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TO: Flood Authority Members
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SUBJECT: 2015 Legislation

The purpose of this memo is to update Flood Authority members on the status of Chehalis Basin flood hazard reduction legislative funding proposals and relevant next steps. This topic will be discussed at our 5/21/2015 Flood Authority meeting. Please feel free to call or email if you have questions (i.e., 360/480-6600, scottb@sbgh-partners.com).

A. Background

1. State Capital Budget Proposals (Chehalis Basin Flooding):

As of 5-20-2015, the 2015-17 state capitol budget is in final legislative negotiations. For flood hazard reduction in the Chehalis Basin, latest funding proposals are as follows:

	Part I: Advancing long-term strategy for Chehalis Basin.	Part II: Construction of local priority flood protection and habitat restoration projects.	Other: Contract administration.
Governor	\$20.0 Million	\$10.0 Million	
Senate	\$26.8 Million	\$23.2 Million	Up to 1% for RCO
House	\$26.8 Million	\$23.2 Million	Up to 1% for RCO

- See Governor's proposed capital budget here (1/13/2015; Section 1073) - <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1115.pdf>.
- See latest Senate proposed capital budget here (4/14/2015; Section 1074) - <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Amendments/Senate/1115.E%20AMS%20ENGR%20S3013.E.pdf>



- See latest House proposed capital budget here (4/24/2015; Section 1078) - <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Amendments/House/1115%20AMH%20CB%20H2523.1.pdf>
- In both the Senate and House proposals, funding would be directed to OFM with RCO serving as the administrative contracting agent for a cost of up to 1%. Senate and House language regarding this is as follows:

"Up to one percent of the appropriation provided in this section may be used by the recreation and conservation office to administer contracts associated with the subprojects funded through this section. Contract administration includes, but is not limited to: Drafting and amending contracts, reviewing and approving invoices, tracking expenditures, and performing field inspections to assess project status when conducting similar assessments related to other agency contracts in the same geographic area."

B. Next Steps

Jim, Scott, OFM and RCO will meet 5/26/2015 to discuss RCO's role relative to the proposed 1% language as well any implementation considerations that should be attended to. The purpose of the meeting will be to figure out more specifically what the 1% for RCO means (operationally) and how to implement it in as efficient a manner as possible.