

Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

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About the Flood Authority

Formation of Chehalis Basin Flood Authority

In response to the devastating 2007 flood, basin interests came together and signed an interlocal agreement to form the Chehalis Basin Flood Authority. The purpose of the Flood Authority is to develop a basin-wide set of solutions to address flooding issues.

Funding and guidance for the Flood Authority is provided for through several pieces of legislation and agreements: [\[provide links to the legislation for items highlighted in yellow\]](#)

In 2008, the Washington State Legislature appropriated funds to help address the impacts of catastrophic flooding. ESHB [3374](#) and [3375](#) included funding for the Flood Authority.

In 2008, the Flood Authority members signed an [interlocal agreement](#) and sent a [letter](#) to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) requesting funding.

In 2010, [\[need to add description\]](#). The Flood Authority's agreement with OFM was amended in January 2010; see [Resolution 10-025: OFM Agreement](#)

Finally, in 2011, the legislature adopted [ESHB 2020](#), the House Capital Budget, with additional funds for the Flood Authority and a list of action items (see Section 30). OFM signed an [updated agreement](#) with the Flood Authority, including a list of required deliverables.

Membership and Operation of the Flood Authority

The Flood Authority currently has 10 members, including representatives from Lewis, Thurston and Grays Harbor Counties, the cities of Chehalis, Centralia, Montesano and Aberdeen, and the towns of Pe Ell, Bucoda, and Oakville. The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation were an original member of the Flood Authority, but sent a [letter of resignation](#) in 2011.

The Flood Authority is governed by agreed upon [rules of procedure](#).

Meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday of the month. A work session is typically held in the morning from 9 AM- noon, and an afternoon business session held from 1:30-3:30 pm. Meetings are now being rotated to different locations to ensure opportunities for local citizens to engage. Meeting locations will be posted online, and information distributed electronically.

To be added to an email distribution list for regular communications, please contact Pat Anderson at _____. For further questions, please contact the [Flood Authority staff](#) [add link to a sub-page] or see additional information [Chehalis Basin Flood Resources](#).

Upcoming Meeting Information

September 15, 2011

NOTE MEETING LOCATION CHANGE: Montesano City Hall (upstairs) 112 N. Main St., Montesano, WA

[Agenda - Special Meeting 9:00 AM](#)

- [Draft Chehalis Basin Work Plan 09.08.2011](#)

[Agenda - Business Meeting 1:30 PM](#)

Prior Meeting Materials [\(link to a new page- see below\)](#)

Finalized and On-Going Flood Authority Studies [\(link to new page- see below\)](#)

Prior Meeting Materials (new sub-page)

August 18, 2011 - NOTE MEETING LOCATION: Rochester Community Center 10140 Hwy 12 SW. Rochester, WA

[Agenda - Special Meeting](#)

- [Draft Work Plan](#)
- [Draft Goals, Action Items, Sub Committees](#)
- [Draft Rules of Procedure](#)
- [RFQ Evaluation Questions](#)

[Agenda - Business Meeting](#)

July 21, 2011 - NOTE: Special Meeting at 9:00 at the WSU Conference Room, Lewis County Courthouse lower level; Business Meeting at 1:30 at the Lewis County Courthouse

[Agenda - Special Meeting](#)

- [West Consultants Draft Supplemental Contract Option 1](#)
- [West Consultants Draft Supplemental Contract Option 2](#)
- [Scope of Work for Flood Authority](#)
- [Draft Work Plan](#)

[Agenda - Business Meeting](#)

June 16, 2011 - Special Meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Veterans Museum; Business Meeting at 1:30 at the Lewis County Courthouse

[Agenda - Special Meeting](#)

- [Phase IIB Summary of Comments and Responses](#)
- [FCS Report Summary Memo](#)
- [Early Warning System PowerPoint](#)
- [Phase IIB Revised Report](#)
- [Fish Subcommittee Update \(PowerPoint\)](#)
- [Hydrology Hydraulic WQ Slides \(PowerPoint\)](#)
- [ESA Final Progress Report](#)
- [Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2020](#)

[Agenda - Business Meeting](#)

May 19, 2011 - Special Meeting at 9:00 at the Veterans Museum; Business Meeting at 1:30 at the Lewis County Courthouse

[Agenda - Special Meeting](#)

- [Projects Memo](#)
- [Flood Plan Chapters](#)

[Agenda - Business Meeting](#)

- [Ongoing Efforts](#)
- [Early Warning Update](#)
- [Anchor QEA May Update](#)
- [Draft Chehalis ILA \(Interlocal Agreement\)](#)
- [E-Mail from Commissioner Averill re: Draft ILA](#)
- [Draft Amended ILA](#)
- [Watershed Cooperative Agreement 4.20.2011](#)

April 21, 2011 - NOTE: Business Meeting and Work Session will be held at the Veterans Memorial Museum

- [Agenda \(revised 4.18.11\)](#)
- [Flood Authority Studies and Projects](#)
- [NHC Memo on Airport Levee Fill](#)
- [NHC Model - Airport Levee](#)
- [FCS Responses to 3-31 Comments](#)
- [Early Warning Update](#)
- [Fish Study Update](#)

March 31, 2011 - Special Meeting on Transition Planning and Draft Interlocal Agreement Veterans Memorial Museum 9:00 a.m.

[Agenda](#)

- [Transition Planning Report](#)
- [Draft Interlocal Agreement - Clean version](#)
- [Draft Interlocal Agreement - Strike-through version](#)
- [Appendix A Budget Allocations](#)

March 17, 2011 - Special Meeting: 9:00 A.M. at the Veterans Memorial Museum; Business Meeting: 1:30 P.M. at the Lewis County Courthouse

[Agenda - Morning Special Meeting](#)

- [Draft Interlocal Agreement](#)
- [Public Involvement Existing Budget Proposal](#)

[Agenda - Business Meeting](#)

- [Ongoing Efforts](#)

**February 17, 2011 - Special Meeting: 9:00 A.M. at the Veterans Memorial Museum;
Business Meeting: 1:30 P.M. at the Lewis County Courthouse**

- [Agenda - Special Meeting](#)
 1. [Memo from FCS Group re: Economic Analysis](#)
 2. [Economic Analysis PowerPoint](#)
 3. [Financial PowerPoint](#)
- [Agenda - Business Meeting](#)
 1. [Ongoing Efforts](#)
 2. [Early Warning System Update PowerPoint](#)

January 20, 2011 - Work Session 9:00 A.M. Veterans Memorial Museum; Business Meeting 1:30 P.M. Lewis County Courthouse

[Agenda - Work Session](#)

- [Regulations Memo](#)
- [Draft Interlocal Agreement Outline](#)
- [Interlocal Options PowerPoint](#)
- [Memo: Interlocal Agreement Options](#)
- [Flood District Formation Schedule](#)
- [Public Involvement Existing Budget Proposal](#)

[Agenda - Business Meeting](#)

- [Ongoing Efforts](#)
- [Legislative Talking Points](#)
- [Multi-Jurisdiction FCZD Legislation](#)
- [Letter from Chairman Willis to Keith Phillips re: General Investigation](#)
- [Anchor QEA Assumptions Memo](#)
- [Anchor Chehalis River Basin Fish Study Reaches](#)

Approved 2011 Meeting Notes (Dates not hyperlinked are awaiting approval by the Flood Authority)

[Jan 20](#) [Feb 17](#) [Mar 17](#) [Mar 31](#)

[Apr 21](#) [May 19](#) [Jun 16](#) [Jul 21](#)

[Aug 18](#) [Sep 15](#) [Oct 20](#) [Nov 17](#)

Approved 2010 Meeting Notes (Dates not hyperlinked are awaiting approval by the Flood Authority)

[Jan 21](#) [Feb 18](#) [Mar 18](#) [Apr 15/16](#)
[May 20](#) [Jun 17](#) [Jul 15](#) [Aug 19](#)
[Sep 16](#) [Oct 21](#) [Nov 18](#) [Dec 16](#)

Approved 2009 Meeting Notes (Dates not hyperlinked are awaiting approval by the Flood Authority)

[Jan 15](#) [Feb 19](#) [Mar 19](#) [Apr 16](#)
[May 21](#) [Jun 18](#) [Jul 16](#) [Aug 20](#)
[Sep 17](#) [Oct 15](#) [Nov 19](#) [Dec 17](#)

Finalized and On-Going Flood Authority Studies

The Flood Authority has undertaken or is pursuing a number of studies, including the following:

- Development of a Flood Hazard Mitigation plan (2010)
 - Summary of recommended regulatory changes to implement plan
- Analysis of potential ecosystem services by Ecosystem Economics (2010)
- Investigation of potential upstream storage by EES Consulting (2009-2011)
 - Phase I report (not funded by Flood Authority)
 - Phase IIA
 - Phase IIB
 - [Cover Letter](#)
 - [Water Retention Report](#)
 - [Engineer Report](#)
 1. [Attachment A](#)
 2. [Attachment B](#)
 3. [Attachment C](#)
 4. [Attachment D](#)

[Summary of Comments and Responses
Completed Peer Review Fisheries and Water Retention Study
EES Consulting Response to Peer Review](#)

- Chehalis River Basin Flood District Formation Study by FCS Group (June 2011)
 - Summary of Findings
 - Link to Study
- Development of an early warning system (underway)
 - Scope of Work
 - West Consultants Contract
 - [West Consultants Second Supplemental Agreement](#)
- A study by Anchor QEA to investigate potential impacts of upstream storage (underway)
 - [Anchor QEA Supplemental Agreement with Enhancement](#)
 - [Attachment to Resolution 10-206 for Anchor QEA](#)
- A study by Anchor QEA on potential enhancements for fisheries (underway)
- Hydraulic study of lower Chehalis River from Ground Mound to the mouth (underway)
 - Request for Qualifications
 - Responses from West Consultants and Watershed Science and Engineering
 - Combined Scope of Work and Contract

Staffing of the Flood Authority

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- [Gordon Thomas Honeywell Personal Services Agreement](#)
- [SBGH Partners Personal Services Agreement](#)

The voting members of the Flood Authority have chosen ESA Adolfson as Consultant and Facilitator of the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority project. ESA Adolfson will begin working with the Flood Authority on the Scope of work and contract language.

[Request for Qualifications](#)

[Submittal of Qualifications for ESA Adolfson](#)