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Subject: Larsen Praises Progress in Skagit Valley Flood Protection

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Everett, WA – Today, Congressman Rick Larsen praised the Skagit County Board of Commissioners for sending a letter that commits the county to the Skagit River General Investigation (G.I.)

Skagit County, the local sponsor of the Skagit River G.I., delivered a letter to Col. Anthony Wright on Friday, January 14, committing to the hydrology and hydraulics as updated by the U.S. Geological Survey in January of 2010. The hydrology and hydraulics is the data used in the G.I. to determine the total amount of water and its characteristics in a catastrophic 100-year flood event, an event that has a one percent chance of happening each year.

“The commitment by the Board of Commissioners to continue with the existing data for the Skagit River G.I. shows their dedication to protecting the lives and livelihoods of the citizens of Skagit Valley,” said Rep. Larsen. “Their decision will ensure the study stays cost-effective and remains on schedule.”

“The Skagit River G.I. will enable the design and implementation of flood control measures that local communities and their partners can have the confidence to move forward with,” said Larsen.

“I applaud the efforts of the Skagit County Commissioners to complete the General Investigation in a timely manner that will help prevent flooding and reduce the risk to lives and property in the Skagit Valley,” said Rep. Larsen.

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