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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DAEN-CWP-W/EX1368

17 July 1975

SUBJECT: Flood Control Projects in Skagit Valley

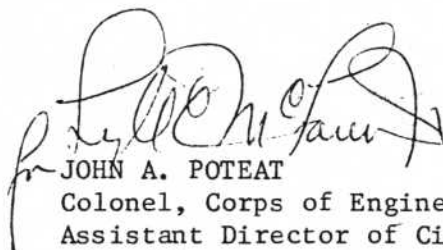
District Engineer, Seattle

1. The attached correspondence is referred for:
 - a. Information as basis for further reply, to reach DAEN-CWA-A not later than 31 July 1975 thru NPD.
 - b. Draft of reply.
2. Copy furnished Division Engineer, North Pacific.

FOR THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS:

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1. Cy ltr fm Rep Meeds
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2. Cy ltr to Rep Meeds
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July 8, 1975

Lt. General William C. Gribble, Jr.
Chief of Engineers
Corps of Engineers
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Gribble:

I have received a request for assistance from the Skagit County Board of Commissioners in initiating flood control projects in the Skagit Valley of Washington State. I have enclosed a copy of this correspondence for your information. I would appreciate being apprised of the Corps position on these projects and any possibilities of their status being changed from **your deferred to your active list** due to the information included in the enclosed letter.

Thank you for your assistance. I await your reply.

Sincerely,



Lloyd Meeds
Member of Congress

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cc: Skagit Valley Board of Commissioners

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July 3rd, 1975

Honorable Lloyd Meeds
U.S. Representative Second District
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Meeds:

We, as the Board of Commissioners of Skagit County, have established a "Skagit County Flood Control Zone" that takes in all of Skagit County. We are very interested in getting our projects on the way, and we need from your office the following help:

1. **SKAGIT RIVER -- LEVEE AND CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT:**

This project was authorized in 1966 and is now in "Deferred" List in 1972. We want to activate this project. We understand from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that they will need some funds to finish the engineering plans and to up-date the study. We are able and willing to stand the sponsor's share of cost of this project.

2. **BAKER RIVER AND DAMS -- FOR EXTRA FLOOD CONTROL:**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have completed their public hearings and work on this project. Now, we need to have this project "authorized" by Congress. (Funding for both Projects No. 1 and No. 2 should go in for fiscal 1977).

3. **SAUK RIVER FLOOD CONTROL DAM AND FISH ENHANCEMENT:**

At this time, we are at the stage where we would like to have the Senate Appropriations Committee ask the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make a feasibility study of this project. Your help in this matter would be much appreciated.

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Representative Lloyd Meeds
July 3rd, 1975
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4. **AVON BY-PASS -- SKAGIT RIVER:**

This project was authorized in 1936 and 1966. Federal Funds of \$54,000 have been spent. No construction has been done. Project classified as "Deferred for Re-study" in 1972, due to lack of "Local Assurance".

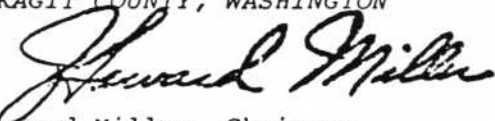
With the Skagit River Levees and Channel Improvement, and the Baker River Dams for extra Flood Control, in addition to help from Ross Dam, the Corps of Engineers estimate we would have a fifteen (15) year protection for the Valley.

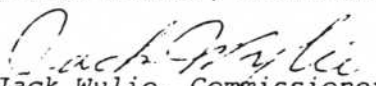
If the Sauk River Dam proves feasible, we want to get our protection up to a fifty (50) year period. If the Sauk does not prove feasible, we would look at the Avon By-Pass.

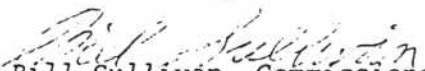
Your help on these projects will be very much appreciated. We, as a Board, know that we are sitting on a "Time Bomb" in the Skagit Valley. With the tremendous increase in valuation in this Valley, a "Disaster Flood" of 1917, 1919 or 1931 volume would cost the people untold millions.

Cordially yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON


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17 July 1975

Honorable Lloyd Meeds
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Meeds:

I have your recent letter to Lieutenant General W. C. Gribble, Jr., inclosing a copy of a letter from the Board of County Commissioners, Skagit County, Washington, concerning flood control projects in Skagit Valley.

The Seattle District Engineer is being requested to furnish information on this matter. Upon receipt of his report, I will communicate with you further.

Sincerely yours,

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