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RESOLUTION FROM WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF SKAGIT COUNTY TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

We hereby recommend that the County Commissioners of Skagit County take the following actions for the benefit and betterment of the county as regards Flood Control.

1. Establish a Flood Control Zone under State law to include the entire Skagit County in order to provide overall control for all Flood Control matters and to include direct sponsorship of Federally-financed projects.
2. Begin, as soon as possible, imposing the authorized one-mill levy for Flood Control to have a working fund for utilization throughout the county.
3. Show a positive intent to accomplish Flood Control measures by adopting the attached Comprehensive Plan for Flood Control in Skagit County.
4. Agree, by letter to the United States Army Corps of Engineers, to sponsor Phase I of the Comprehensive Plan by conforming to the conditions cited in the authorizing document for that Phase.

**COMPREHENSIVE FLOOD CONTROL PLAN
SKAGIT COUNTY**

The Commissioners of Skagit County, recognizing that the control of floods is necessary to prevent reoccurring losses, and to provide for a reasonable degree of development, intend to proceed with the following planning program:

a. Objectives. - The objective of the flood control plan is to achieve, on a long range basis, protection as compatible with land use requirements for agriculture, open space and urban and industrial developments. To provide the necessary protection, **a combination of levees, bypass of flood waters, and upstream storage are required.** Recognizing that the ultimate plan will be a combination of these elements together with such interim measures as are required to reduce or control flood damages, the following program of planning is considered to be a reasonable approach.

b. Phase I. - Lower levee systems. The 68,000 acre delta area on the Skagit River is now protected by a system of levees providing varying levels of protection. These levees would be raised pursuant to the plan developed by the Corps of Engineers authorized by Congress under the 1962 Flood Control Act. **The construction of this project would increase the level of protection to once in about 8 years.** This project should include "fuse plugs" to eliminate critical levee failures. In addition, a program of public information and control of the flood plain will be adopted to **insure that developments are controlled and a false sense of security does not exist.**

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c. Phase II. - Flood Control Storage in Baker River Projects. Flood storage, for the benefit of Skagit River Valley, is being utilized in Ross Dam project of Seattle City Light. Flood control storage also should be obtained, by draw down of the Baker River projects owned and operated by the Puget Sound Power and Light Co. This storage space would be required for about a 4-month period during fall and winter months. The owner of this project will be asked to provide storage space for flood control.

d. Phase III. - Avon Bypass. The Avon Bypass project will be examined to determine its contribution to overall plan for flood control. In this examination, due consideration will be given to both the downstream levee improvements previously described, and to the effect of future upstream storage. The Avon Bypass project, if deemed essential, would be designed in such a way as to hold the local contributions to a minimum.

e. Phase IV. - Upstream Storage. Upstream storage sites exist on the Lower Sauk, Skagit River near Copper Creek, Cascade, and Suiattle Rivers and other locations throughout the upper basin. Storage can be provided in a number of combinations. However, many of these plans have serious impact on the existing fishery which is a tremendous resource of the county and the State. The final storage plan adopted must be formulated with detailed documentation demonstrating that the recommended developments are the best use of the water resources from both an economic and a social standpoint.