



Flood Authority Ongoing Efforts – January 13, 2010

Effort	Description	Status
General Investigation (GI)	Participate in an effort to study and develop projects for ecosystem restoration and flood reduction throughout the Chehalis basin.	Commissioner Willis has sent a letter to the Governor asking the State to be the sponsor of the GI.
Flood Plan	Revise the draft Flood Plan, share with the public, and move toward adoption/approval.	The Authority approved the Flood Plan on June 17 and sent a letter to member jurisdictions recommending they adopt the plan.
Flood Entity Formation	Move toward formation of a permanent governance and finance structure.	Pam Bissonnette and Bruce Mackey are meeting individually with each Flood Authority member to discuss flood entity formation. Formation will be the topic of the January 20 morning special meeting.
Public Involvement	Conduct outreach to Flood Authority stakeholders.	FCS Group held public meetings on flood district formation in Rochester on Oct. 14, Montesano on Oct. 18, and Centralia on Oct. 28. Summary reports on the meetings are available on the Flood Authority website.
Upstream Storage Phase 2B	Fund Lewis County PUD evaluation of water storage facilities on the upper Chehalis River.	EES presented the results of the Phase 2B study at the December 16 work session. Lewis County has asked for comments on the report by January 20.
Early Warning Program	Design and implement a system to warn citizens in advance of an anticipated flood event.	WEST Consulting's design and implementation phase was approved May 20. An update on the program will be provided at the Jan. 20 Flood Authority meeting.
Fisheries Study	Conduct a study of the effect of possible retention structures and other flood control measures on fish in the basin.	Anchor QEA has been hired to conduct the fish study and have started work. Anchor will be at the Jan. 20 Flood Authority meeting to present an update.