Dear Sir:

This letter is in reply to your letter dated December 16, 1963. Your letter requests local cooperation requirements on the levee improvements and recreation additions to the Avon Bypass, which is scheduled for a Public Hearing on Friday, January 10, 1964.

A meeting was held on December 31st at 1:30 P.M. with the affected Dike District Commissioners, who number eighteen (18) and of which, sixteen (16) were in attendance. An affirmative vote was given by the attending dike district commissioners for the Corps of Engineers' project of improvements. The affected dike district commissioners indicated their willingness to work with the County in providing the necessary rights of way for the proposed project; hold the United States free from damages due to construction works; and maintain and operate all of the works after the completion of construction in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Army. The Skagit County Dike Districts have a high record of quality maintenance on their systems so this item is of no consequence.

We, the Board of County Commissioners, wish to affirm the intent of the County to provide the local cooperation in behalf of the dike districts and the people of Skagit County, as set forth in your request.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Exhibit 1