

Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project

Agencies seek public comments on scope of environmental studies

The Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (District) is proposing to construct a new flood retention facility and temporary reservoir near the town of Pe Ell, Washington, and levee improvements at the Chehalis-Centralia Airport in Chehalis, Washington, to reduce flood damage in the Chehalis River Basin. The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are seeking public comments to help define what should be studied in the environmental review for the District's proposed project.

Ecology and USACE have determined the proposal could have significant adverse environmental impacts and will require formal studies of those probable impacts using separate state and federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) processes. Ecology will evaluate the proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). USACE, representing the federal government, will conduct a separate, but synchronized review as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Both EIS documents will provide a comprehensive and objective evaluation of probable environmental impacts, reasonable alternatives, and mitigation measures that would avoid or minimize impacts. No permit decisions can be made until after the environmental review of the District's proposal is complete.

There are multiple ways to submit comments. All comments will be valued equally, regardless of how they are submitted.

- **IN PERSON:** Attend a public scoping meeting
- **ONLINE:** chehalisbasinstrategy.com/eis/comment-form
- **MAIL:** Chehalis Flood Damage Reduction Project EIS
Anchor QEA-720 Olive Way, Suite 1900
Seattle, WA 98101

TIMING:

The scoping comment period is **September 28 through October 29, 2018.**



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PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 16 AND 17, 2018

The purpose of the scoping meetings is to seek public comment on the environmental issues that should be studied. There are two public scoping meetings planned in the lower and upper Chehalis River Basin.

MEETING LOCATIONS AND FORMAT

Tuesday, October 16

Montesano City Hall
112 N. Main Street
Montesano, WA 98563

Wednesday, October 17

Centralia College – Bowman Rotary Banquet Room
600 Centralia College Boulevard
Centralia, WA 98531

- ▶ Open house from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- ▶ Short presentation at 5:15 p.m.
- ▶ Oral comments received through 8 p.m.

All the information provided at the scoping meetings will be available for online viewing at: www.chehalisbasinstrategy.com/eis.

EQUAL ACCESS

To ensure equal access to materials, Ecology and USACE will provide auxiliary aids/services to persons with disabilities. Please call (206) 219-5900 with any requests. Persons with hearing loss and speech disability can contact 711 for the Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability may call TTY at (877) 833-6341. All meeting-related requests must be received 72 hours in advance.