



August 15, 2016

Amy Krause  
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RE: Letter of support for Lower Satsop River Restoration Project

Dear Ms. Krause:

The Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority (Flood Authority) has been asked to provide a letter of support regarding the Lower Satsop River Restoration Project lead by the Grays Harbor Conservation District (GHCD) and the WA Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). As Chair of the Flood Authority, I am pleased to offer our support for additional funding for the Project. The restoration project will provide multiple flood hazard reduction, environmental and ecological benefits to the local community, county and Basin as a whole.

Since 2015, we have actively partnered with GHCD and WDFW to address Basin flooding by seeking flood hazard reduction strategies that simultaneously reduce flood risk and losses while enhancing habitat conditions. The Flood Authority supports the innovative approach proposed by the Lower Satsop River Restoration Project to restore floodplain connectivity, reduce damaging riverbank erosion, and protect important agricultural farmland by returning high flow river waters to historic (relic) channel openings. Our expectation is that this Project will (when completed) provide the Flood Authority and other Basin interests with an additional tool to address the severe flooding and erosion issues we routinely experience in the Basin.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or Scott Boettcher (staff to the Flood Authority) at 360/480-6600, [scottb@sbgh-partners.com](mailto:scottb@sbgh-partners.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vickie R. Raines". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vickie Raines, Chair  
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