



TALKING POINTS

Date: July 7, 2022

Re: Gov. Inslee site tour of the Montesano Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

About the Project

- **Purpose of project** – Prevent further eastward migration of the Wynoochee River toward the WWTP. Doing so would:
 - Buy time and prolong WWTP operation and lifespan.
 - Prevent catastrophic failure of WWTP, and public health, environmental disaster.

Why it Matters

- **“It Worked!”** – Eastward migration of river toward WWTP has ceased. River is in fact moving away (westward)!
- **“Sigh of Relief”** – City, downstream communities can breathe sigh of relief knowing immediate environmental, public health threat has been averted and there is now more time to plan for future.
 - WWTP life extended ~15 to 30 years!
- **“Right Solution”** – This application of log jacks was the right solution for the problem.

Impact

- **“Thank you!”** – Thank you, Governor, Legislature, and Chehalis Basin partners!
 - River is moving away
 - Riverbank is growing
 - Habitat complexity has increased (more nooks/crannies for juvenile fish, river otters, vegetation, sediment deposition, etc.)

Continued Success

- City will monitor. Natural processes observed show the deep scour pool in front of WWTP is moving away, log jacks are accumulating wood, sediment, and rebuilding bank.