

Update: Capital budget remains unpassed by state legislature

Background:

The state legislature has still not passed a capital budget for the 2017-2019 biennium.

The lack of a capital budget has implications for capital projects throughout the state, including those funded through the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB), Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program (PSAR), Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) and Floodplains by Design (FbD).

Specific impacts for Snohomish Basin salmon recovery-related projects include:

- **2016 SRFB –approved projects slated to receive 2017-2019 PSAR funding cannot move forward.** Those projects are:
  - Tolt River - Lower Frew Floodplain Reconnection (King Co Water & Land Res)
  - Cherry Creek Phase II & III Construction (Sound Salmon Solutions)
  - South Fork Skykomish Acquisitions (Forterra)
  - Woods Creek RR Bridge Removal & Restoration (Adopt A Stream Foundation)
  - Woods Creek Culvert Cooperative (SnoCo, WFC, SCD)
  
- **Delays in the state capital budget may also affect**
  - Projects currently competing for 2017 SRFB and ESRP funding
    - SCD project
  - Availability of 2017-2019 PSAR capacity funds
  - 2018 SRFB/PSAR grant round
  - State support for regional contracts, which has implications for PSP
  - Staff and technical reviewers supported by capital funds, including: RCO staff, some lead entity staff and SRFB Technical Review Panel members

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Topic: Reallocation of 15-17 PSAR returned funds.

Background:

- Qwuloolt and Snohomish County’s Beach Nourishment projects have both closed under budget.
- Unused 15-17 PSAR funds amount to **\$199,935**.
- The Basin can re-allocate these funds to:
  - active projects with cost increases
  - alternates on the 2016 and/or 2017 SRFB/PSAR project lists.
- The 15-17 PSAR funds will need to be expended by June 2019
- PSAR return funds could be contracted quickly, and could kick start 2016 PSAR projects that have been delayed because of the capital budget situation.

FORUM Update  
Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum Meeting: October 5, 2017

Topic: 2017 SRFB project list

Background:

Forum approved ranked list and funding amounts on Aug. 3rd

<b>FUNDED</b>	
<b>Pilchuck Diversion Dam Removal Design - Tulalip Tribes</b>	\$ 203,000
<b>Woods Creek Culvert Replacements – Phase 1</b> SnoCo, SCD, WFC	\$ 24,436
<b>Cherry Creek Restoration – Phase 1</b> Sound Salmon Solutions	\$135,000
<b>Alternates</b>	
<b>Wallace May Acquisition - Forterra</b>	\$0
<b>Woods Creek Culvert Replacements – Phase 2 –</b> SCD, WFC	\$0

**Leaves ~\$7,091 in 2017 SRFB funds unallocated**