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Skagit Flood Control Work Discontinued

Efforts to Set Up New Project Blocked by Lack of Money

Efforts to get work started on the new \$420,000 Skagit river revetment work project, were blocked this week, when the WPA submitted complete figures for the project which demanded that the county pay some \$90,000 as its share of the cost. This makes it impossible for the county to undertake the project, the commissioners stated Monday.

They had practically agreed to purchase a new \$15,000 dragline as requested by the WPA and were willing to help with trucks and other equipment, and to keep the promise made to Captain Trudeau of the army engineers here a few weeks ago, but the large increase in cash required of the county as sponsor, made the present terms of the project impossible.

Instead of having the WPA furnish the cable, powder, cement and other material, as was done on the other Skagit river revetment project on which \$260,000 was spent, the new setup called for the county to spend \$29,500 for these materials, and to pay over \$6,000 for labor, besides furnishing some \$53,000 worth of equipment, necessitating the expenditure of some \$40,000 in cash, the commissioners stated.

Commissioner Hugo Bauman, who is interested in getting more revetment work on the river, and in getting some of the old bank work repaired as soon as possible, hopes to have a conference with Don Abel, state WPA director, in the near future, to try to arrange for terms of a project which the county can meet.

The WPA engineers office here, which operated under Iner Nelson for several years, was closed November 1, but Nelson, after conferring with Bauman, had hoped to reopen soon. The raising of the cash outlay required of the county, on an entirely different basis from the first project, has made any immediate start on the new project impossible, the commissioners stated today.