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January 22, 2007

Colonel Michael McCormick, District Engineer
U. S Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District
4735 E. Marginal Way South
Seattle, WA 98124-2255

Dear Colonel McCormick:

It has come to the Board of Commissioners' attention that a letter to you dated November 1, 2006 from Chal Martin, Burlington Public Works Director/City Engineer, questions the professional integrity of the County's consultant, Northwest Hydraulic Consultants (NHC). The Board is compelled to put Skagit County on record that we do not agree with Mr. Martin's opinion.

Recognizing the significant local controversy over the Skagit River historical hydrology, the County retained the professional services of a well respected, reputable firm capable of objectively assessing within a limited budget this historical hydrology. It was with great confidence that NHC was retained for this work. The County is pleased with the work of NHC and continues to have confidence in their ability to objectively perform the scope of services requested by the County.

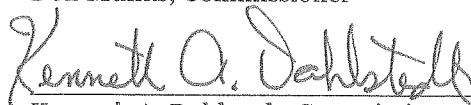
Thank you for your continued commitment to Skagit County and Skagit River flood plain management. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON


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Chal Martin, City of Burlington