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30 June 78

## MEMO FOR: RECORD

SUBJECT: Skagit River and Channel Improvements - Coordination Meeting with Skagit County.

1. On 30 June 1978, Messrs. McKinley, Weidenbener, Sabo and Brooks met with representatives of Skagit County: Lloyd Johnson, Ray Skrinde and Don Nelson. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Skagit Levee and Channel Improvement Studies and to outline any problems that have come up. These subjects included the diking questionnaire, seepage on the Big Bend at Mount Vernon, county road standards and available plans, excavation of the channel at Mount Vernon, the Moose Hall in Mount Vernon, and locations of borrow sources.
2. The Diking and Drainage District Questionnaire which was mailed out in April, was discussed. Mr. Brooks told the Skagit County representatives that the information on the questionnaire was essential to our studies and that we were getting to the point where we needed the information. We reiterated to them the need for them to get the drainage and diking districts to fill out the questionnaire and return it to us. If we cannot get the questionnaire information voluntarily, we will have to contract for someone to acquire the information for us.
3. There was a general discussion about seepage around the Big Bend at Mount Vernon. We indicated that we would compare the costs of cutting off the Big Bend with raising the levee all the way around the bend. The County personnel indicated that a significant amount of support for the project has to come from the western part of the County and, if we do not protect the Big Bend, the Anacortes Water Treatment Plant and western county water supply could be seriously affected. There was some discussion of whether the County might be able to pick up extra costs involved in going around the Big Bend if that were to be the case. (Subsequently, the comparative cost analysis performed by Mr. McKinley determined that it is less expensive to raise the existing dikes than to build a new 100-year cutoff levee across the Big Bend.)
4. We discussed what road standards should apply to those county roads or city streets which we have to relocate due to construction on this project. Mr. Nelson said that they send us a copy of the standards which they wish us to apply. Also Mr. McKinley requested that any

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details the County could have along the roads in the flood plain near where levee alignments run. These included Whitmarsh and Britt Slough Road. The County said that they would provide us whatever topographic maps or plan-profile sheets available in their files.

5. Mr. Johnson brought up the excavation of the right bank at Mount Vernon. He believes that this would significantly reduce the water surface at Mount Vernon. We told Mr. Johnson that this excavation will be considered as part of our detail studies. The County also asked if they could obtain a set of aerial photographs (scale: 1 inch = 400 feet). Two sets of these maps were given to them before they left.

6. A discussion was held concerning whether the Moose Hall could or should be protected. The County officials asked us to look into the costs of protecting the Moose Hall in Mount Vernon, which is along the Skagit River just south of the parking lot which extends out over the river. We requested a set of plans of the Moose Hall to use in these studies. (These were received from Skagit County on 3 August 1978.) Mr. McKinley subsequently did comparative cost estimates on the Moose Hall and determined that if a levee were constructed riverward of the Moose Hall, it would cost approximately \$350,000 more than a levee constructed landward of the Moose Hall. This item, we will discuss with the Skagit County officials the next time we meet with them.

7. Mr. Johnson asked whether we were going to evaluate borrow sources and whether we would be using land near the levee for borrow sources. We indicated that we were not planning to remove material from near the levee for borrow and that Mr. Sabo would look over possible borrow areas (this was done during July). The County officials said the possible borrow areas are: along the upper project, Butler and Northwest and along the lower project, Fedalgo, Swenson and Derrickson.

8. The Skagit County officials said that they would like to hold these meetings near the end of each month so that they can have up-to-date information to discuss at their Skagit Flood Control Council meetings, which are the first week of the month. We agreed that this seemed

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appropriate and we told them we would be prepared to meet with them whenever they desired. No meeting was held during July at their request because of their hiring of a new county engineer. The next meeting is scheduled for 30 August 1978.

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