary. This was previously discussed at last month's Flood Authority meeting.

B. Projects Committee Role (2017-19) and 2017-19 "List"

1. Project Committee met 5/25/2017 in anticipation of the upcoming 2017-19 biennium. Two key topics the Committee discussed were: What will the Committee's role be in 2017-19 in light of the new Office of Chehalis Basin; and What is the status of the 2017-19 local projects list (see Priority #1 Local Flood Hazard Reduction Projects here https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1492/images/2017-19%20Proposed%20Projects%2011-22-2016.pdf). These two topics are discussed further.
2. ***What will the Committee's role be in 2017-19 in light of the new Office of Chehalis Basin?*** To a certain extent the Committee sees its role as not substantially changed for the 2017-19 biennium. The Committee sees that it will still serve as the initial point to solicit for, vet, and recommend local project as it has done previously. What will be different (new) will be greater coordination with the Department of Ecology and the new OCB and OCB Board (which are not fully defined yet nor operational). On this point, the Committee sees itself as remaining flexible and adaptable in its role in relationship to the OCB. The Committee also sees that it will continue to play an active role in tracking, monitoring, adjusting and trouble-shooting of projects as it has done for previous biennia. In short, the Committee sees its roles and

activities being performed much as it has done in the past but with a greater emphasis on ensuring close and additional coordination with Ecology, the OCB, and the OCB Board.

Next steps are to vet this understanding with Ecology and the OCB (and OCB Board) to ensure there is a common understanding of roles and responsibilities, e.g., project solicitation, project scoping/identification, budget development, project tracking/monitoring, project adjustment, project trouble-shooting, etc.

3. **What is the status of the 2017-19 local projects list?** Committee discussed “the list” as still being the priority for 2017-19. The Committee also recognizes that the context for a project may have changed since when the list was originally developed last fall (e.g., Montesano WWTP). As such, the Committee anticipates an active role in scoping projects for 2017-19, allocating resources, and doing so in close coordination with RCO and the OCB. As always, the Committee looks to see how resources can best be utilized throughout the Basin and shared among projects when necessary to accomplish greater flood hazard reduction.

C. Local Projects Funding Adjustments – Recommendations

1. At the May 18, 2017 Flood Authority meeting, the Flood Authority authorized moving forward with use of unspent 2015-17 local project funds through sharing of unspent individual project funds with projects needing new or additional funds. See Part B here – [https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1492/images/Staff%20memo%20--%20Local%20Projects%20--%20%205172017\(2\).pdf](https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1492/images/Staff%20memo%20--%20Local%20Projects%20--%20%205172017(2).pdf).
2. Two of those projects require further attention from the Flood Authority – (a) Replace radio transmitters with Ver 2.0 radio transmitters, and (b) Lewis County -- Airport Road Structure Demolition. The projects and needs from the Flood Authority are further described.

(a) Replace radio transmitters with Ver 2.0 radio transmitters:

- At the May 18, 2017 Flood Authority meeting, staff was directed to continue to work with OFM and State Capital Budget decision-makers regarding use of unspent 2015-17 State Capital Budget dollars to upgrade Version 1 radio transmitters with Version 2.0 radio transmitters for Flood Authority funded gages. See [https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1492/images/Staff%20memo%20--%20Gages%20Upgrade%20%20Decision%20--%20%205172017\(2\).pdf](https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1492/images/Staff%20memo%20--%20Gages%20Upgrade%20%20Decision%20--%20%205172017(2).pdf).
- It has been determined that the upgrade from Version 1.0 to Version 2.0 is an eligible expenditure.
- **Recommendation** -- Flood Authority re-affirm May 18, 2017 authorization that:
 - Flood Authority authorize Flood Authority staff to work with Lewis County and RCO to first prepare and execute, when necessary, a \$22,244.53 cost increase to Lewis County’s overall Flood Authority budget for purposes of purchasing Version 2.0 transmitter upgrades.

- Flood Authority authorize Flood Authority staff to work with Lewis County to second prepare and execute, when necessary, a \$22,244.53 cost increase with WEST Consultants to make the above described purchase.

(b) Lewis County -- Airport Road Structure Demolition:

- Flood Authority has approved funding for Lewis County to undertake a project to demolish an abandoned building on Airport Road (i.e., the old meat packing facility) that is in the floodway at a cost of \$98,811. See <https://secure.rco.wa.gov/prism/search/ProjectSnapshot.aspx?ProjectNumber=17-1164>.
- Costs have increased for the project due to more than anticipated abatement (asbestos) and more than anticipated waste storage tank volumes. [Note: Lewis County came into possession of the abandoned structure without baseline information on the structure, its contents, and the surrounding property.]
- **Recommendation** – Lewis county anticipates a need for up to \$130,000 (maximum) to properly abate, demolish and manage solid and liquid wastes for the demolition project. Staff recommends staff determine if \$31,189 (\$130,000 - \$98,811) in unspent funds might be available from any projects that could be used for the demolition project and, if such funds can be found, then:
 - Flood Authority authorize Flood Authority staff to work with Lewis County and RCO to first prepare and execute an amendment for \$31,189 to increase the overall project budget.
 - Flood Authority authorize Lewis County to second prepare and execute, as necessary, a cost increase with Lewis County's contractors to complete the project.