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Avon bypass funds in budget

Thirty thousand dollars for preliminary planning and design of Avon Bypass flood control project on the Skagit River was included today in the President's budget request to the Congress.

The budget includes $234 million for federal water projects in the Pacific Northwest, including the bypass planning work.

Also affecting the Skagit basin is a proposed $410,000 comprehensive study of water resources of Puget Sound and tributaries.

Principal new construction by the Bonneville Power Administration under the same budget includes the 65-mile Arlington-to-Ravensdale line and a 500-230 kilovolt substation at Bellingham.

District 20 leaders call dike meet

A proposal to dike the entire Nookachamps Valley from Mount Vernon to Sedro-Woolley along the Skagit River will be the subject of a public meeting Wednesday evening.

Dike District No. 20 commissioners, George M. Dynes, John Petter, and Dr. Robert Thompson have issued an invitation to all property owners in the Nookachamps Valley to attend the 8 p.m. meeting at the Clear Lake School gymnasium.

The invitation read:

"We, the diking commissioners of Dike District No. 20 (from Hoag Hill to Nookachamps Creek), have believed for several years that expanding our Dike District to take in the entire Nookachamps Valley would be very helpful for all property owners in the area that are subjected to floods from the Skagit River.

"With the completion of the Avon By-Pass, it will be possible to dike the Skagit River from near the new bridge at Sedro-Woolley, following the river to Hoag's Hill just East of the Great Northern Bridge near Mount Vernon.

"The Corps of Army Engineers has agreed to take the planning of this dike under consideration, as we know that it is not possible for the district to finance this large project. The benefits to the valley would be tremendous.

"A representative of the Corps of Army Engineers, Soil Conservation Service, and the County Engineer's Office, plus the commissioners of Dike District No. 20 and their legal counsel will be on hand to answer questions."