



January 14, 2025

TO: Flood Authority Members

FROM: Katrina Sukola, Staff

SUBJECT: Transition of Local Projects to OCB

The following will be discussed at Thursday's Flood Authority meeting. Please feel free to contact Katrina (206/801-2812, katrina.sukola@icf.com) with questions.

Updates

RCO to OCB Transition:

The Office of Chehalis Basin (OCB) will be managing funding agreements at Ecology starting in 2025. Funding for most existing projects with OCB will be moving from RCO to Ecology, however, some projects that are ending before 2025 will continue to be managed by RCO in PRISM. All new projects will be managed by Ecology.

For active projects with end dates beyond 2025, OCB will be moving these over in a phased approach to best manage the billing needs of our sponsors. The timing of this phased approach will be based on the type of project being done and both the current status and future status of the project(s). Transitions will begin as early as February for some Flood Authority Local Flood projects.

Flood Authority staff (Katrina) will work with RCO, Sponsors, and OCB to help this process along for as smooth a transition as possible.

The following spreadsheet summarizes current project funding balances and status.



Summary of Current Local Flood Authority Projects

Sponsor	RCO #	Project	Budget	End Date	Transitioning to OCB	Notes
Aberdeen	22-2301	Aberdeen Pump Stations	\$679,462	6/30/2025	Yes	Farragut Pump Equip & Const completed; Division Pump Design & Permit 20% complete
	22-1728	Design and Permitting of Farragut Pump Station	\$559,443	6/30/2025	No	Completing final design
	23-1219	Fry Creek Phase 3 Design	\$129,113	6/30/2025	Yes	Identifying next steps & funding requirements
Hoquiam	22-2277	Joint Surface Water Management Comp Plan	\$511,019	9/30/2025	Yes	Change of sponsor Amendment completed
	22-2278	Hoquiam Pump Stations	\$4,418,794	9/30/2025	No	On track for September completion
Lewis County	23-1297	Lewis County Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority	\$286,104	6/30/2025	Yes	
Montesano	23-1482	Montesano Water Supply Resiliency	\$350,000	6/30/2025	No	Waiting for standby generator delivery; most radio controlled equipment procured
Chehalis	23-1221	Chehalis Flooding Strategy and Investment Plan	\$341,840	6/30/2025	Yes?	Outreach event March 6 ¹
	23-1481	Derelict WWTP Demolition and Removal	\$100,000	6/30/2025	Yes	Starting tribal consultation process
Port of Chehalis	18-2614	Berwick Creek Flood Reduction and Restoration	\$493,172	6/30/2025	Yes	Moving remaining funds (\$159,447) for monitoring

VR Lee Community Building at Recreation Park 221 SW 13th St Chehalis from 2:00-6:00pm