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The Skagit County Board of Commissioners today approved placing of an excess levy proposition on the fall ballot to finance the County's portion of the Skagit River Levy and Channel Improvement Project. The project is designed to provide 50 to 100-year flood protection to the Skagit Valley, Sedro Woolley, downstream. The project (Mount Vernon, downstream) was initially authorized by Congress in 1966 with the extension to Sedro Woolley expected shortly. The total project currently is estimated to cost Fifty-Five Million Dollars, with the County's projected cost at the time of construction, at Fourteen Million Dollars. The Board strongly recognizes the need for a flood control project, but because of the State mandated limitations on revenue, is unable to provide funding from existing revenues and therefore must place this issue before the voters.

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