

SKAGIT RIVER LEVEE AND CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS

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My name is George H. Dynes of Mt. Vernon, Washington. I have lived in Mt. Vernon since 1930. For approximately forty years I have been a Commission^{er} of Dike District #20 that takes in the lower Nookachamps Valley.

Mrs. Alice DeVries, as a Commission^{er} of Dike District #20 will outline the position of our Dike District #20.

I am the Chairman of the Flood Control Committee of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association. This group is dedicated to the comprehensive planning and development for the water and related land resources of the Pacific Northwest: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Western Montana and Alaska. PNWA is a citizens organization, incorporated as a non-profit association in 1934.

For 20 years, I have worked through this group both in this State and Washington D.C. to get their help in promoting more Flood Control for the Skagit River. We are now one of ten programs of urgency for this needed work on the Skagit. The P.N.W.A. in cooperation with local people have endorsed approval by the Federal Administration and Congress of funds to continue planning, advance engineering and design and construction of the Lower Skagit Levees.

We are now in the position that necessary funds are available for the U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers to finish the Advance Engineering needed and the next step is to go to Congress to get the funds for the actual construction.

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My own personal feelings are at this time for the money that I feel will be available on a Federal Level, that we should go back to Alternate #2 or Low Levees with the extension of the Levees from Burlington to Sedro Woolley. We would be looking at an approximate cost of \$20,000,000.00 in Federal Funds and a \$1,000,000.00 in Local Funds.