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TO: Flood Authority Members
FROM: Scott Boettcher, Staff
SUBJECT: Potential Future Linkage

The following will be discussed at Thursday's Flood Authority meeting. Please feel free to contact me with questions (360/480-6600, scottb@sbgh-partners.com).

Background

1. A primary focus of the Flood Authority is to identify and implement flood hazard reduction solutions throughout the basin benefiting citizens, businesses, and basin communities.
2. A primary focus of the [Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District](#) is to "make the basin a safer place for communities impacted by flooding" by reducing flood risk to people and property.
3. Both organizations (as currently structured) were formed in response to the major floods of 2007 and 2009.
4. Both organizations are local organizations, structured to serve the unique flood hazard reduction needs of the communities they represent. [Note: See for example recent Flood Authority service-delivery survey [here](#).]

Linkages

5. Scott Boettcher (Staff, Flood Authority) and Erik Martin (District Administrator Flood Control Zone District) met earlier this week to explore linkages between the two organizations recognizing both organizations:
 - a. operate with similar goals on behalf of similar constituencies; and
 - b. will be asked to look forward in light of OCB's effort to develop a specific flood risk reduction plan (i.e., Chehalis Basin Strategy).
6. Organizational linkages discussed included:
 - ✓ Focus -- Strong alignment between purpose and goals of each organization.
 - ✓ Activities -- Complementary alignment as each organization's activities occupy unique position on a common flood hazard reduction continuum (large projects, small projects, CFHMP, flood warning).
 - ✓ Administrative -- Lewis County administers both through two departments (efficiency opportunity??).
 - ✓ Service Area -- Flood Control Zone District = Lewis County; Flood Authority = Basin-wide.
 - ✓ Knowledge/Relationships/Statutory Authority -- Complimentary.

Next Steps

7. With the Flood Authority's concurrence, Scott would work with Erik and the Flood Authority's Projects Committee to more precisely identify and define linkages, opportunities (administrative, organizational, service delivery, etc.), next steps, etc., and report back at the July 20, 2023 Flood Authority meeting.