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Attn: Erika Britney
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Re: Letter of Interest – OCB Appointment

Erika,

This email is to serve as my written letter of interest in seeking re-appointment to Governor Inslee's Office of the Chehalis Basin board. The following is an abbreviated outline of my participation and experience for consideration in requesting this re-appointment:

- ✓ Chair, Chehalis Basin Board, Department of Ecology. I was appointed by the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority to represent the interests of the communities in the basin and subsequently appointed by Governor Inslee as Chair of the OCB board. The law establishing the OCB requires that we "aggressively pursue both catastrophic flood damage reduction and aquatic species enhancement". I have worked hard to keep all interests at the table and pursue both objectives.
- ✓ Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority - local representation as a member since early 2011. I was elected to serve as the chairwoman in June 2011. Additionally, I have served as the CRBFA representative for the cities of Montesano and Cosmopolis. I am presently Grays Harbor County's representative, in my capacity as county commissioner.
- ✓ Local Collaboration for a Basin-Wide Solution - brought forward for submission to the CRBFA, municipal projects on behalf of Elma (Sewage Outfall Line) & Hoquiam (Ramer Street Pump Station). These cities were not CRBFA members, yet we have seen the impacts of flooding with their jurisdiction along the Chehalis River and desired to include their projects in the Basin-Wide approach to reduce flooding. Additionally, I have provided local support for the Aberdeen-Hoquiam North Shore Levy suite of projects, Satsop Haul Road,
- ✓ Governor's (Chehalis Basin) Work Group - appointed in 2012 by then Governor, Christine Gregoire; subsequently reappointed by Governor Inslee. I worked diligently as part of this team from 2012-2016 and saw many local projects, flood proofing, evacuation routes, habitat restoration/flood mitigation work come to fruition.
- ✓ In 2016, I represented the lower basin as part of a delegation who traveled to Washington DC to meet with Federal Legislators, USACE and other Federal agencies to bring awareness to the flood issues associated with the Chehalis River. I continue to collaborate and partner with these Federal agencies today.

My desire is to continue to utilize my existing project familiarity and participation with the budget request for the upcoming 2025-2027 biennium to further the work that has begun in the Chehalis Basin. Should you have questions or need any clarification, please feel free to contact me at (360) 590-4100.

I wish to thank the members of the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority in advance for their review and consideration of my re-appointment request.

Best regards,

Vickie L. Raines
Commissioner, District III
Grays Harbor County