

CHEHALIS BASIN BOARD SUMMARIZED MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS

Date: August 4, 2022
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location: Zoom Meeting

ITEM	FORMAL ACTION	FOLLOW-UP ACTION
1. Consent August 4, 2022 meeting agenda	Decision: Current agenda approved; June 24 and July 7 meeting summaries approved	No follow-up action.
2. 2023-2025 Budget Planning	Discussion / Direction	<p>OCB Staff will reach out to project partners to generate preliminary budget estimates within the various budget categories.</p> <p>OCB staff will return to a future Board meeting with more detailed 2023-25 budget scenarios.</p> <p>OCB staff will follow up with individual Board members to schedule a work session specific to 2023-25 budget development.</p>
3. Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District	Discussion	No follow-up action.
4. Local Actions Non-Dam Alternative	Discussion / Direction	MIG will return to a future Board meeting with a more detailed outline of the LAND primary framework elements.
5. Director's Report	Discussion	OCB Staff will provide the Board with an updated link to the new ChehalisBasinStrategy.com website once it has launched.
6. Chehalis Basin Strategy Assessment	Discussion / Direction	National Policy Consensus Center & Oregon Consensus Center will return to a future Board meeting to support candidate

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		interviews for the Chehalis Basin Strategy assessment.
7. Next Steps and Closing	Discussion	No follow-up action.

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
- Steve Malloch, Office of the Governor
- Glen Connelly, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
- Jay Gordon, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Tyson Johnston, Quinault Indian Nation

Chehalis Basin Board Ex-Officio Members Present:

- Alex Smith, Department of Natural Resources
- Devin Reck, Department of Transportation
- Rich Doenges, Department of Ecology
- Josh Giuntoli, Washington State Conservation Commission

Board Staff/Board Guests Present:

- See Attachment A

Welcome, Introductions

Chair Vickie Raines called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. and welcomed the Board, staff, and audience.

Consent Agenda

The Board did not have additions or revisions to the [August 4, 2022 meeting agenda](#).

BOARD DECISION: Agenda approved by consensus.

Approval of June 24 and July 7, 2022 Meeting Summaries

The Board did not have additions or revisions to the [June 24, 2022 Meeting Summary](#).

The Board did not have additions or revisions to the [July 7, 2022 Meeting Summary](#).

BOARD DECISION: June 24 and July 7, 2022 meeting summaries approved by consensus.

2021-23 Budget Status and Spending

Ken Ghalambor (Ross Strategic) provided the Board an overview of the schedule for 2023-2025 budget development and reviewed major budget categories and work elements. The four main categories of the budget include aquatic species habitat restoration, flood damage reduction, integrated projects, and core OCB staffing. The goal is for the Board is to have a target 2023-25 budget amount by September and have a final 2023-2025 budget and spending plan by April 2023.

Below is the link to the presentation materials:

- [2023-2025 Budget Discussion](#)

Key comments and discussion topics included:

- OCB Director Andrea McNamara Doyle offered to have 1:1 conversations with Board members about the '23-25 budget and have staff work with partners to generate preliminary budget estimates.
- Board members expressed interest in setting up a workgroup or sub-committee to engage in the budget development process.
- Board members Tyson Johnston and Edna Fund volunteered to be part of the working group.

FOLLOW-UP ACTION:

- OCB staff will reach out to project partners to generate preliminary budget estimates within the various budget categories.
- OCB staff will return to a future Board meeting with potential 2023-25 budget scenarios.
- OCB staff will coordinate with Tyson and Edna to follow up with individual Board members to schedule a work session specific to 2023-25 budget development.

Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District

Ken Ghalambor introduced Matt Dillin (Lewis County) and MaryLouise Keefe (HDR), who provided the Board an update on the work the FCZD has done to fulfill their commitment to clarify questions related to concerns identified in the draft SEPA and NEPA EISs on wetlands, fish species and habitats, water, wildlife species and habitats.

The FCZD noted the following commitments related to wetlands, fish species and habitats, water, wildlife species and habitats:

- No net loss of habitat and function
- Creating ecological lift by improving habitat function over existing conditions.

The FCZD also discussed and clarified some of their wetland mitigation plan and coordinating wetland mitigation sites with stream restoration sites. There are additional updates being made to the monitoring and adaptive management plan based on various elements, including climate-change driven hydrologic changes.

Below is the link to the presentation materials:

- [FCZD project updates](#)

Key comments and discussion topics included:

- Board members are interested in better understanding the overall ecological impact of the FRE and the differences between having more concentrated mitigation in one area versus less concentrated mitigation across a wider geographic area.
- Board members discussed the feasibility of the FCZD mitigation proposals, how it will be addressed in the FEIS, and what level of detail would be required at the permit stage.

Local Actions Non-Dam Alternative (LAND)

Glen Connelly (LAND Steering Group Co-Chair) provided an overview of the July LAND Steering Group (SG) meeting, including a recap of the discussion related to potential LAND alternative elements, including infrastructure and resiliency, floodplain restoration, and community and economic development.

Alex Dupey (MIG) provided Board members with more detail on the LAND primary framework elements. These elements are being used to guide development and analysis for the LAND Alternative and will continue to be refined with LAND Steering Group input, community surveys, and stakeholder input. Additional public engagement will include two elements; a new microsite and an online survey that will help engage the community more deeply and get the message out.

Below is the link to the presentation materials:

- [Local Action Non-Dam Alternative Presentation](#)

Key comments and discussion topics included:

- Board members acknowledged the challenges of constructing new flood damage reduction infrastructure as an alternative and reiterated that any structural improvements made should not disproportionately affect the community outside the proposed protection measures.
- Board members are interested in understanding in greater detail the climate change scenarios that are being used in the LAND alternative modeling.

FOLLOW-UP ACTION: MIG will return to a future Board meeting with a more detailed outline of the LAND primary framework elements.

Director's Report

OCB Director Andrea McNamara Doyle provided an update on several topics, including:

- Announcing that Carrie Sessions has been selected as Governor Inslee's new Senior Policy Advisor for Water.
- The Flood Authority's 2023-2025 project solicitation proposals have been submitted, totaling ~\$20 million.
- The Centralia City Council has updated freeboard standards to 3' above Base Flood Elevation.

- The City of Centralia, Lewis County, and OCB have funded the acquisition of a property opposite Borst Park that will provide important flood protection and will be used for open space, a roadway, and trails.
- OCB is finalizing the development of the new website overhaul, launching by the middle of August.

FOLLOW-UP ACTION: OCB Staff will provide the Board with an updated link to the new ChehalisBasinStrategy.com website once it has launched.

Chehalis Basin Strategy Assessment

Peter Harkema (National Policy Consensus Center) provided the Board with an update on the status of the CBS assessment. Nine individuals and firms responded to the solicitation and the Board's selection committee decided that it would be more effective to do an initial screening interview. Based on those interviews the selection committee will invite 2-3 of the top selections to the next Board meeting, which will be scheduled as a special meeting later in August.

FOLLOW-UP ACTION: National Policy Consensus Center & Oregon Consensus Center will return to a future Board special meeting to support candidate interviews for the Chehalis Basin Strategy assessment.

Next Steps and Closing

Ken Ghalambor thanked Board members for their participation and adjourned the meeting. The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2022, to be held hybrid (in-person/online). Board members and presenters are encouraged to attend in-person and public should continue participating online.

Attachment A

Board Staff/Board Guests:

- Alex Dupey, MIG
- Alissa Shay, Port of Grays Harbor
- Alexandria Gustafson, Trout Unlimited
- Andrea McNamara Doyle, Department of Ecology, Director, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Anthony Waldrop, Grays Harbor Conservation District
- Arthur Grunbaum, Friends of Grays Harbor
- Briahna Murray, Gordon Thomas Honeywell
- Brian Shay, City of Hoquiam
- Casey Hart, Ross Strategic
- Celest Wilder, City of Chehalis
- Cindy Bradley, Department of Ecology, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Colleen Granberg, Department of Natural Resources
- Curt Hart, Department of Ecology
- Diane Butorac, Department of Ecology
- Dave Bingaman, Quinault Indian Nation, ASRP Steering Committee
- Ellie Probus, Pyramid Communications
- Erik Martin, Flood Control Zone District
- Heather Page, Anchor QEA
- Izzy Zucker, Pyramid Communications
- Jennifer Tice, Ross Strategic
- Jerilyn Walley, Grays Harbor Conservation District
- Jim Waldo, Flood Control Zone District
- Ken Ghalambor, Ross Strategic
- Kirsten Harma, Chehalis Basin Lead Entity
- Kris Koski, Port of Grays Harbor
- Lara McRea, Lewis County
- Larry Karpach, Watershed Science and Engineering
- Mark Glyde, Quinault Indian Nation
- Merri Martz, Anchor QEA
- Matt Dillin, Flood Control Zone District
- Nat Kale, Department of Ecology, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Nicole Czarnomski, Department of Fish and Wildlife, ASRP Steering Committee
- Matt Szymanowicz, HDR
- Michael Kasch, HDR

- Mike Witter, HDR
- Owen Sexton
- Peter Harkema, Oregon Consensus Center
- Scott Boettcher, Flood Authority
- Scott Wells, Portland State University
- Shane Cherry
- Ron Averill, Flood Authority
- Tara Livingood-Schott, Chehalis Tribe
- Teri Wright, Wild Orca