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Burlington Bend Project Approved

Approval of the flood control project at Burlington bend on the Skagit river was announced this week by Art Garton, state director of conservation and development. Contracts for the \$174,000 job are to be awarded within the next 30 days and work will be done under supervision of U. S. Army engineers, Garton said.

Financing allocations include \$88,000 from the state, \$50,000 from U. S. Engineers; \$26,000 from Skagit county; \$5,000 from city of Burlington; and \$5,000 from diking and drainage district.

Garton called Senator Jess Sapp and informed him that Col. Hewitt, Army engineer and Col. Schuler will soon open bids on the project.

Approval of the project culminates cooperative effort on the part of Senator Sapp, U. S. Congressman Henry M. Jackson, Garton, Skagit county commissioners, other state legislators from this district, as well as many city officials and dike and drainage officials.

Rock revetment work with a filter blanket beneath on the north bank of the bend east of Burlington will be done. The area has long been considered the most dangerous area for a flood breakthrough.

It is estimated the project will be completed by fall.