



Washington State Legislature

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Colonel Anthony Wright
Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District
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RE: Technical Conference, Skagit River Hydrology

Dear Colonel Wright,

We are writing to urge your support in convening a technical conference to work toward resolving the longstanding issue of the Skagit River hydrology.

Recent discussions between Skagit County, Mount Vernon, Burlington and Dike District staff with senior Civil Works and Corps of Engineers executives raised the possibility that an expert technical panel/conference could be convened ahead of the milestone Feasibility Scoping Meeting set for the Skagit General Investigation Study this year.

Local jurisdictions have committed to help pay travel and per diem expenses for Corps of Engineers experts and other independent experts participating in the conference.

This proposal/request is supported by the City of Mount Vernon, the City of Sedro-Woolley, the City of Burlington, the Town of La Conner, Dike District 1, Dike District 3, Dike District 12, Dike District 17, and Dike District 22. The Local Sponsor, Skagit County, also supports this concept.

We ask your help to make this happen.

Sincerely,

Senator Kevin Ranker
40th Legislative District

Representative Dave Quall
40th Legislative District

Representative Jeff Morris
40th Legislative District

Senator Mary Margaret Haugen
10th Legislative District

Representative Barbara Bailey
10th Legislative District

Representative Norma Smith
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