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Gentlemen:

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This is to advise you that Skagit County, Washington has reviewed a draft of the Local Cooperation Agreement and assures its willingness to meet the following conditions in connection with a proposed Skagit River Flood Control Project in Skagit County, Washington:

a. Provide without cost to the United States, all lands, easements, and rights-of-way necessary for construction of the projects;

b. Hold and save the United States free from damages due to construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors;

c. Maintain and operate all the works after completion in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Army;

d. Provide without cost to the United States all relocations of buildings and utilities, roads, sewers, related and special facilities necessary for construction of the projects;

e. Prevent any encroachment on the Project or riverward of the Project that might reduce the flood-carrying capacity of the stream or interfere with operation and maintenance of the Project;

f. Notify the public annually of the limited flood protection provided by the recommended works subsequent to their construction;

g. Secure the water rights necessary for operation of the recommended works for recreational purposes;

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With respect to recreational facilities, provide cash, equivalent work, h. or lands so that the non-Federal share shall be at least 50 per cent of the total first cost of the development;

Assure public access for all on equal terms, for recreation development; i.

j. Submit plans for any additional recreational development of the Avon Bypass project to the Secretary of the Army for approval and determination of the Federal interest prior to construction.

Skagit County, Washington possesses the authority and the capability under the Washington State Constitution and other law to furnish the non-Federal cooperation required by the Federal legislation that authorizes the Project.

In carrying out the specified non-Federal responsibilities for the Skagit River Flood Control Project in Skagit County, Washington, the Skagit County agrees to comply with the provisions of the "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970," Public Law 91-646, approved 2 January 1971; and Section 221 of the Flood Control Act of 1970, Public Law 91-611, approved 31 December 1970, as amended.

Respectfully,

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