#### CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### **Policy Session Worksheet**

Presentation Date: Oct. 10, 2017 Approx. Start Time: 10:30 AM Approx. Length: 60 min

**Presentation Title:** Flood Recovery & Risk Management Update **Department:** County Administration and Disaster Management

Presenters: Laurel Butman, County Administration; Nancy Bush & Jay Wilson Disaster

Management

Other Invitees: Members of the Sustainable Flood Recovery Work Group

#### WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

This is an informational policy session for the Board regarding updates on the status of several efforts toward flood risk management and flood recovery in Clackamas County.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In this briefing, staff will highlight several efforts currently underway to address flood recovery and flood risk management in Clackamas County. Please see Attachment A for the information which will be presented at this session. Attachment B lists past and current activities of the Flood Group.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing): I	V/A
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Is this item in your current budget?		□ NO	
What is the cost? N/A	What is the f	funding source?	N/A

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

These issues align with three of the Board's five Strategic Priorities:

- Build public trust through good government by ensuring the public has reliable information about their risks and options
- Ensure safe, healthy and secure communities by working to minimize flood risks for the community and for County infrastructure
- Honor, utilize, promote and invest in our natural resources by addressing the need of the Sandy River for space for channel migration

**LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS: N/A** 

**PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:** See Attachments.

**OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:** N/A – informational only

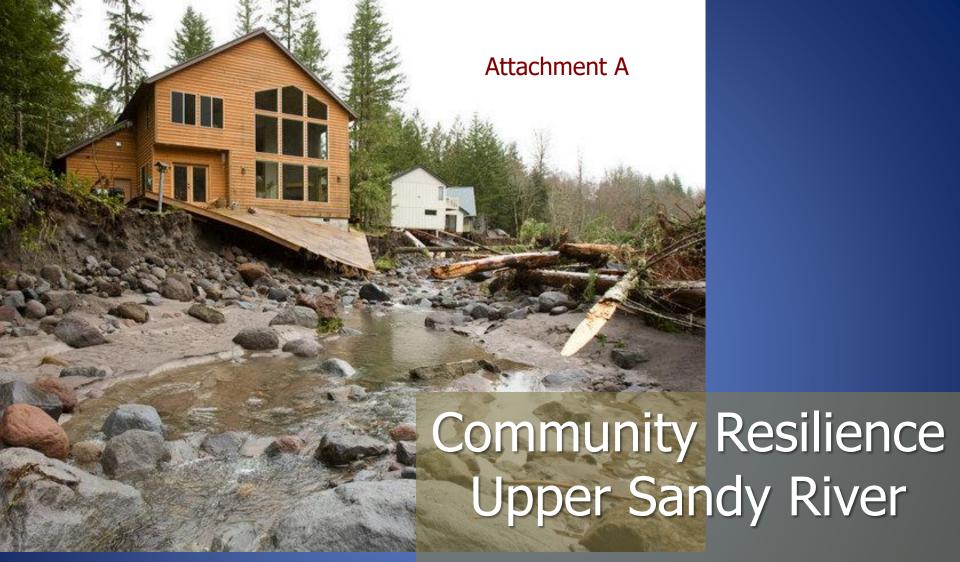
#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Attachment A: Community Resilience Presentation
- 2. Attachment B: Flood Recovery & Risk Management Activities, UPDATE 10/10/17

#### SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval		
Department Director/Head Approva	al	
County Administrator Approval	LSB	

For information on this issue or copies of attachments, please contact Laurel Butman @ 503-655-8893.





Board of County Commissioners
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October 10, 2017

Photo: Oregonian

## Outline and Purpose

- Historical Context 1964 to Present
- Post 2011 Flood Event Accomplishments
- Channel Migration Hazard Refocus Efforts
- Challenges and Opportunities
  - FEMA Resilience Meeting Oct 30, 2017
  - US Army Corps Community Planning
  - Oregon Solutions
- Urban Flood Areas

## **Channel Migration Hazards**

Upper Sandy River Basin – December 1964



Photos: Mt. Hood National Forest US Forest Service

#### 1964-1965 Floods

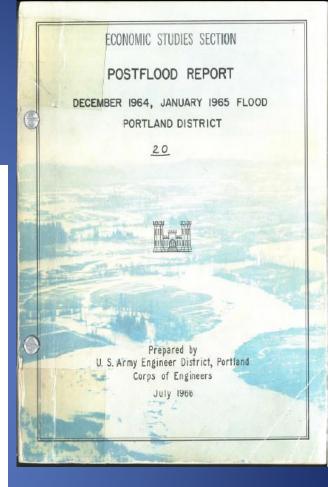
The flood volume on the Sandy was the greatest of record. The river gradient is very steep, and the river bottom soil is a gravelly silt which offers little resistance to erosion. The result was an action on the valleys and lower slope that was glacier-like.

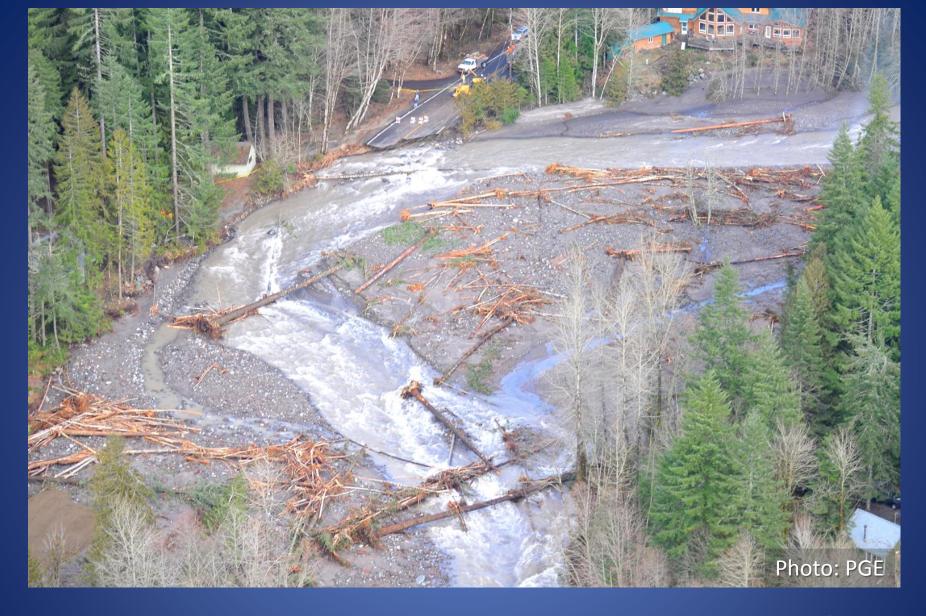
Complete changes in appearance of the valley resulted in many places;

for example, the north bank of the Sandy just upstream from Bright-wood showed no indication of buildings, vegetation or topsoil where a group of 40 houses existed prior to the flood. These conditions were repeated to a lesser extent throughout the upper basin.

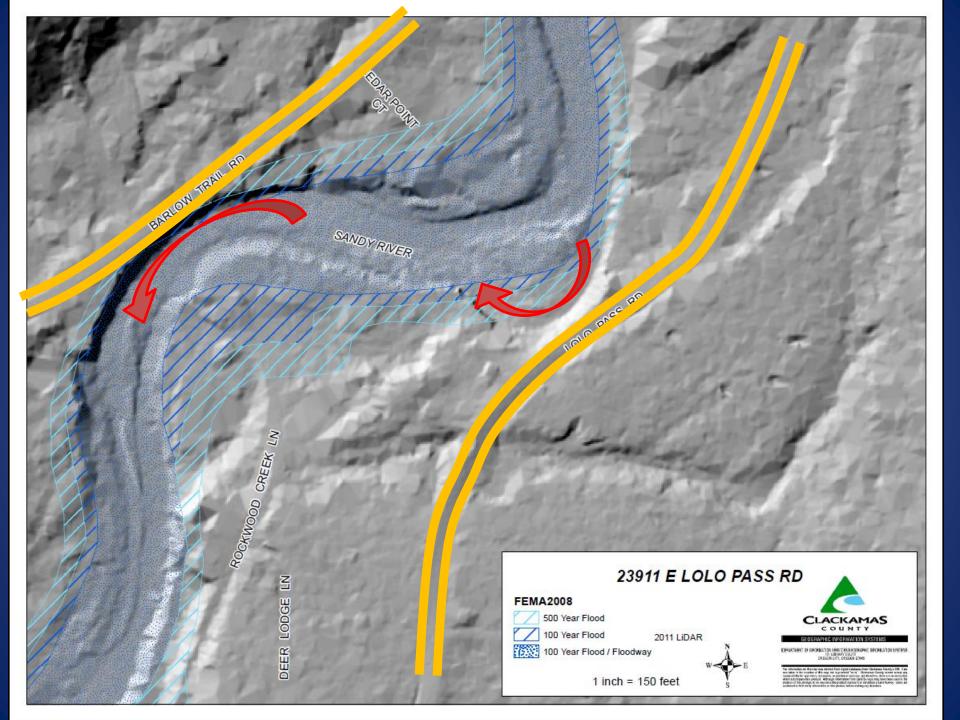
A total of 155 homes were completely destroyed in the Sandy

Basin, with a great many more being damaged. Of these a majority were unoccupied summer homes, or loss of life would doubtless have been greater than the one reported.





January 2011 - Lolo Pass Rd Washout Across from Autumn Lane





January 2011 - Lower Lolo Pass Road Area



June 2011 - Lower Lolo Pass Road Area

Photo: Jay Wilson



Damages resulting from January 16, 2011 flood, Zig Zag Village, Upper Sandy River

Bank of sand

River bed of boulders

Photo: Oregonian

- River Bank is Softer than the River Bed
- Doesn't need to "Flood" to Cause Damage
- Historic protection (riprap) causes problems
- The Sandy River needs more room

## **Emerging Policy Issues**

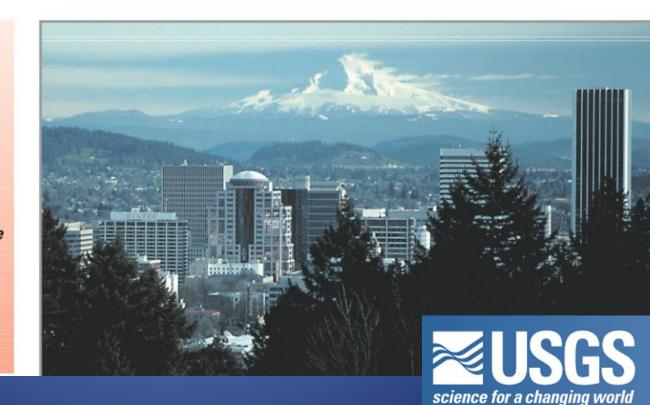
- Flood Recovery Goals & Objectives
- County's Role on flood recovery
- Flood Risk Management Planning
  - Emphasis on FEMA Flood Insurance
  - Level of Protection Public & Private Properties
  - County considerations for buyouts and future management as open space
  - Special Improvement District
  - Anticipate recovery ahead of time "Precovery"
- Visioning Multi-decade transformation



#### Report Findings – Volcanic Landscape

## Mount Hood—History and Hazards of Oregon's Most Recently Active Volcano

ount Hood's last major eruption occurred in the 1790's not long before Lewis and Clark's expedition to the Pacific Northwest. In the mid-1800's, local residents reported minor explosive activity, but since that time the volcano has been quiet. Someday, however, Mount Hood will erupt again. What will those eruptions be like and how will they affect us? Scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are studying the volcano's past eruptive behavior to better anticipate and prepare for future eruptive activity.



## Sandy River Valley

is a Layer Cake of

Volcanic Mud Flows



Photo: Jay Wilson



## **Timberline Rim Area 1967**



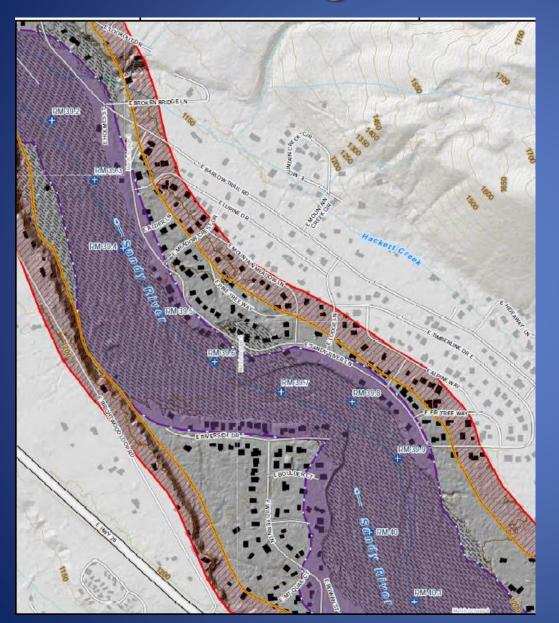
## **Timberline Rim 1972**

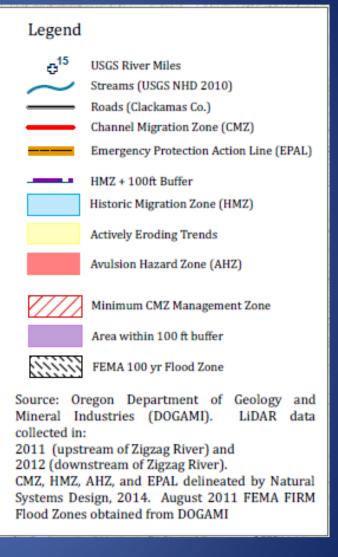




Figure 23. Timberline Rim Channel Migration. This group of air photos shows the lateral and downstream migration of the large bend adjacent to the Timberline Rim community. Note the remnant channel traces showing the distance of migration from 2005 to 2008 to 2012. Note also the size of the bend relative to property plats. Data sources: University of Oregon Libraries, USDA NAIP.

## **Channel Migration Zone – Risk Map**





## 100' Buffer CMZ Properties

- 416 Residential Properties
- Total FMValue = Struct & Land
- Total Assessed Value =
- Taxes Collected =
- Average price =

- 229 properties below
- 70 properties below

\$104,000,000

\$84,000,000

\$1,200,000

\$250,000

\$200,000

\$100,000

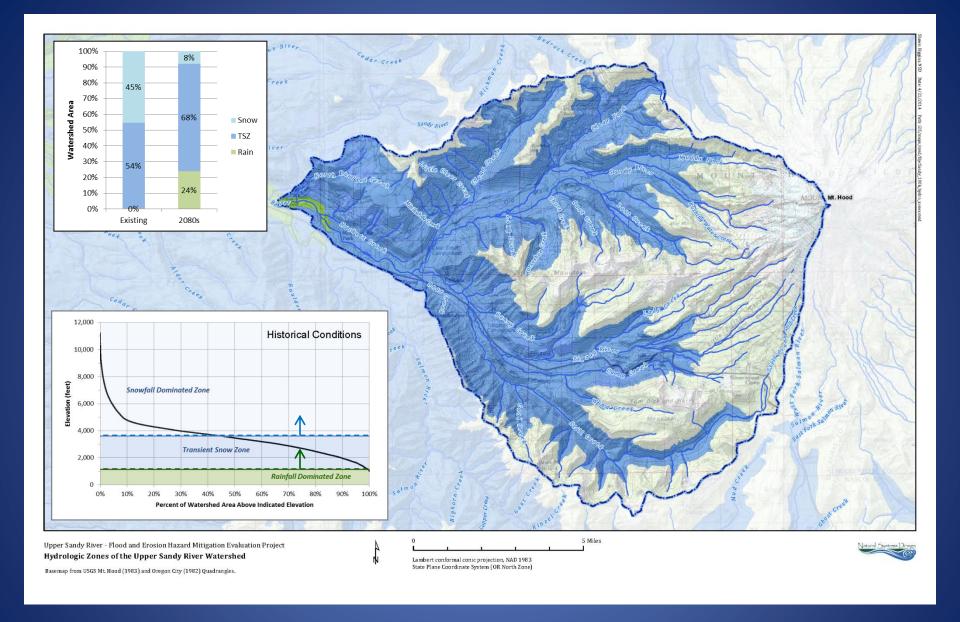
#### **Got Flood Insurance?**

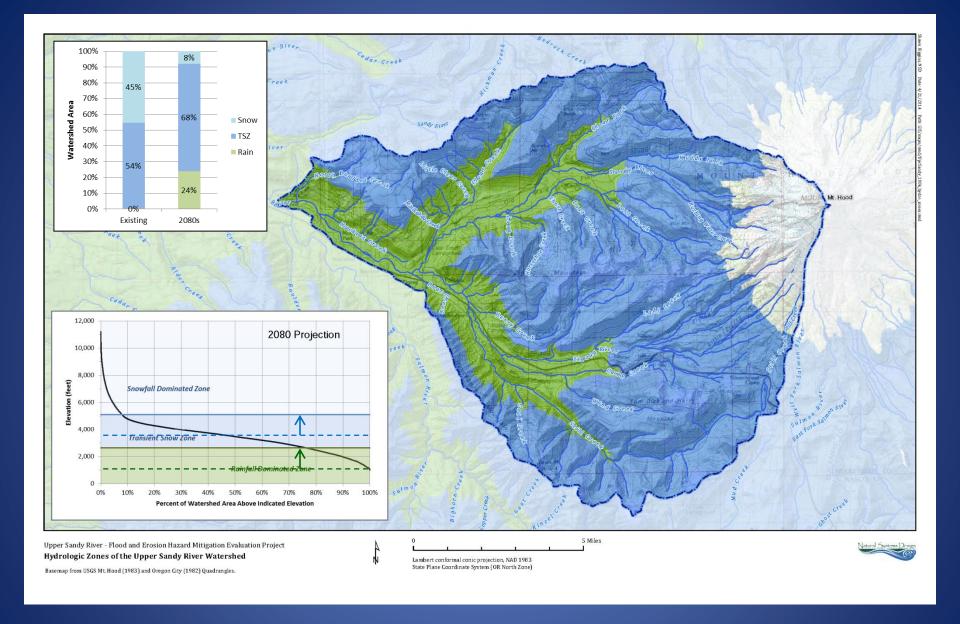


#### **Timberline Rim**

Between river miles 41.5 and 42

- 14 flood-affected properties, with a total FMV of \$3.7 million
- 95 remaining unaffected properties at risk with a total Fair Market Value of \$19.7 million
- 48 flood insurance policies as of July 2011





## **FEMA Resilience Meeting**

- Challenges = Opportunities
- Planning for Future Flood Recovery
- Visioning Long-Term Growth

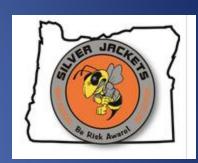


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#### **US Army Corps of Engineers**

Search Portland District

- Silver Jackets Federal/State Partners
  - Flood Risk Management Projects



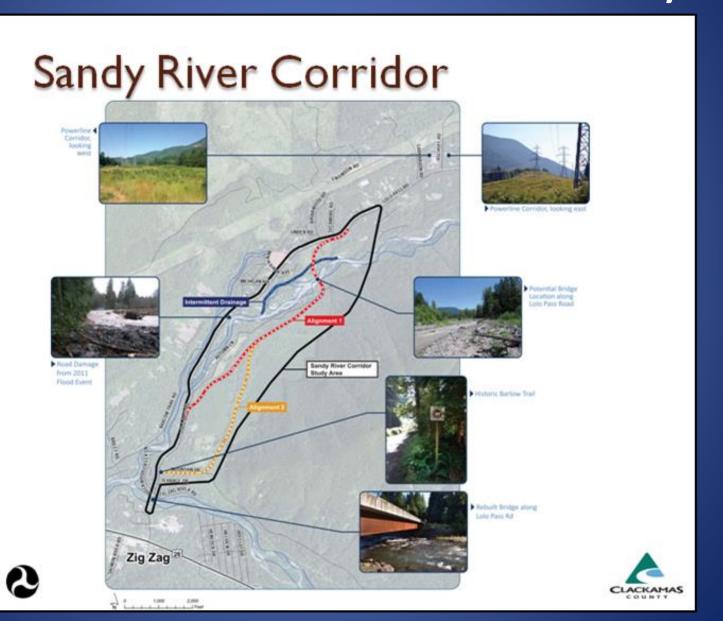
- Community Planning Grant Project
  - Flood Risk Management Plan
  - Community Planner Assistance

Emphasis on Community Involvement

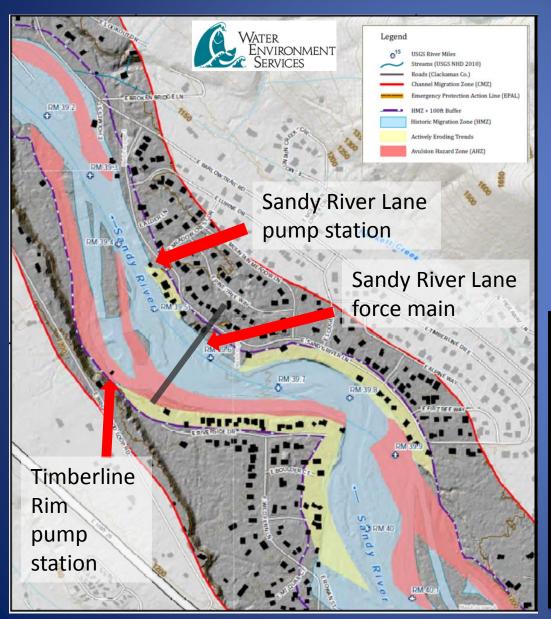


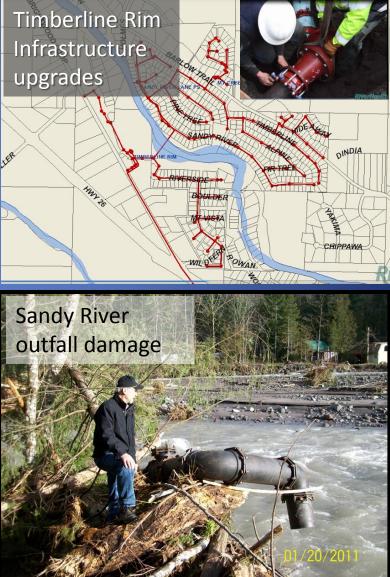
- Convening Authority
  - Federal, State, Conservancies, and NGO
- Conflict Resolution
- Resources and Funding Options
- Long-range Policy and Program Alignment
- Visioning

#### Lolo Pass Road Alternative Study



#### Hoodland Service Area Wastewater System





## Why WES Completed a Master Plan

- Individual project needs had been identified, including potential outfall improvements, but never as part of a comprehensive Master Plan
- To inform new project investment decisions to meet new challenges from the perspective of the entire system
- Damage to conveyance system and treatment plant outfall occurred during Sandy River flood events in 1996 and 2011
- Timberline Rim pump station, Sandy River Lane pump station, and the interconnecting pipe beneath the river are vulnerable to channel migration and erosion
- Aging treatment plant: over 30 years old and potentially in need of upgrades
- Environmental, public health, and community impacts from potential loss of service are significant

# Public Awareness and Involvement 2017 Flood of Information



September 30, 2017 Sandy Fire Annex

Photos: Todd Logan Clackamas County

#### Urban Flood Risk

- 2009 and 2015 Federal Disasters
- Built-out Downstream neighborhoods
- Heavily Impacted Urban Creeks
- Repetitive Flood Loss Properties
- Surface Water Management
- NFIP Reform and Flood Insurance Uncertainty
- Community Rating System (CRS)
- Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update



# Western County Flood of Information Event

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual FOI at Milwaukie Center
- November 11, 2017 9am to 12pm
- Interdepartmental Collaboration
- Partnerships with Watershed Councils
- The Wetlands Conservancy



#### Thank You

# Challenges = Opportunities



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#### **Attachment B**

#### Flood Recovery & Risk Management Activities, UPDATE 10/10/17 Highlighted items are areas of current focus.

Flood Recovery Policy Activities	Date(s)	Status
Oregon Solutions potential project	2017-18 begin	Assessment complete
Flood Risk Management Plan (Sandy)	2017-2019	USACE Silver Jackets planner
Flood Risk Management (General)	Current	Buyout app. for one home
FEMA Resilience Meeting	10/30/17	Commissioners invited
Channel Migration Zoning	2018-2019	In Planning work plan
Upper Sandy River Erosion Study	2014-2015	Complete
Flood Warning System	2013-2014	River gauges installed
NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program)	Date(s)	Status
Community Rating System Review	2016	Downgraded to 10
Water Environment Services		
Hoodland Master Plan	2016	Complete
Sandy River Basin Watershed Council		
CLT Side Channel Restoration	2016	Complete
Community Playbook	2015	Complete
Outreach		
Community Flood Risk Mgmt. Committee	2014 (established)	RECONVENING meetings
Board of County Commissioners	2011-present	1-2 Policy Sessions/Year
Flood of Information	2012-present	Annual event 2 in 2016 & 2017
USACE Public Involvement Pilot Project	Feb 2014-Feb 2015	Complete
50th Anniversary, 1964 Christmas Flood	2014	Complete
Hazardous Waste Collection Event	June 2014	Complete
Transportation & Maintenance	0044 0040	
Lolo Pass Rd Alternatives Study	2014 – 2016	Complete
Barlow Trail Bank Project	2013 – 2016	Complete

Online resources the County provides:

www.clackamas.us/emergency/flooding.html www.clackamas.us/planning/flood.html