

Process for Addressing Requests for Endorsement of Projects

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Context

The Flood Authority has been asked recently to endorse projects that are seeking grant or other funding. Endorsement by the Flood Authority can be beneficial to project sponsors in demonstrating local support which is often a factor considered by funding organizations. The Flood Authority has supported a suite of projects on a biennial basis for funding by the state Legislature that have been assessed by the Project Subcommittee and prioritized by the full Flood Authority. No process has been established for reviewing and endorsing individual projects.

This year a long-term strategy is being developed for flood damage reduction and aquatic species enhancement. The Flood Authority will recommend a suite of projects for the next state biennium budget that will be part of the long-term strategy.

Choice A: At this point it may not be in the best interest of the Flood Authority to endorse individual projects that may be inconsistent with the yet to be developed long-term strategy.

Choice B: The Flood Authority will consider endorsing an individual project if it has: (1) been reviewed by the Project Subcommittee, (2) there is a clear flood hazard/flood damage reduction benefit, (3) there is no increase in the potential for flood damage upstream or downstream, and (4) there are no unmitigable adverse environmental impacts.