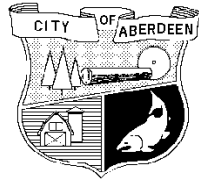


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RE: Office of the Chehalis Basin 2019-2021 Budget

Honorable Members of the State Senate and House of Representatives,

I strongly support the \$73.2 million budget recommended by the Office of the Chehalis Basin for the 2019-2021 biennium. This budget includes \$10 million for the Aberdeen-Hoquiam North Shore Levee, a project that is critically important to our community and will be ready to begin construction in 2020 if it were to be fully funded. While \$10 million is only a fraction of the \$78 million needed to fully complete the work, it is enough to at least begin phased construction while other funding sources are sought. Funding the North Shore Levee provides an opportunity to begin putting large-scale actions in the Chehalis Basin into the construction phase, beginning the transition from planning to construction for long-term elements of the Chehalis Basin Strategy. The City of Aberdeen and the City of Hoquiam are continually seeking out additional funding sources to fully fund this project, which, once constructed, will remove economy- and development-stifling National Flood Insurance Program regulations from 3,100 properties in our community.

Sincerely,

Mayor Erik Larson  
City of Aberdeen

