

# CHEHALIS BASIN BOARD SUMMARIZED SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS

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**Date:** September 30, 2022  
**Time:** 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Zoom online meeting

ITEM	FORMAL ACTION	FOLLOW-UP ACTION
1. Consent September 30, 2022 meeting agenda	Decision: Current agenda approved.	No follow-up action.
2. 2023-25 Budget Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Aberdeen-Hoquiam North Shore Levee</li><li>b. Flood Retention Facility</li><li>c. Local Actions Non-Dam Alternative</li><li>d. Community Flood Assistance and Resilience (CFAR)</li><li>e. Aquatic Species Habitat Restoration</li><li>f. Skookumchuck Dam</li><li>g. Erosion Management Program</li><li>h. Other Budget Work Elements</li></ul>	Discussion/ Direction	WDFW staff will develop a summary for the Board of what percent of ASRP projects have been completed to-date and what percent will be completed if the 2023-25 ASRP budget request is approved.
3. 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
- Glen Connelly, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
- Jay Gordon, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Steve Malloch, Office of the Governor
- Tyson Johnston, Quinault Indian Nation

### **Chehalis Basin Board Ex-Officio Members Present:**

- Alex Smith, Department of Natural Resources

- Michael Garrity, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- 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 10:08 a.m. and welcomed the Board, staff, and audience.

## **Consent Agenda**

The Board did not have additions or revisions to the [September 30, 2022](#) special Board meeting agenda.

**BOARD DECISION:** Agenda approved by consensus.

## **2023-25 Budget Element**

OCB staff and partners presented an overview of potential proposed budget requests for several major work elements in the 2023-25 biennium, including a summary of proposed work, anticipated outcomes, effects of not funding or delaying funding for the work, key tasks and assumptions, and preliminary cost estimates. OCB and partners completed draft 2023-25 budget development worksheets that include this information available here: <https://app.box.com/s/w9jayhjd9hkk88mwgpx6iszba9nu6bae>

This meeting summary includes key comments and discussion topics related to the following budget elements presented during the meeting:

- Aberdeen-Hoquiam North Shore Levee
- Flood Retention Facility
- Local Actions Non-Dam Alternative
- Community Flood Assistance and Resilience (CFAR)
- Aquatic Species Habitat Restoration
- Skookumchuck Dam
- Erosion Management Program
- Other Budget Work Elements

### **Aberdeen-Hoquiam North Shore Levee**

- City of Aberdeen and Hoquiam staff clarified that the full \$35.5M requested from OCB for the 2023-25 biennium is needed to secure full construction funding. Full funding in 2023-25 is anticipated to allow for achieving levee certification in 2026.
- The cities believe that a minimum of \$18.5M, up to the full request of \$35.5M, could be spent during the 2023-2025 biennium.

## **Flood Retention Facility**

- FCZD staff clarified that ESA consultation would be required to address resident killer whales and prey species in the upper basin that killer whales feed on.
- FCZD staff clarified that the task item for land acquisition/land purchase options to determine mitigation feasibility is not required by the federal services (NMFS and USFWS) as part of ESA consultation.
- FCZD staff clarified that they anticipate completing a draft report regarding the new mitigation alignment by February 2023 and final report by June 2023.

## **Local Actions Non-Dam Alternative**

- Ken Ghalambor (Ross Strategic) reiterated that preliminary 2023-25 cost estimates will be developed and refined as a preliminary LAND Alternative is recommended by the LAND Steering Group.

## **Community Flood Assistance and Resilience (CFAR)**

- OCB staff clarified that CFAR technical site visits to property owners also include a physical inspection and review of the property.
- OCB staff clarified that they are confident there is sufficient landowner interest were the Board to support the high-end budget estimate for CFAR.

## **Aquatic Species Habitat Restoration**

- Board members requested WDFW staff develop a summary of what percent of ASRP projects have been completed to-date and what percent will be completed if their 2023-25 budget request is approved.

## **Skookumchuck Dam**

- Board members suggested OCB speak with TransAlta about future plans for the dam and opportunities for optimization of operations to maximize flow regimes, especially in the summer for spring Chinook, steelhead, and other native fish species.
- OCB staff clarified that potential fish passage improvements and outflow modifications for the dam are not mutually exclusive.
- OCB staff noted that the report currently being developed for the dam should answer the question of how much flood damage reduction could be achieved with dam modifications.
- OCB staff noted to those who missed a recent Skookumchuck Dam webinar that the recording of the webinar is available: <https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Skookumchuck-Webinar-092822.mp4>

## **Erosion Management Program**

- OCB staff clarified that five erosion management projects have either been implemented or are actively being implemented this biennium.

## **Other Budget Work Elements**

- Ken Ghaleb (Ross Strategic) confirmed that staff is working with the Flood Authority to determine whether any of the Flood Authority's 2023-25 local project requests are being double counted with the North Shore Levee construction cost estimates.

## **Next Steps and Closing**

Jim Kramer thanked Board members for their participation and adjourned the meeting. The next regular Board meeting will be October 6, 2022 as a hybrid (in-person/online) meeting.

## Attachment A

### **Board Staff/Board Guests:**

- Andrea McNamara Doyle, Department of Ecology, Director, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Arthur Grunbaum, Friends of Grays Harbor
- Brian Shay, City of Hoquiam
- Casey Hart, Ross Strategic
- Celest Wilder, City of Chehalis
- Celina Abercrombie, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Curt Hart, Department of Ecology
- Cynthia Carlstad, NHC
- Dave Bingaman, Quinault Indian Nation, ASRP Steering Committee
- David Ortman
- Erik Martin, Flood Control Zone District
- Heather Page, Anchor QEA
- Jerome Sarkinen
- Jerry Otto, HDR
- Jim Kramer, Kramer Consulting (Facilitator)
- John Robinson, Flood Control Zone District
- Karen Allston, Quinault Indian Nation
- Kat Dickey, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Ken Ghalambor, Ross Strategic
- Kim Ashmore, City of Centralia
- Larry Karpack, Watershed Science and Engineering
- Lauren Dennis, Ross Strategic
- Lisa McCrummen
- Mark Glyde, Quinault Indian Nation
- Matt Dillin, Flood Control Zone District
- Merri Martz, Anchor QEA
- Nat Kale, Department of Ecology, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Nick Bird
- Nicole Czarnomski, Department of Fish and Wildlife, ASRP Steering Committee
- Shelby Thomas, Ross Strategic
- Shelly Helder
- Tammy Domike
- Teri Wright, Wild Orca