

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 1997 - 196

CLEARANCES	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned To
Orig. Dept.: County Council	5/21/97		6/3/97	Public Works Committee
Division Head:				
Dept. Head:				
Prosecutor:				
Budget:				
Executive:				

SUBJECT:

Flooding and erosion issues in Hopewell vicinity regarding the Nooksack River

ATTACHMENTS

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Related County Contract #:	Should the Clerk schedule a hearing? (Y/N N Requested Date:
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Issues concerning flooding and erosion in the Hopewell vicinity regarding the Nooksack River flooding.

RECOMMENDED MOTION (for final action):

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN

1997 - 196 6/3/97: Amended & Approved 6 - 1, Imhof opposed. Res. #97-026

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):

Res. # 97-026

SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Public Works

INTRODUCTION DATE: 6/3/97

1 RESOLUTION NO. 97-026

2 RESOLUTION BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE
3 DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING
4 PILOT PROJECTS FOR EMERGENCY FLOOD CONTROL WORKS AND
5 FISHERY HABITAT ENHANCEMENT ALONG THE BANKS OF THE
6 NOOKSACK RIVER

7 WHEREAS, severe bank erosion on a number of adjacent sites in the Hopewell Road vicinity
8 has resulted in substantial loss of land and improvements; and,

9 WHEREAS, the erosion sites lie immediately upstream of the Everson overflow and the
10 erosion has already caused a reduction in the bank freeboard; and,

11 WHEREAS, reduction of flood threat and control of the erosion in this specific area is in the
12 best interests of the citizens of Whatcom County.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the situation has worsened and it is deemed
14 to be an emergency which needs to be effectively dealt with during the limited fishery window
15 available during the summer of 1997.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that consistent with the draft Comprehensive Flood Hazard
17 Management Plan, upon due consideration of the Flood Control Advisory Committee and their
18 recommended approval of the Advisory Board, the County Administration is directed to:

19 1. Sponsor and immediately pursue final design, permitting, and construction of bank
20 stabilization pilot projects in the Hopewell Road vicinity, not to exceed \$300,000 from the
21 Flood Control Zone District Fund, which are intended to stabilize the eroding banks as well
22 as to provide riparian and fish habitat.

23 2. To continue to pursue creation of a sub-flood control zone district in order to finance
24 future studies, maintenance, and any additional improvements warranted.

25 3. Complete the pilot projects and establish a program to monitor and report on the
26 effectiveness of the installed works and to recommend any additional works needed to
27 increase their function and reliability.


1 4. To continue to pursue cooperative studies and improvements with the Army Corps
2 of Engineers and the Department of Ecology to address the entire reach of the river,
3 including addressing the remaining issues of the Everson overflow and any downstream
4 mitigation issues that may arise.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by adoption of this resolution it is not the intent of the
6 Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors to establish any ongoing
7 policies or programs in this regard except as they may specifically apply to this project.

8 APPROVED this 3 day of June , 1997.

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10 ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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12 Dana Brown-Davis, County Clerk


L. Ward Nelson, Council Chair

13 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

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15 Civil Deputy Prosecuting Atty.