

DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

Office of Chehalis Basin Local Flood Proofing in the Chehalis Basin 2017-19 Workplan Elements

Following document is intended to outline for discussion purposes with Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority members key elements to be considered as part of the Office of Chehalis Basin's 2017-19 workplan on local floodproofing.

Scope

1. **Fund retrofit pilot projects:** Approach to 2017-19 pilot project investments:
 - 2017-19 Chehalis budget still in flux. Anticipate ~\$1 M for local floodproofing. May not be certain until 6/30/2017.
 - Recommendation: Fund priority retrofit projects as identified in Centralia and Thurston County floodplain management strategies. This recognizes/validates prior local planning work done by these two jurisdictions.
 - Support other local governments in developing community-specific floodplain management strategies. Include identifying priorities for retrofit and priority areas for habitat/flood storage, in light of local policies and plans.

Flood Authority actions: Proposed project list for retrofit projects by end of first quarter (10/01/2017).

2. **Build the foundation for a future large-scale investment program:** During 2017-19, prepare for future higher levels of investment in local floodproofing:
 - ***Inventory of flood-prone buildings:*** Conduct comprehensive basin-wide inventory of flood-prone buildings to support a systematic retrofit investment program in future biennia.
 - ***Procedures and forms:*** Design for efficient management of a future higher investments.
 - ***Participation requirements for State investment program:*** Develop participation requirements and implementation schedule for local governments to qualify for state-funded retrofit program.
 - ***Cost-sharing methods:*** Identify the most feasible methods to extend the purchasing power of State funding through participation by property owners, local governments, and the Federal government. This could include cost-sharing, cost-recovery, in-kind contribution, etc.

Flood Authority actions: Provide recommendations to new Chehalis Board on issues affecting local governments. Cost-sharing is topic of particular interest to Legislators. Provide Flood Authority perspective.

3. **Continue outreach and technical assistance:** Continued assistance to local governments in strengthening their floodplain management programs and improving their class under the NFIP Community Rating System. Joint effort of new Office of Chehalis Basin position and French & Associates (transition biennium).

Flood Authority actions: Monitoring, sounding-board, trouble-shooting, etc.

4. **Chehalis Basin Strategy recommendation from Work Group:** This is anticipated to include floodplain management elements, intended to protect future State investments in the basin. Staff will ensure there is opportunity for Flood Authority to provide input.

Flood Authority actions: Monitoring, vetting.