

# MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** March 31, 2020  
**To:** Chehalis Basin Board  
**From:** Andrea McNamara Doyle, Director  
**Re:** Chehalis Basin Strategy 2020 Schedule

## Summary

As discussed at the March Chehalis Basin Board meeting, the timeline for approving Board recommendations on the long-term strategy and 2021-23 budget has shifted later into the fall of 2020. Based on this revised timeline, the Board asked staff to recommend new dates for a Board workshop and public hearing(s) on the long-term strategy. At the April 2 meeting, staff will review the recommendations for adding a workshop before the December Board meeting and moving the public hearings to mid-November.

## Background

As a reminder, the high-level schedule below is the Board approved outline for the major topics and decision points related to the Assessment through December 2020:

<b>March 5, 2020</b>	Board approves approach, key assumptions & schedule for Assessment, and receives briefing on Draft SEPA EIS
<b>April 2, 2020</b>	OCB staff recommends approach to develop 2021-23 budget
<b>May 7, 2020</b>	Board approves approach to 2021-23 budget development
<b>June 4, 2020</b>	Board receives briefing on Draft SEPA EIS public comments
<b>July 9, 2020</b>	Board receives briefing on preliminary EDT and economics results
<b>Sep. 3, 2020</b>	OCB staff presents preliminary info on Draft Assessment findings and conclusions
<b>Oct 1, 2020</b>	OCB staff present preliminary Draft Assessment and 2021-23 budget recommendation
<b>Dec 3, 2020</b>	Board approves recommendations on long-term strategy and 2021-23 budget

## Proposed Board Workshop and Public Hearing Dates

The recommended options reflect Board members' stated interests in adding a daylong workshop later in the fall, and potentially having two separate workshop dates reserved to assure the Board has adequate time to discuss and deliberate before making its decisions on the long-term strategy. By

waiting until November for the workshop, the Board would have the benefit of a briefing on the draft NEPA EIS and the differences between the SEPA and NEPA EISs. This proposal also shifts options for the Long-Term Strategy Assessment public hearing(s) into November or December in an effort to avoid overlapping with the NEPA EIS public comment period, and so the Board can focus public comment on the relationship between all potential elements of the Strategy.

**Proposed Workshop Options:**

*1. Option 1: Keep current workshop date*

- Date: September 30, 2020
- Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*2. Option 2: Add a second workshop*

- Date: November 4 or December 2, 2020
- Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*3. Workshop Option 3: Hold both workshops*

**Proposed Long-Term Strategy Assessment Public Hearing(s) options:**

*1. Option 1:*

- Date(s): November 17 and 18, 2020
- Time: 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

*2. Option 2:*

- Date(s): December 1 and 2, 2020
- Time: 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

## Conclusion

At the April 2 meeting, staff will recommend planning for two workshops, on September 30 and November 4 or December 2. Staff will also recommend planning for two public hearings in mid-November.