

CONVERSATION RECORD

DATE: 19 April 1988

TYPE	<input type="checkbox"/> VISIT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TELEPHONE	
Location of Visit/Conference:			<input type="checkbox"/> INCOMING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUTGOING
NAME OF PERSON(S) CONTACTED OR IN CONTACT WITH YOU	ORGANIZATION (NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP)	TELEPHONE NO.	ROUTING
JOHN WISEMAN	City Engineer, Mt. Vernon, WA	(206) 336-6204	NAME/SYMBOL INT
SUBJECT			
Skagit River Levee and Channel Improvements Project			

SUMMARY

1. I called John Wiseman in response to an inquiry he had made to me on 14 April during an American Public Works Association Conference, on what would it take to reactivate the Corps Skagit River levee project. I suggested a good strategy would be to have the city of Mt. Vernon host a meeting with the county, cities, diking districts, council of governments, citizens committee and Corps to surface the degree of interest in reactivating the project and develop a plan of action.

2. The Corps would likely want to have resolutions from the cities and county requesting reactivation (rather than letters of intent/interest) because resolutions are more representative of public support through elected officials. If received in early summer, it may be possible for the Corps to include a request for funds in the FY 90 budgetary submission to Congress. Funds would be used to resume Preconstruction Engineering and Design (PED) with the first step being a reaffirmation of the project justification and sponsorship. I cautioned that funding in FY 89 was unlikely given the time available and degree of coordination necessary before summer, and a more likely time frame was the FY 91 budget. This would not preclude a Congressional add-on for the FY 89 budget.

3. In addition, cost sharing requirements in accordance with PL 99-662 would be necessary and the possibility of automatic project deauthorization had to be considered.

ACTION REQUIRED

SEE PARAGRAPH 4

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	<i>W.L. Farrar</i>	4/19/88

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4. Mr. Wiseman stated he would discuss hosting a meeting with his mayor, council members and also Don Nelson, Skagit County flood engineer. I agreed to provide him information on cost sharing requirements and the deauthorization status. He asked if we could update the project costs for a meeting and what would it take to update the degree of protection (i.e. provide uniform level of protection). I stated we could ENR the project costs for a ball park estimate but nothing more at this time. We agreed to discuss our respective actions during the week of 25 April.

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