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TO: Flood Authority Members

FROM: Scott Boettcher, Staff

SUBJECT: Merge Planning Processes – City of Chehalis, Port of Chehalis

The following will be discussed at today's Flood Authority meeting. Please feel free to contact me with questions (360/480-6600, scottb@sbgh-partners.com).

Background

1. At the July 2022 Flood Authority meeting, members approved:
 - City of Chehalis' request to rescope their "Flood Storage and Habitat Enhancement Master Plan" project in favor of a larger comprehensive planning process to develop a longer-term roadmap for the area (see [here](#)).
 - Port of Chehalis' request to rescope their "Chehalis Industrial Park Flood Conveyance/Flood Evacuation" project in favor of a comprehensive "Regionalized Floodwater Management Approach" planning project (see [here](#)).
2. Both planning processes are forward looking roadmap projects, on similar time frames/schedules, similarly resourced (similar scopes, levels of effort), and connected to one another via Berwick and Dillenbaugh creeks and Newaukum river (Attachment A).
3. City of Chehalis and Port of Chehalis have discussed merging their planning, roadmap projects into a single planning project (with clear City element and clear Port element) in order to enjoy contracting efficiencies and other benefits (e.g., single planning process is easier for community members to track, outreach, communication is better coordinated, etc.).
4. City of Chehalis and Port of Chehalis are desirous of merging these planning processes into a single planning process lead by the City.

Discussion/Recommendation

Does the Flood Authority support merging these two planning processes?

Staff recommends merging these two planning processes for the reasons described.

Attachment A
Map of Planning Areas

