

FLOOD CONTROL AID SOUGHT BY COMMISSIONERS

Two Resolutions Mailed To
Olympia This Week—Skagit,
Samish Named

RECEIVES \$2,000,000

District Will Meet In July —
County Chamber Discusses Subject

Resolutions were passed this week by the county commissioners which ask the federal government for funds with which to finance flood control projects on the Skagit and Samish rivers. The commissioners signed the instruments Monday and the auditor was instructed to forward them to the state director of relief at Olympia as soon as possible.

Another resolution setting forth the Skagit River project in detail together with maps will accompany the appeals for federal money. This instrument has been prepared and awaits the signature of Hugo Bauman, chairman of the board and County Auditor Carl P. Kloke as clerk of the board.

The Skagit River project as outlined in the resolution lays the river bank out in sections, giving the engineer's estimate of the cost of each. The resolution states that the county agrees to pay five per cent of the cost and will furnish all the right-of-way and will assume responsibility for damages and that it will operate and maintain the work after completion. A part of the right-of-way has already been acquired, says the resolution.

In addition to the above the county agrees to provide six trucks with drivers, two small shovels, one automobile, one pile driver, two caterpillar tractors, one air compressor, one donkey engine, one small and one large concrete mixer and all the rock for riprapping necessary.

Every effort is now being made to bring the flood control district proposal up for decision at an early date so that advantage may be taken of the offer of government aid. In this the cooperation of E. F. Banker, state director of conservation and development, has been obtained. Attorney R. V. Welts, chairman of the County Planning Council, is now in Olympia in the interest of the project.

The Skagit River project calls

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for 2000 feet of 1-foot rock riprap to cost \$20,000; 12,000 feet in the Avon bend to cost \$120,000; the Burlington bend, 3400 feet, to cost \$34,000. Other stretches of bank, totaling more than 4000 feet are estimated at \$405,250.

Get Appropriation

An appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the raising of the flood protection levees on the delta of the Skagit river and its tributaries was included in the \$340,000,000 house bill at Washington, D. C., late last week, a dispatch from Congressman Mon C. Wallgren received today announces.

A public hearing for the formation of the flood control district will be held in Mount Vernon, either July 1 or July 2, it was announced this week by Grant Sisson, a member of the state's flood control commission for Skagit. After the hearing the district will be permanently set up at an election which will be called in this district to vote on the proposal.

"This election is of vital importance to every one in the county," Sisson told members of the county chamber of commerce at a meeting in Concrete Tuesday evening. He denied that an immediate bond issue would be forced upon the people, stating that in any event the county commissioners may not exceed 2 mills for flood control purposes.

Flood control was the chief topic at the county chamber meeting Tuesday, at which time E. F. Banker of Okanogan and George Moore of Seattle also spoke on the subject. Moore spoke on the proposed Ruby dam, which, he stated, would permanently solve the Skagit flood problem. Moore presented figures and data concerning the Skagit that members of the chamber had never heard before. Banker told that it would cost the county, state or federal government \$14,500,000 to control the Skagit.