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I highly encourage the Chehalis Basin Board to reject the dam proposal for the Chehalis River. This project simply does not pencil out in any respect. WA state can't even fund a full school year let alone cover the cost of a \$2 billion dam. On the other side of the equation, the project wouldn't even eliminate flooding during the few days of flooding each year, and only encourage further development in the floodplain. It would deeply impact Chinook recovery in a region where salmon runs are already deeply struggling, along with salmon-dependent orca and multiple elements of the state economy. (So you can add to the price tag the cost of ineffective hatchery production as well). It's located in a culturally sensitive area. In what respect does this effect positive change for anyone other than the dam proponents? I see none.

I urge the board to stop wasting vital dollars on this proposed project and instead invest in REAL solutions like floodplain restoration, elevating at-risk homes, and other non-dam alternatives. Time to stop messing around. Thank you.