

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
CHEHALIS RIVER BASIN FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION TO IDENTIFY A WATER RETENTION FACILITY) RESOLUTION NO. 17-004
TYPE TO BE SPONSORED AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT)
ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND TRANSMIT A PURPOSE)
AND NEED STATEMENT TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS)
OF ENGINEERS)

WHEREAS, the Governor, the legislature, state and federal agencies, tribes, and communities within the basin represented by the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority (Flood Authority), have joined together in an organized process, the development of the Chehalis Basin Strategy, to produce the best science for solutions to the problem of reducing catastrophic flood damage and to enhance habitat for aquatic species within the basin; and

WHEREAS, a water retention facility has been evaluated as part of this basin-wide strategy reduce flood damage to public health, public safety, public infrastructure, homes and homeowners, agricultural land and operations, businesses, schools, churches, and damage to the overall vitality of the communities in the Chehalis Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Chehalis Basin Strategy also includes near term actions such as flood proofing of homes and other structures vulnerable to flooding, other local flood damage reduction projects, land use actions by local governments to ensure new floodplain development does not impact ecological function or cause harm to residents and structures that are located in the floodplain, and buying out homes and other structures subject to repeated flood damage; and

WHEREAS, permit applications, triggering a project-level State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), are now needed in order to complete the process of developing the best science to determine whether the Project can be built consistent with local, state and federal regulations and with the overall objectives of the Chehalis Basin Strategy; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors of the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (District) has agreed to authorize the District to act as sponsor of a project that includes a water retention facility and associated facilities on the main stem of the Chehalis River south of the Town of Pe Ell per Resolution 17-001 ; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Washington State Department of Ecology, in order to create a scope for the EIS and conduct the environmental review, need to be presented with a specific type of water retention facility to evaluate against other alternatives to determine significant impacts; and

WHEREAS, accompanying the submittal of a specific type of water retention facility would be a statement of purpose and need for the project; and

WHEREAS, the District has conducted a thorough and thoughtful review of available data on possible water retention facility types including but not limited to presentations and a tour of a proposed site led by engineering consultant experts who have studied and been working on designs the project, and

WHEREAS, the District has conducted a coordinated and specific outreach to the public in the Chehalis Basin, community leaders affected by flooding, and the Office of the Chehalis Basin Board; and

WHEREAS, the District has asked for and received a recommendation on water retention facility type from the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District, as follows:

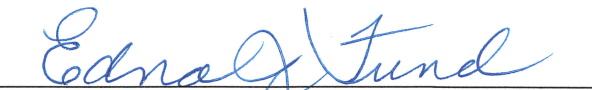
1. The District, as the project sponsor, endorses the facility type commonly known as a Flood Retention Only – Expandable, which would allow for:
 - A. A free-flowing river condition under normal flow conditions.
 - B. Stormwater control under flood conditions and impoundment of up to 65,000 acre-ft of flood storage.
 - C. An enlarged foundation and increased geotechnical exploration and design to allow for future expansion of the facility with the understanding that expansion for additional flood control or streamflow augmentation requires a full permitting and environmental review process.
2. The District authorizes the District Administrator to send a letter to the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Washington State Department of Ecology specifying a facility type and describing the purpose and need for the project.

The foregoing resolution was ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District at a regular open public meeting this 11 day of October, 2017.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


By: Interim District Counsel

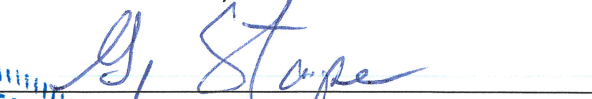
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