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Skagit County Board of Commissioners  
Room 102, Skagit County Courthouse  
Mount Vernon, Washington 98273

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter of 6 April 1971 notifying our office of the establishment of a county-wide flood control district which would enable you to assume responsibility for sponsorship of the levee and channel improvement project on the lower Skagit River, authorized under the Flood Control Act of 1966. We are prepared to seek approval of our higher authority for early funding of design studies leading to construction of the levee and channel improvement project. However, before proceeding we wish to inform you of Section 221 of Public Law 91-611 and Public Law 91-646, recently enacted, which bear on the project. Additional requirements of sponsorships stipulated in these laws, copies of which are inclosed, go beyond those previously made known to you as part of our survey studies.

Section 221, Public Law 91-611. This statute requires that the Corps of Engineers maintain a continuing inventory of agreements and the status of their performance as they pertain to flood control projects requiring performance by locals under the sponsoring agreement. It further defines measures to assure that adequate maintenance is accomplished.

Public Law 91-646. This statute, which is referred to as the "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970," relates to the additional right-of-way acquisition costs that you could incur in providing relocation assistance to persons that may be displaced by the project. Your attention is called to Sections 202 and 203 of the Act which discuss the extent of responsibility required of a sponsor. We will expect actual relocation or displacement of persons in the case of the levee and channel improvement project to be limited as only improvements to existing levees are generally planned.

Please review the inclosed statutes and if you have questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Frank J. Urbeck of this office (OS 2-2700, extension 644).

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We would like to initiate action to our higher authority in response to your letter of 6 April 1971 as soon as possible. Accordingly, if your views toward sponsorship are affected by the new laws, please inform this office by 15 July 1971.

Sincerely yours,

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As stated

cc:  
✓ Urabeck

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