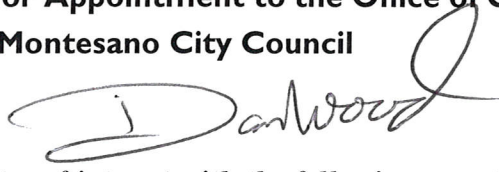


**Letter of Interest for Appointment to the Office of Chehalis Basin  
From Dan Wood, Montesano City Council**

May 8, 2019



I am submitting this letter of interest with the following caveat:

I strongly believe it is in all of our interests to keep the Governor's Workgroup fully together on the board of the Office of Chehalis Basin. The success in moving toward the "big fix" (water retention & fish enhancement) has been due to the leadership and stability of the Governor's Work Group, even before the OCB was created. Their teamwork provided stability and kept the Flood Authority alive when it was fractured with in-fighting years ago. Their drive toward the big fix has also included a drive for funding local projects. We owe a lot to this team for the recent legislative funding for the North Shore Levee and other Flood authority projects.

In short, I would absolutely defer to Jay Gordon, an original and currently key member of the Governor's Workgroup and OCB Board. I believe we all benefit from his work and leadership.

As a member of the Flood Authority and its Outreach & Education Committee, I am a regular attendee of Flood Authority meetings.

This application is submitted only as a weak alternative to Jay Gordon's knowledge, relationships, and experience.

In a nutshell, I would bring the following experience and insight to this position:

- Experience as an elected official
  - o County Commissioner, School Board, City Council
  - o Understanding of laws and regulations affecting public bodies and public officials
  - o Understanding of budgeting, expenditures, oversight, and policy accountability
- 35+ years around the legislative process
  - o Understanding of passing and killing legislation and Coalition building
- Association Management
  - o 15 years with state Farm Bureau (Field Work; Govt. Relations Director)
  - o 5 years with state Dairy Federation (Govt. Relations Director; Executive Director)
  - o Budget Mgmt; Project Mgmt; Fundraising; Policy/Advocacy Work
- Agricultural Understanding & Connection
  - o More than 20 years representing farmers
  - o Helped raise more that \$1,000,000 in relief after the Dec. 2007 flood and storm damage
  - o Worked with other organizations on relief efforts
  - o Arranged for videography and tour for officials immediately after 12/07 storm & flood
- **I'VE LIVED THROUGH THE FLOODS**
  - o For 10 years, I lived through flooding in Brady
  - o I know what it is like to evacuate your family as the waters rise
  - o I understand trying to save personal property in the midst of unexpected flooding
  - o I've been up all night, in a house with a 4'8" foundation, measuring water levels that rise to more than 4' around the house, unable to leave, and moving things in the house to higher levels.
  - I've been knee-high in my barn, in the dark, throwing tools, chemicals, and other things up stairs and hauling up to a loft.
- Dual Boards. I currently serve on the Flood Authority and the Chehalis Basin Partnership, giving me direct observation and conversation about various aspects of activities in the Chehalis Basin