

CONSENT ITEM (RESOLUTION 26-04-09)

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Grays Harbor College – increased local capital expenditure authority for Lake Swano Dam

Brief Description

Grays Harbor College seeks approval to spend up to an additional \$70,854.26 to complete the alternatives analysis and stakeholder outreach for the Lake Swano Dam project. This project will study the dam and develop recommendations regarding its long-term stability and future, including potential options including dam removal. Funding is provided through a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant administered by the Washington State Department of Ecology, and this project is associated with and supplements \$1,000,000 in state funding for project 40001150 approved [SSB 5195, Section 5065](#).

How does this item link to the State Board's Strategic Plan?

This project supports student success by addressing critical infrastructure safety needs..

Background information and analysis

Lake Swano Dam has been identified as deficient under current Dam Safety standards, receiving a high hazard rating. The dam retains a small lake and provides access and utility infrastructure for a portion of the campus. The alternatives analysis will evaluate the condition of the dam and develop options to repair, replace, or remove the dam. The study will also include public and agency awareness meetings to support transparency and coordination with stakeholders.

The Department of Ecology awarded a FEMA grant to supplant state funding for alternatives analysis and stakeholder engagement that will lead into design. Costs for this phase total \$70,854.26 and are funded through the FEMA grant administered by the Department of Ecology, and is limited to these activities. In addition, the Legislature appropriated \$1,000,000 in state funds for project 40001150 in [SSB 5195, Section 5065](#), to support the evaluation and design phases of work to address the Lake Swano Dam.

Recommendation/preferred result

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 26-04-09 granting Grays Harbor College the authority to spend up to an additional \$70,854.26 in FEMA grant funds for the Lake Swano Dam project.

Policy Manual Change Yes No

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES
RESOLUTION 26-04-09**

A resolution relating to the Lake Swano Dam project at Grays Harbor College, authorizing the college to spend up to an additional \$70,854.26 to complete alternatives analysis and stakeholder engagement work.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 28B.50 and State Board policy, 6.20 the State Board must approve any expenditure of capital funds, any expenditure of local funds for a capital purpose, and each capital improvement project affecting educational facilities; and

WHEREAS, Grays Harbor College has identified the need to evaluate the long-term stability of Lake Swano Dam, which is deficient under current Dam Safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Swano dam provides essential access and utility infrastructure to a portion of Grays Harbor College's campus; and

WHEREAS, the college will study the dam and provide recommendations for a long-term solution, which may include dam removal, and will incorporate public and agency awareness meetings as part of the process; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature appropriated \$1,000,000 in state funds for project 40001150 in [SSB 5195, Section 5065](#), to support work associated with addressing Lake Swano Dam; and

WHEREAS, Grays Harbor College has secured an additional \$70,854.26 in FEMA grant funding administered by the Washington State Department of Ecology to complete the alternatives analysis and stakeholder engagement work;

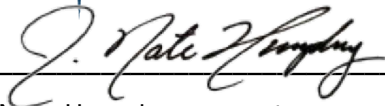
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes Grays Harbor College to spend up to an additional \$70,854.26 on the Lake Swano Dam project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes the Executive Director to make adjustments to this action, including any necessary changes to the State Board's Policy Manual, as necessary, for actions taken by the Governor, Legislature, data corrections, externally imposed restrictions or guidelines, uniform accounting and reporting requirements, and unanticipated changes in state or federal law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on (04/09/2026)

Attest





Nate Humphrey, secretary



Martin Valadez, chair