

WRIA 22-23

September 22, 2020

3:01 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, County Manager Erik Martin

Guest: Frank Corbin

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Lee Napier said the Chehalis Basin Partnership, which includes Lewis, Thurston, Mason and Grays Harbor counties, has prepared a draft Chehalis Watershed Plan Addendum for Water Resource Inventory Areas (WRIA) 22/23 in response to the Streamflow Restoration law (also known as the Hirst decision).

Lee reviewed the proposed addendum, which includes projects and actions designed to offset streamflow impacts from new permit exempt wells and provide net ecological benefits to the basin.

Lee said Lewis County's affected flood basins include the East Willapa, Chehalis-Salzer, Chehalis-Headwaters, Hanaford, Newaukum, Curtis and Skookumchuck.

Lee reviewed consumptive use for the basins. She noted that RCW 90.94 enables CBP to recommend modifications to the \$500 permit-exempt well fee. She said \$150 of that stays with the county and that \$350 goes to Ecology. Lee said the group would like the \$350 to stay with partnership rather than go to Ecology.

Erik Martin left at 3:25 p.m.

The commissioners further reviewed the plan.

Lee said she'll plan to have the addendum go before the commissioners via resolution.

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.