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TO: Flood Authority Members
FROM: Scott Boettcher, Staff
SUBJECT: Projects Committee Update

The purpose of this memo is to update Flood Authority members on the Chehalis Basin Projects recent quarterly meeting held 6/15/2015. This topic will be discussed at our 6/18/2015 Flood Authority meeting. Please feel free to call or email if you have questions (i.e., 360/480-6600, scottb@sbgh-partners.com).

6/15/2015 Quarterly Meeting (Rochester Community Center)

Key topics and conclusions from the Project Committee's 6/15/2015 quarterly meeting include:

1. State Budget Proposals.

Projects Committee reviewed current budget proposals from Governor, Senate and House (both Capital Budget and Transportation Budget). While nothing has passed yet, the Committee found reason to be optimistic given proposed 2015-17 funding levels (potentially upwards of \$10-12M for small projects). See staff budget update memo here --
https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1492/images/2015%20Legislation%2006162015.pdf.

2. Updated Proposed Scopes of Work and 2015-17 Funding Needs.

Local project sponsors were asked via email (5/29/2015 and 6/08/2015) to update their proposed scopes of work and 2015-17 funding requests. The Projects Committee reviewed and discussed local project updates received to date. While its review was cursory, the Projects Committee is optimistic that under proposed Capital Budget and Transportation Budget funding proposals sufficient funding will likely be available to meet updated 2015-17 funding requests.

Looking ahead, the Projects Committee will (1) secure outstanding scope of work and budget updates, (2) track and monitor 2015-17 legislative budget proposals, and (3) prepare for the Flood Authority's consideration at their 7/16/2015 Flood Authority meeting a recommendation for a total small projects funding package based on available 2015-17 funding.



3. Story Map – Local Projects.

Projects Committee discussed and supports development of a Small Projects story map (modelled after the Farm Pads story map --

<http://lewiswa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/?appid=884ac0632897430298bdb82f559b52c5>).

Purpose of the Small Projects story map would be to showcase small projects around the Basin and draw attention to the fact that:

- They are distributed around the Basin from headwaters to harbor.
- They provide localized and very favorable return on investment benefits.
- They are supported by local communities and local sponsors.

Like with the Farm Pads story map, video testimonials were thought to be essential for an effective Small Projects story map.

4. Project Signs.

Projects Committee reviewed and evaluated the Flood Authority's current sign for use during the 2015-17 biennium. Projects Committee determined no changes were necessary and the sign would continue to serve the function well of advertising Flood Authority endorsed/supported projects.

