

FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM NOT IN DANGER, BANKER SAYS

OLYMPIA, March 6. —(AP)— The state's flood control program is not in danger because of the failure of congress to provide matching funds, E. F. Banker, director of conservation and development, said today.

The program contemplates 50 per cent federal aid, with the state and local districts each contributing 25 per cent. The state's share would be raised by a \$15,000,000 bond issue to be voted upon at the November general election.

"There is no cause for alarm," Banker said. "There is still enough time this session for such legislation, and appropriations in the 1937

session would be passed in plenty of time to permit us to go on with the program."

Four timber companies, which are attacking the legality of the 1935 flood law, contended the program hinges on federal and state funds which may not be received.

This suit will be heard Monday by the supreme court.

More than 20 flood districts are now being formed, but the final action awaits the outcome of the high court case.

Banker denied he made statements yesterday that the "flood program is in danger."