

CHEHALIS BASIN BOARD SUMMARIZED SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS

Date: January 23, 2020
Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Location: Thurston County Courthouse - 2000 Lakeridge Dr SW Olympia, WA 98502

ITEM	FORMAL ACTION	FOLLOW-UP ACTION
1. Consent January 23, 2020 Agenda	Decision: Agenda approved.	No follow-up action.
2. HB 1154, Regarding financing of Chehalis basin flood damage reduction and habitat restoration projects	Decision: Special Board meeting on January 29, 2020. was approved.	OCB staff will send out calendar invites for an additional special Board meeting.
3. Next Steps and Closing	Discussion	The next special Board meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2020.

Attendees

Chehalis Basin Board Members Present:

- Vickie Raines, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Edna Fund, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- J. Vander Stoep, Office of the Governor
- Jay Gordon, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Steve Malloch, Office of the Governor
- Tyson Johnston, Quinault Indian Nation
- Harry Pickernell, Chehalis Tribe

Chehalis Basin Board Ex-Officio Members Present:

- Bart Gernhart, Department of Transportation
- Michael Garrity, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Stu Trefry, Conservation Commission

Welcome, Introductions

Chair Vickie Raines called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m., and welcomed the Board, staff, and audience. Attendees provided brief introductions.

Consent Agenda

The Board did not have additions or revisions to the [January 23, 2020 meeting agenda](#).

BOARD DECISION: Agenda approved by consensus with verbal voting by all Board members.

HB 1154, Regarding financing of Chehalis basin flood damage reduction and habitat restoration projects

OCB Director McNamara Doyle provided background and review of Rep. DeBolt's proposed substitute bill language for HB 1154 (H-4036.1) reminding the Board that it has not yet been proposed and there is no scheduled legislative committee hearing.

Proposed substitute bill language included:

- Increases the level of authorized general obligation bonds from \$480 million to \$700 million.
- Revises the intent of the legislature to appropriate the proceeds of the new bonds authorized in phases over seven biennia, instead of five biennia.
- Directs the Chehalis Board to determine the allocations for the funds appropriated under the act.
- Makes conforming amendments.

Key comments and discussion topics among the Board members included:

- Highlighting the unique situation of having a bill that includes funding authorization without defined activities within the two key elements of the strategy.
- Noting that this may be the first big step for long-term funding in the basin, and it could provide assurances for additional funding in the future.
- Voicing concern with the lack of sideboards associated with this bill and its lack of assurances in how the funding would be distributed between flood damage reduction and aquatic species restoration.
- Requesting additional time to review bill language before a formal Board decision is made.

BOARD DECISION: Additional special Chehalis Basin Board meeting on January 29, 2020 was established and approved by consensus with all voting member's thumbs up.

FOLLOW-UP ACTION: OCB staff will send out calendar invites for an additional special Board meeting.

Next Steps and Closing

The next Special Board meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2020 at a location to be determined within the Chehalis Basin.

