

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 30, 2020
To: Chehalis Basin Board
From: Andrea McNamara Doyle, Office of Chehalis Basin Director
Re: Lower Satsop Keys Road Protection Supplemental Budget Proviso

Background

At the April 2, 2020 Chehalis Basin Board meeting, you received an update on the 2020 supplemental capital budget provisos that were not part of the legislature's original 2019-21 capital budget appropriation for the Chehalis Basin Strategy. One of the provisos includes \$450,000 in new state funding to match an equal amount that must be provided by OCB for the Lower Satsop Restoration and Keys Road Protection Project.

Grays Harbor County is currently leading a project to implement a set of actions that are responsive to the flood hazard issues and concerns in the Lower Satsop, and that work for the interests of all Lower Satsop parties (e.g., County, Port, WDFW, Conservation District, business, agriculture, landowners, etc.). This includes a comprehensive Lower Satsop reach-scale design to protect public and private infrastructure and agricultural lands from bank erosion, improve floodplain connectivity, and maintain recreational opportunities. The funding from the 2020 supplemental budget proviso is for permitting, final design, hydraulic analyses, and construction to protect Keys Road.

Funding Options and OCB Staff Recommendation

The supplemental budget proviso requires OCB to match \$450,000 from its existing 2019-21 appropriations and give it to Grays Harbor County for this project. This will require the Board to reallocate \$450,000 from its original spending plan. Funding options include:

1. Redirecting unspent Aquatic Species Restoration Plan (ASRP) implementation funding.
2. Redirecting unspent Community Flood Assistance & Resilience (CFAR) Program funding.

At the May 7, 2020 Board meeting, OCB staff will recommend the Board approve Option 1 to redirect unspent ASRP implementation funding. Given the updated implementation schedule for ASRP Early Action Reach projects, it is clear that \$450,000 is available to redirect to the Lower Satsop project without negatively impacting the ASRP schedule. Option 2 is not recommended because the CFAR budget allocation is significantly smaller relative to ASRP, the spring 2020 CFAR project solicitation is still getting underway, and there is less certainty CFAR will have unspent funding available that could be redirected to the Lower Satsop project.