

29 September 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Skagit River Flood Control Project

1. On 28 September 1988 I attended the Mt. Vernon City Council meeting for the purpose of discussing a city request to the Corps of Engineers to reactivate the subject project. A copy of the Council agenda is attached (encl 1).
2. The City Council unanimously approved the Mayor signing a letter to the Corps requesting reactivation of the FC project. A copy of the letter is attached (encl 2). The letter to the Corps is the result of meetings and discussions over the past several months with city, county and diking district officials.
3. I advised John Wiseman, City Engineer, that the Corps would reply favorably to the Mayor's letter, but that under normal budgetary procedures the earliest we could expect funding would be fiscal year 1991. However, the city should discuss the project with Congressman Swift and the possibility of a Congressional add-on in fiscal year 1990. In addition, we would continue to discuss reactivation of the project and the possibility of earlier responsiveness to the request with our division office. I suggested that Colonel Hall would be interested in meeting with city officials and touring the project area. John stated that Mayor Reep would soon extend an invitation to Colonel Hall.
4. Prior to the city council meeting I met with Don Nelson, Skagit County Flood Engineer. The county is supportive of the project but still prefers to have county residents push them into reformulation of the project. Also, the county intends to write to the Corps asking for assistance in removal of an old jetty on Tom Moore Slough.

2 Encls

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