



March 23, 2007

Board of County Commissioners  
1800 Continental Place  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

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RE: City of Burlington Concerns Regarding the Skagit River General Investigation (GI) Study

Dear Commissioners,

Attached please find a resolution approved by the Burlington City Council at its meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. The resolution expresses concern related to the underlying hydrologic and hydraulic modeling basis of the Corps of Engineers analysis, especially the use of the historic flood estimates. The council requests Skagit County insert the following text in the new Project Management Plan, currently under development:

“The Seattle District and Skagit County recognize there is not consensus by impacted cities and Dike Districts on the Corps’ hydrologic and hydraulic analysis. In particular, several local cities and Dike Districts continue to be concerned that the historic flood estimates are too high and skew the analysis. It is the intention of the Seattle District and Skagit County to address this issue through a formal independent review process at the appropriate stage of the General Investigation, prior to the Project Engineering and Design Phase.”

Thank you very much for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Jon T. Aarstad  
City Administrator

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