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Boistfort Valley Water Project Complete

Lewis County Conservation District completes another important Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority Project under budget.

The Boistfort Valley Water Association was one of many casualties as a result of the December 2007 flood. The water association was not able to fully serve its 800+ homes, three public schools, and seven dairies for many months due to excess sedimentation and water contamination.

Today the situation is much better. Thanks to a "local projects" grant from the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, the water association like many other communities across the Basin helped by Flood Authority grants is much more flood-ready and flood resilient.

The Lewis County Conservation District lead the water association's \$330,000 project to construct a pre-sedimentation pond to ensure water association subscribers continue to enjoy clean, potable water in the event of another catastrophic flood like the 2007 flood event. A pre-sedimentation pond enables dirty, silty water to settle out before entering the water treatment plant.

According to Derek Zock, General Manager for Boistfort Valley Water, regarding the new water project, "internal adjustments had to be made in the water treatment plant because water entering the plant from the new pond was substantially cleaner than ever before." Zock further added "this really prolongs the life of our filters, helps our rate payers, and ensures we'll be able to deliver clean water after an event like 2007."

Not only was the project a success, but Lewis County Conservation District's Bob Amrine (who oversaw the project) brought the project in substantially under budget, enabling the Flood Authority to direct those savings to other communities in the Basin.

Said Commissioner Fund, "compliments and kudos to Bob Amrine for stepping in to get this project going, seeing it through to successful completion, and saving taxpayers nearly \$25,000!"

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*Boistfort Valley Water Pre-Sedimentation Pond, 2018
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