

22 November 1963

MEMO FOR RECORD

SUBJECT:

1. Skagit River, Avon Bypass - On 16 November a meeting at Mt. Vernon was held with representatives of Diking Districts in the Skagit County to review plans for channel levee improvement below Mt. Vernon prior to the 22 November public hearing. Attendees were:

Members of Skagit County Diking District

Lloyd Johnson, Skagit County Engineer

Scott Richards, Chairman, Skagit County Commissioners

R. H. Gedney, NPS

R. A. Skrinde, NPS

2. Mr. Gedney made the following remarks:

a. Explained the studies in the Skagit River Basin. He indicated that our studies to date have shown that flood control is the most urgently needed flood water control in the basin.

b. He reviewed plans for levee and channel improvement below Mt. Vernon and addition of fisheries and recreation as purposes to the Avon Bypass.

c. That long range flood control could be obtained either by upstream storage or by construction of another bypass at some future date.

3. There was some opposition from Mr. Phil Summers and representatives of Diking District 15 on our proposed plan to remove a channel restriction along the fishing resort owned by Mr. Summers. His concern was, in part, that the District could not absorb the cost of providing the necessary right-of-way.

4. There was considerable discussion by land owners in the path of the Bypass who were opposed to the Bypass project.

5. A vote of the Diking Districts present was taken to reconfirm the interest in the Avon Bypass. A motion to support the Bypass was passed.

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