



Board of County Commissioners

Lewis County Courthouse
351 NW North Street
Chehalis, WA 98532-1900

October 12, 2011

Julie Keough, Forest Land Use Manager
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Re: Chehalis River Basin Flood Warning System Gage Installations

Dear Ms. Keough:

The Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority (Flood Authority) is comprised of 11 member agencies including Grays Harbor County, Lewis County, Thurston County, City of Aberdeen, Town of Bucoda, City of Centralia, City of Chehalis, City of Montesano, City of Oakville, and the Town of Pe Ell. The Flood Authority was formed in response to a number of historic flooding events with the purpose of developing flood hazard mitigation measures for the Chehalis River Basin.

The Flood Authority has determined that improvements to the current flood-forecasting program for the Chehalis River Basin are needed in order to provide improved flood warning capabilities for residents and other stakeholders in the Basin. As part of the program, ten new hydrologic data observation platforms will be installed: 8 sites include rainfall and temperature sensors and two sites include rainfall, temperature, and river level sensors.

This letter serves to attest that WEST Consultants is under contract with the Flood Authority to implement the early warning system with Lewis County being the fiscal agent, and that WEST Consultants is authorized to install the gages as a part of that contract.

For more information, contact:

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Sincerely,

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