



March 21, 2024

TO: Flood Authority Members
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SUBJECT: Local Investment Planning Updates

The following will be discussed at the March 21, 2024 Flood Authority meeting. Please feel free to contact me (katrina.sukola@icf.com) with questions.

Updates

- 1. Joint Surface Water Management Comprehensive Plan:** Aberdeen, Cosmopolis, and Hoquiam are preparing a Joint Surface Water Comprehensive Plan that identifies and prioritizes capital improvement and maintenance activities for flooding, water quality, and storm water system maintenance. With departure of Darrin Raines from Cosmopolis, Flood Authority staff are actively working with Aberdeen, Hoquiam, RCO, and OCB to change sponsorship (to Hoquiam) and rescope available lower basin funds to complete this project in a timely manner.
- 2. Chehalis Localized Flood Strategy and Long-Range Investment Plan:** City of Chehalis is partnering with Port of Chehalis to create a flood strategy and investment plan. Process will engage the community and landowners, result in shared goals, an integrated vision, and timelines for implementable actions to address challenging flooding issues in and adjacent to the two jurisdictions. By connecting the two areas in a regional flood reduction effort, the potential for an actionable plan to realize reduction efforts is better realized. A consultant has been selected ([SLR Consulting](#)) with the project kick-off held 3-15-2024. Stakeholder engagement will occur Spring/Summer 2024. A presentation to the Flood Authority will be scheduled for Fall 2024.
- 3. Chehalis RM 13-20 Analysis and Investment Plan:** Project involves working with stakeholders and local community to develop an investment plan for improving the health and resilience of this reach of the Chehalis River. Project focuses on identifying multi-benefit projects that benefit aquatic species and protect surrounding communities, developing a reach-scale conceptual plan for the entire reach, and developing preliminary design plans for RM 15.5-17.5. A conceptual restoration plan will also become part of the Investment Plan. Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the assessment and data gathering for the project was completed in December 2023 and the Hydro-Geomorphic Assessment was completed in March 2024. Project is on track to be completed by 6/30/2025.
- 4. Satsop River Investment Plan:** Grays Harbor Conservation District is leading an effort to implement and update the Satsop River Investment Plan through a collaborative effort with public agencies and private landowners that advances shared goals and a prioritizes projects to reduce erosion risk while enhancing fish and wildlife habitat. Conservation District's effort aims to: protect public and private infrastructure and agricultural lands from bank erosion and improve floodplain connectivity by

spreading flood flows throughout the floodplain; reduce flood hazards and manage flood risk in the project area; and protect and maintain recreational opportunities. Project is on track to be completed by 6/30/2025.

Discussion and Action Items

New weather and reporting gages are proposed for Skookumchuck reservoir. A complement to new gages would be a Skookumchuck Investment plan to provide long-term planning along the river. Should Flood Authority staff work with Skookumchuck interests to scope out funding for a 2025-27 local project?