

SKAGIT COUNTY DIKE DISTRICT No. 12

ROUTE 6, BOX 98-A
MOUNT VERNON, WASHINGTON

REPORT ON

SKAGIT RIVER FLOOD CONTROL

HEARING

with the

CORPS of ARMY ENGINEERS

UNITED STATES ARMY

February 8, 1961

Mount Vernon, Wash.

Dike Dist. 12 Commissioners:

Bert Beeks, Chairman
R. H. Schroeder, Secretary
James Mapes, Commissioner

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ORIGIN - DIKING DISTRICT 12

Skagit County, Wash.

DIKES HAVE BEEN RELOCATED THREE TIMES

1881 . . . Private dikes established as the first river protection. Located a distance of from 5 to 6 miles west of the Skagit River in Sections 8, 17, 20, 29, 32, Twp. 34, R3. Not successful because some property owners refused to pay their share of the cost.

1895 . . . State law for the first time permitted dike and diking districts. Dike District 12 was built along the Skagit River beginning at Wiles Slough just south of the west side of the river, to Burlington, through Sections 4, 5, Twp. 34, R3, following the high ground to connect with the Great Northern Railroad SE of Burlington on section 33, Twp. 35, R4; thence following the railroad grade to Sterling Dam.

1955 . . . A new section of the dike in the immediate vicinity of southeast Burlington was relocated. In order to give the property north and east of this new area protection, it is going to be necessary to go on up the river to Sedro Woolley and Minkler Lake. The dike has been raised an overall height of 2 feet for a distance of approximately 9 miles. As they continue to build restrictions into the river below us, narrowing the stream flow, it will be necessary to raise the height of the dike.

1961 . . . Vast sewer systems installed along the river in recent years need protection not now available. New Highway 99 will hold water in a pocket. The board is of the opinion that the local people would be willing to contribute dollars toward a feasible project to eliminate any danger from flood.

PROJECTS SINCE 1953

Unit No.	Total Cost	Participation		District	%
		State	County		
67		4,960.50		7,849.37	(60)
70	10,000.00	6,000.00		9,147.91	(30)
77	14,960.50	4,608.00	(40) 3,433.00 (30)	8,919.50	(30)
88	2,792.54	1,117.46	(40)	1,675.08	(60)
93	61,254.49	23,808.72	(40)	37,445.77	(60)
95	13,104.56	5,151.20	(40) 3,978.36	9,153.16	(30)
96	5,707.01	1,860.00	(40) 1,915.50 (30)	3,842.51	(60)
109	4,778.05	1,911.22	(40) 1,433.41 (30)	2,867.63	(60)
119	3,624.62	1,441.88	(40) 1,091.37 (30)	2,182.74	(60)
120	12,970.00	5,188.00	(40) 3,891.00 (30)	9,079.00	(60)
121	11,600.50	4,630.24	(40) 3,485.13 (30)	8,115.27	(60)
133	7,206.00	2,882.40	(40)	4,323.60	(60)
137	2,099.40	839.76	(40) 629.82 (30)	1,259.64	(60)
139	5,794.00	2,304.38	(40) 1,744.81 (30)	3,489.19	(60)
144	16,254.00	6,505.47	(40) 4,874.26 (30)	11,379.73	(60)
167	1,719.00	697.90	(40) 515.55 (30)	1,101.10	(60)
169	802.44	308.00	(40)	494.44	(60)
170	22,058.79	8,801.46	(40)	13,257.33	(60)
171	25,802.06	10,899.23	(40) 7,451.42 (30)	14,902.64	(60)
TOTALS . .	\$242,038.67	\$94,646.41	\$34,495.95	\$111,845.49	

*Projects since state participation in 1953.

DIKING DISTRICT 12

WARRANTS ISSUED

In 10 year periods

1915* - 1919	\$ 57,597.22
1920 - 1929	89,322.21
1930 - 1939	72,763.94
1940 - 1949	33,218.72
1950 - 1959	<u>254,597.36</u>
Total	\$487,699.45*

State Participation

1950 - 1959	94,646.41
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County Participation

1950 - 1959	<u>34,495.95</u>
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Over all Total. \$616,841.81

*Above totals includes real estate and attorney's fees.

VALUATIONS

1917 - 1918	\$ 110,000.00
1950	<u>\$ 554,642.00</u>
1959	<u>\$4,348,345.00</u>

Note: Over 6500 acres is enjoying protection from Dike District 12, without compensation to the district, including Town of La Conner. Approximate overall valuation in excess of one million dollars.

Real estate for right-of-way and borrow purposes bought by the district in the past 10 years \$21,333.00

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Acreage in diking district 12 18,400 acres