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SUBJECT: Skagit River, Washington, Levee and Channel Improvements,
Additional Funding

Division Engineer, North Pacific
ATTN: NPDDB

1. References:

- a. NPSPB message dated 4 Dec 78, subject: Request for Additional FY79 AE&D Funds, Skagit River, Levee and Channel Improvements Project, Washington.
- b. NPSEN-DB letter dated 15 Dec 78, subject: Skagit River Levee and Channel Improvements, Additional Funds.
- c. NPSEN-DB letter dated 5 February 1979, subject: Skagit River Levee and Channel Improvements, Additional Funds.

2. The \$113,000 and \$287,000 requested in references 1a and 1b above have been received. On 5 March 1979, Mr. Larry Kaptur advised Mr. Jack Robbin of a request from OCE for additional details regarding the \$200,000 requested by reference 1c above.

3. The \$113,000 was used to complete preliminary review of all alternatives within the area affected by the project. The \$287,000 is being used to complete the expanded scope of general design memorandum (GDM) studies in the project area due to increased levels of flood protection.

4. During the time from mid-December 1978 to early February 1979, much of the technical work on the GDM was being completed. A public meeting on the final alternatives was held 20 December 1978 which resulted in a selected plan. The local sponsor called a special meeting on 8 January 1979 which resulted in requests for supplemental studies for the Nookachamps area and areas riverward of the proposed levees at West Mount Vernon and Sterling. In addition, environmental agency review comments were received on the mitigation plan on 25 January 1979. Additional funding is needed due to public and local sponsor meetings which increased scope of studies for the selected plan and agency comments which necessitated additional environmental studies.

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- 5. The selected plan appears to be a viable plan that will be accepted by the local sponsor, public and agencies providing the additional study data is incorporated into the GDM.
- 6. Additional authority will be needed to construct the selected plan of improvement. Local interests have requested their congressional representatives to pass needed legislation as soon as possible. Draft legislation was requested by the congressional delegation and has been provided.
- 7. We are proceeding with completion of the GDM studies, anticipating necessary authorization will be received and funding provided to maintain our ability to initiate construction in Fiscal Year (FY) 1980.
- 8. Early receipt of the requested \$200,000 is necessary to complete studies requested during public meetings and by agencies so we can complete advance engineering and design studies in FY 1979 and maintain ability for a FY 1980 construction start. Required transfer data sheet was attached to reference 1c above.

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