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Just like any other State of Washington project this one has gone on too long, is going the wrong direction and is probably over budget.

IN the beginning was a proposal to put a Hydroelectric generating facility at the headwaters of the Chehalis above PeEll that would kill 2 birds with one stone: solve flooding problems and generate much needed electricity. But NOOOO. that was not looked on favorably. So now the PUD is not interested. Special interests are more important than the General Public security and confidence, is what I see, over and over in this process.

Would like to see folks working on this that could actually "get er done" but it has been 15 years now and nothing tangible has been produced.

Yes, some improvements to the Dike system near the Airport in Chehalis, thanks for that, probably saved a lot of flood damage. But the main problem still exists with no way to control the Chehalis River when it gets real high, due to precipitation.

Additionally developers are still installing acres of buildings in the flood plain, and that doesn't help either. The recent flood has shown that.

So my comment is: get some folks with common sense on this project, and get it done. Instead of spending millions of taxpayer dollars for nothing...