

Bridge Hunger Garden Initiative

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Residents Of The Valley

- **The Bridge Hunger Garden Initiative is motivated by the pioneers of the Kent Valley. During the early 1900s through 1950s, the constant flooding and massive rainfall in the Kent Valley and up stream to Eagle Gorge forced the farming community to find a solution. Dairy farmers truly had a unique and critical challenge to ease the suffering of the milk cows effected by the flooding. The residents that endured these severe floods during this fifty-year period were wise to devise a method to control the flooding. Together the community rallied to plan, engineer and fund this mammoth work during the toughest economic times.**
- **Eagle Gorge, the headwaters of the Green River, was studied by the residents, farmers, and engineers, which ultimately became the best place to construct a flood control dam.**
- **Today, the residents of the Kent valley continue to utilize the quality soil to grow gardens for the benefit of its entire community. The land is also shared with a wide variety of industries and commercial uses. We encourage every person and family to stay connected to our gardens. As illustrated in the Bridge Hunger Garden Initiative, the gardens are forming in all shapes and sizes with many unique and creative styles.**

March 1933 report on legislation effecting the Dairymen

L. J. COSTELLO
Fortieth District
Route 2, Box 168
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Kent, Washington, March 7th, 1933.

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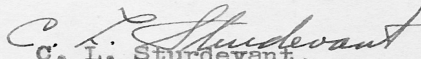
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Miss RoseMary Macdougall	Orillia	(1 farm)	
John L. Hanson	"	1 "	
J. D. Cameron	"	1 business	
Mrs. A. L. Veile	"	1 farm	
Mrs Jennie Anderson	"	1 farm	
Mountain View Golf Course	"	1 business	
A. J. Latin	"	1 farm	
A. Reitlinger	"	"	
Jim Hansen	"	"	
A. Clots	"	"	
E. Omega	"	"	
W. Badgero	"	"	
Frank Vergillo	"	"	
M. Fugino	"	"	
M. Morimoto	"	"	
K. Taketa	"	"	
T. Hayashi	Seattle R.F.D. 5	"	
	Box 475D	"	
S. Taketa	"	"	
Frank Carroll	Seattle R.F.D. 5	"	
	Box 473 F	"	
Emmett Cochran	Seattle R.F.D. 5	"	
Harold Cochran	"	"	
John Cochran	"	"	
Strohmers Dairy	"	1 business, 1 farm	
Ed Herold	"	1 farm	
George Love	Renton	1 farm	
L. H. Metras	Kent R.F.D. 2	"	
Wm. Chapman	"	3 farms	
Arthur Green	"	1 farm	
Hugh Burke	"	"	
Chas Nelson	"	"	
Mrs Nelsa Nelson	"	"	
Liberty Fruit	"	1 Business	
Michael O'Brien	"	1 farm	
James Wilson	"	"	
J. H. Witherill	"	"	
L. E. Erion	"	"	
V. J. Wade	"	"	
Burke Reisdorph	"	"	
Earl Eddings	"	"	
Mrs. Robert Bridges Sr.	"	2 farms	
Frank Terrace	"	1 farm	

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- COSTELLO LIST CONTINUED

Louis Mänge	Kent R.F.D. 2	(1 farm)
J.A. Rust	"	"
W.H. Thurley	"	"
H.H. Brand	"	"
Ed Darnelly	"	"
Nelson Barton	"	"
James Higgins	"	"
Andrew Lazzari	" Box 168A	"
Briscoe Boys School	Kent "	School & farm
M. Bergstrom	Kent R.F.D. 2	1 farm
J. Conway	"	"
Wm. Costello	"	"
O'Brien School Dist.	"	"
c/o Emmett Cochran	Seattle R.F.D. 5	1 business
Andrew Olson	Kent R.F.D. 2	1 farm
L.J. Costello	"	2 farm
James Hogan Jr.	"	1 farm
F.C. Hoban	"	"
Victor Flovie	"	1 business
Cal Snyder	"	1 farm
Mrs. Theo. Sharkey	"	1 business, 1 farm
Melmo Nursery	"	1 farm
Sam Bouma	"	"
Don Ahern	"	1 business
O.L. Larson	"	1 farm
F. Fukota	Bx. 117	"
S. Yokoyama	" " 176	"
K. Kawasaki	" " 171	"
M. Murata	" " 189	"
K. Takeda	" " 266	"
A. Matsuhira	" " 194A	"
K. Matsuoka	" " 208	"
K. Fukami	" " 209	"
T. Hiramatsu	" " 210	"
J. Yamashita	" " 215	"
M. Taketa	" " 117	"
M. Dodabara	" " 222	"
K. Onchi	" " 226	"
F.H. Hiranaka	" " 226B	"
T. Homura	" " 226A	"
M. Goto	" " 232	"
Mrs. F.C. Hayes	"	2 farms
Jacob Zitle	"	1 "
Jean Kurse	"	1 farm
Walter Weber	"	"
Pete Cooper	"	"
John Johnson	"	"
Chas. VanRenterhom	"	"
Eric Erikson	"	"

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- Miss RoseMary Macdougall Orillia (1 Farm)
- John L. Hanson " (1 Farm)
- J.D. Cameron " (1 Bus.)
- Mrs. A.L.Velle " (1 Farm)
- Mrs. Jennie Anderson " (1 Farm)
- Mountain View Golf Course " (1 Bus.)
- A. J. Latin " (1 Farm)
- A. Reitlinger " (1 Farm)
- Jim Hansen " (1 Farm)
- A. Clots " (1 Farm)
- P. Omega " (1 Farm)
- W. Badgero " (1 Farm)
- Frank Vergillo " (1 Farm)
- M. Fugino " (1 Farm)
- M. Morimoto " (1 Farm)
- K. Taketa " (1 Farm)
- T. Hayashi Seattle RFD5 #475d (1 Farm)
- S. Taketa (1 Farm)
- Frank Carroll Seattle RFD5 #473e (1 Farm)
- Emmett Cochrane Seattle RFD5 (1 Farm)
- Harold Cochrane " (1 Farm)
- John Cochrane " (1 Farm)
- Strohmers Dairy " (1 Bus.1 Farm)
- Ed Herold " (1 Farm)
- George Love Renton (1 Farm)
- L.H. Metras Kent RFD2 (1 Farm)
- WM. Chapman " (3 Farms)
- Arthur Green " (2 Farms)
- Hugh Burke " (1 Farm)
- Chas Nelson " (1 Farm)

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- Liberty Fruit " (1 Bus.)
- Michael O'Brien " (1 Farm)
- James Wilson " (1 Farm)
- J.H. Witherill " (1 Farm)
- L.E. Erion " (1 Farm)
- V.J. Wade " (1 Farm)
- Burke Reisdorph " (1 Farm)
- Earl Iddings " (1 Farm)
- Mrs. Robert Bridges Sr. " (2 farms)
- Frank Terrace " (1 Farm)
- Louis Mange Seattle RFD2 (1 Farm)
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- James Higgins " (1 Farm)
- Andrew Lazzari Box 168A (1 Farm)
- Briscoe Boys School Kent (Farm and School)
- M. Bergstrom Kent RFD2 (1 Farm)
- J. Conway " (1 Farm)
- William Costello " (1 Farm)
- O'Brien School District (1 Farm)
- C/O Emmett Cochrane Seattle RFD5 (1 Bus.)
- Andrew Olson Kent RFD2 (1 Farm)
- L.J. Costello " (1 Farm)
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- Sam Bouma " (1 Farm)
- Dan Ahern " (1 Farm)
- O.L. Larson " (1 Bus.)
- F. Fukota " #117 (1 Farm)
- S. Yokoyama " #176 (1 Farm)
- K. Kawasaki " #171 (1 Farm)
- M. Murata " #189 (1 Farm)
- K. Takeda " #266 (1 Farm)
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- J. Yamashita " #215 (1 Farm)
- M. Taketa " #217 (1 Farm)
- M. Dodabara " #222 (1 Farm)
- K. Onchi " #226c (1 Farm)
- F.H. Hiranaka " #226b (1 Farm)
- T. Nomura " #226a (1 Farm)
- M. Goto " #232 (1 Farm)
- Mrs. P. C. Hayes " (2 Farms)
- Jacob Zitle " (1 Farm)
- Jean Kurse " (1 Farm)
- Walter Weber " (1 Farm)
- Pete Cooper " (1 Farm)
- John Johnson " (1 Farm)
- Chas. VanRenterhom " (1 Farm)
- Eric Erikson " (1 Farm)

September 1947 Seattle Times News

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MAIN NEWS

The Seattle Times

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1947.

VISITING-HOURS LIMIT URGENT

DAM



Tollefson Gives Support To
Proposed Green River Dam

By ED GUTHEMAN
CONGRESSMAN Thor Tollefson today pledged full support to the proposed construction of Eagle Gorge Dam as the way to prevent the Green River from flooding Kent, Auburn and the surrounding farm and dairy lands.

Tollefson, who represents the people who have been flooded out of their homes almost every winter by the river, Tuesday hiked into the site of the dam, in a narrow, curving gorge, 33 road miles east of Auburn.

"Everyone here—the army, state and county officials and the people themselves—appear in agreement that the dam would be the best solution to the problem," he declared.

"It takes a long time to get such a project approved and the money appropriated by Congress, but this is a definite start—and that's something."

TOLLEFSON was accompanied by Byron Clark, Army civil engineer in charge of the Army study of the entire Green River flood-control problem.

Also in the party were Dick Smith, assistant county engineer, and State Representative Lawrence Costello, head of the valley residents' flood-control committee.

Tomorrow members of the congressional public-works committee and the Board of Army Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, whose approval is required for any flood-control project, will be acquainted thoroughly with the Green River situation on a tour of the area, conducted by Col. L. E. Hewitt, district engineer.

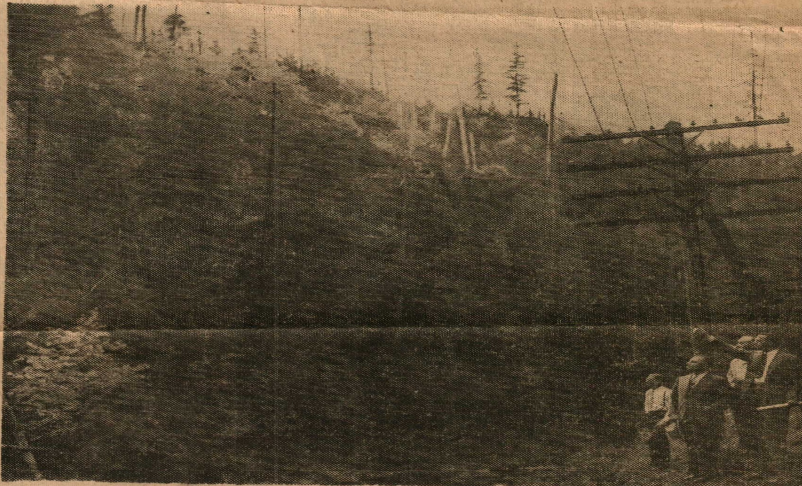
The group was to arrive here today on an inspection tour of proposed projects throughout Western Washington.

Construction of a dam at Eagle Gorge is believed by advocates of the dam to be the more feasible of the two ways the Army engineers are considering to prevent future floods.

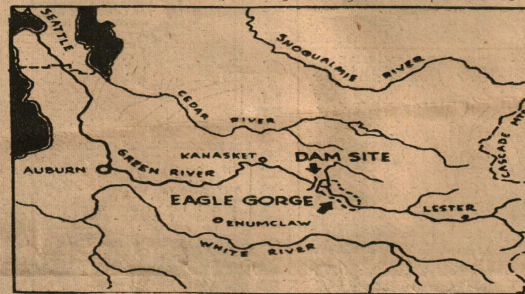
FIVE times in the past 50 years—1898, 1906, 1917, 1933 and 1946—the river has swept over its banks causing heavy damage in the valley, and there have been smaller floods periodically in the intervening years.

The county has undertaken an extensive project to strengthen the dikes and clear and widen the river channel before winter to handle ordinary high water. Army, state and county engineers agree, however, the work will not prevent another major flood if there is more than an average rainfall.

Actually there is no assurance the Army engineers will recommend that the Eagle Gorge dam



Left to right DICK SMITH, CONGRESSMAN THOR TOLLEFSON, LAWRENCE COSTELLO and BYRON CLARK
Standing in Eagle Gorge, Clark pointed to site of proposed



MAP SHOWING SITE OF PROPOSED DAM
Dotted line shows area that would be under water

be built when their report on the entire Green River Valley flood-control problem is finished early next year.

Their approval depends upon what the construction and main-

tenance costs of the dam are in relation to the value of flood damage expected to be prevented.

If the construction and maintenance costs are found to be

less, the engineers, in all likelihood, will recommend that the dam be built.

ASIDE from a statement made last March by Col. Hewitt the dam would cost about \$10,000,000, no other estimate has been issued.

Building the dam would involve no serious construction problems, Clark told Tollefson. The dam would be built of concrete and be 200 feet high. It would back the water up the narrow gorge about five miles, which would require shifting about 12 miles of the main line of the Northern Pacific Railway to higher ground.

Except for the small railroad settlements of Eagle Gorge and Baldi and temporary logging camps, no communities would be covered by the water.

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December 1948 Seattle Times News

4 Leave For Dam Parley

Four men representing the state, the city and the Port of Seattle left by train late yesterday for Washington, D. C., to confer with the Army Board of Engineers Thursday on the proposed Eagle Gorge Dam.

L. J. Costello of Kent, former legislator and chairman of the House flood-control committee, and Ed V. Berg of the State Department of Conservation and Development will represent the state at the conference. G. T. Treadwell, chief engineer of the Port of Seattle, and William H. Nelson, senior engineer of the Seattle Engineering Department, will represent the port and the city.

Nelson is chairman of the delegation, which will be joined by Christy Thomas, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce representative in Washington, for the conference with the Army Engineers.

Dec. 1948

March 1948 Letter From Larry Costello to Ed Berg

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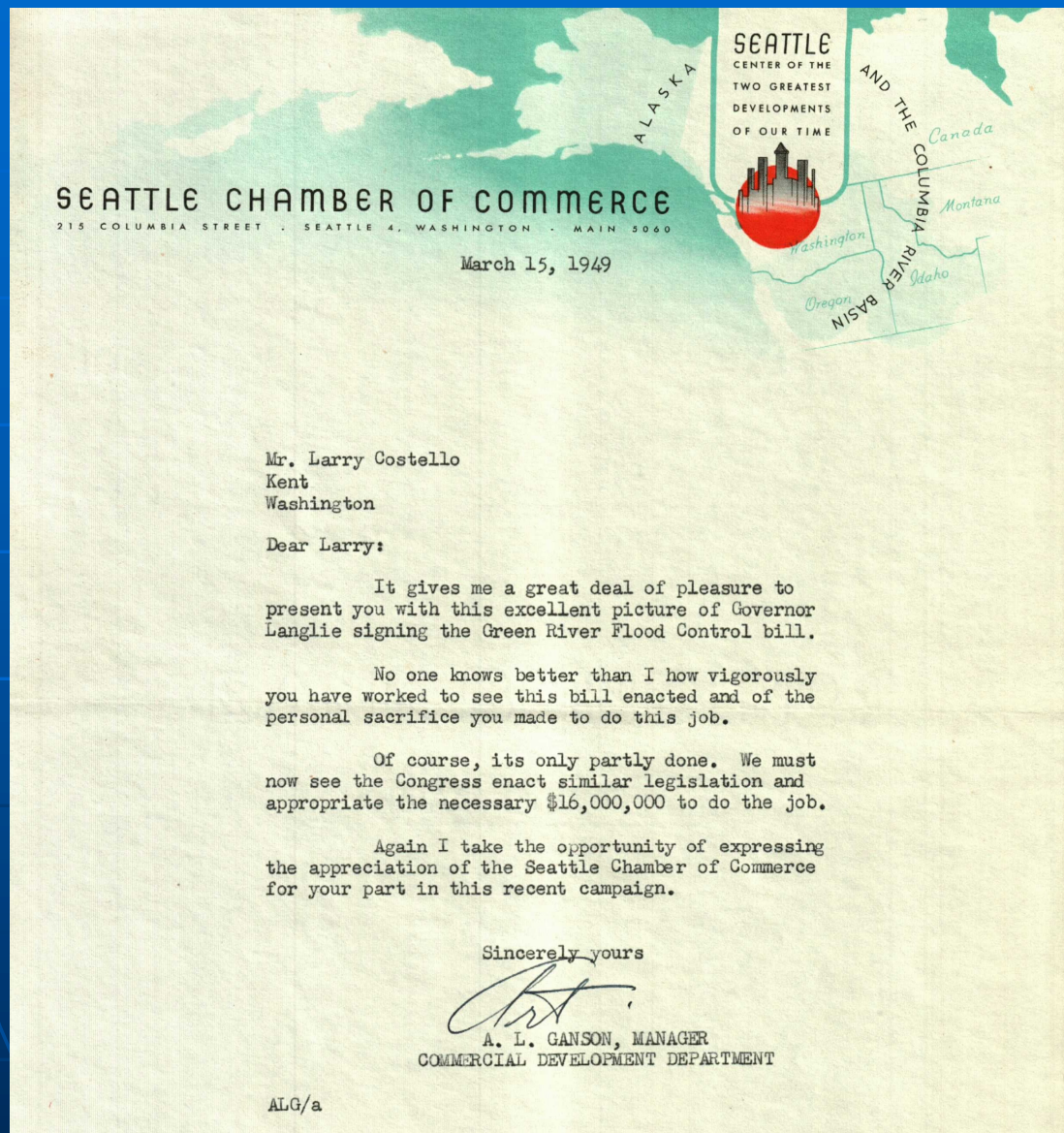
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March 1949 Bill Signing with Gov. Arthur Langlie



March 1949 Seattle Chamber of Commerce



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Kent, Washington Dec. 8, 1949

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Dear Tor:

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**May 15, 1953 in Washington D.C.
with Thor Tollefson, Larry Costello,
Howard Hanson**



September 1, 1954 King County Meeting

K. C. Advisory River Improvement Committee Minutes
Sept. 1, 1954
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Mr. Costello then reported to the committee that the Budget appropriation for the Rivers in 1954 amounted to \$100,000 for each district and that up to and including Aug. 25, 1954 the total spent on South District Rivers was \$37,660 with approximately \$2,000 outstanding, making a round figure of \$40,000 spent this year on the Rivers in the South District. This leaves a balance of \$60,000 still unspent and a great deal of work still to be done. Mr. Costello did not have the figures for the North District. Those figures can be obtained from Mr. Roy Knapp, North District Budget Director. Mr. Costello also reported that the State had matched funds in the amount of \$10,000.

The Chairman added that we should have information to substantiate a request for more funds instead of following the old way of appropriating \$100,000 just because it had been done for several years previous. Mr. Costello then asked if the members of the committee had any remarks to add.

Mr. Mueller stated we should have more permanent work done on the Rivers instead of just temporary jobs that had to be done over again in a year or two.

Mr. Dolan said he would like to see work done all along the river instead of taking a selfish attitude in ~~xxx~~ wanting work done only on his place.

Mr. Mueller then suggested that members of the committee talk with Floyd Turnbull, County Hydraulic Engineer, and Mr. Rogers, River Foreman and offer support in requests for the River Budget so we might get the permanent work done before a state of emergency exists.

Mr. Costello pointed out that a previous flood had caused \$1,750,000 in damage and that this could have been prevented if the much needed work had been done before the flood.

It was also brought out that the County Equipment rental rates to the Flood Control forces were the same as those rates of the general contractors and it was the general opinion of the Committee that the River Improvement should own more equipment in order to get more work done in both districts.

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September 1, 1954 King County Meeting

KING COUNTY ADVISORY RIVER IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Sept. 1, 1954

Time: 1:30 P.M.
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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Motion Carried.

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King County Advisory River Improvement Committee.

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Mr. Mueller stated we should have more permanent work done on the Rivers instead of just temporary jobs that had to be done over again in a year or two.

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KING COUNTY ADVISORY RIVER IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

/s/ L. J. Costello, Chairman

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Eagle Gorge Flood Control

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Last Friday in the chamber of commerce Bldg in Seattle the committee on Local Participation met and after a thorough discussion came up with the following recommendations:

1. That a letter be sent to the following agencies recommending that a delegate be appointed immediately in order that they may get together and rehearse. And prepare for a hearing in Washington which will occur sometime between now and the middle of April.
Seattle Chamber, Kent, Auburn and Renton Chambers, City of Seattle, City of Tacoma, County of King, Port of Seattle, and the State Dept of Conservation. We figured that out of this list we would get perhaps a delegation of six or seven.
2. The gorge item will come up before a sub-committee of the appropriate committee in the House. An effort is being made to get the Senate hearing at about the same time in order to accommodate the local delegation. Also the army engineers are attempting to get exact information as to the time of the hearing.
3. The composition of the committee has changed considerably since we appeared before it two years ago. Ten democrats have replaced 10 republicans, resolve that one if you can according to your political convictions. None of the committee is from the Pacific coast.
4. The recommendation of the committee is that the Valley must be represented at the hearing, by at least one and more if possible.
5. I have asked the Soil Conservation Engineer to get the level of the 1946 flood at the point where the big anti aircraft guns are installed on unit 28. I have preserved a water mark at my place which may be used as a point to survey from.
6. One of the arguments advanced against the dam by certain Washington authorities is that \$2,000,000 is not sufficient on a \$20,000,000 project.

Eagle Gorge Flood Control

Our answer to this is that there is a second phase to the complete project and that is the dredging and improvement of the Duwamish River which will cost \$9,000,000 plus the \$2,000,000 makes a local contribution of \$11,000,000 out of an over all project of \$33,000,000 or about 33%.

Eagle Gorge Flood Control

Introduction.

The purpose of this meeting this evening is for us here in the valley to unite on a course of action from here on out on the flood problem. Of course the only sure and permanent solution is the construction of the Eagle Gorge Dam. But, before we discuss the dam and the pending legislation in Washington let us consider for the moment the possibility of future floods and also appraise what has actually been one to remedy the situation to date..

FLOODS have occurred again and again for generations. As far back as the White Mans records go floods have occurred and beyond that back into Indian tradition they tell us of the terrible floods that ravaged this area. We are just as exposed to the danger of floods today as we were fifty or seventy five years ago.

Floods of various degree can occur, just a small inundation, or an average flood of some 30,000 acre feet such as we got in '34 and '46 or we may get a great flood, the Standard Project Flood a flood of some 106,000 acre feet over three times as big as the 46 flood almost four times as big. Just think what that would mean. A flood of that magnitude would put almost 6 feet of water in every home in that portion of Kent which rests on the Valley floor. You say absurd, it couldn't happen, well it has happened in the past and will happen again when we least expect it.

Let us see what this Standard Project Flood means; The army engineers in their search for a yard stick, a measure if you please to determine just how high the dam should be had no records to go by. Sure they knew that 34,000 acre feet came in 1934, but a dam that size or twice that capacity may not work. So they set out to determine the probability of a greater flood. They knew from weather bureau records that at times conditions in the mountains were right to develop a flood three times the size of the 34 flood or 106,000 acre feet, but that flood has never come within the history of man because when conditions in the mountain were favorable the proper weather conditions were lacking. But old Jupiter is playing his weather checker board and some day the proper conditions in the hills will meet the Ideal Storm and then we will get the 106,000 acre flood.

What is this Ideal Storm, when did it occur. It occurred in November, 1906 A weeks warm rain, a 60 degree wind of a velocity of 30 to fifty miles per hour. Now we have it The Ideal Storm of 1906 times the conditions that we know have existed in the mountains and we have the Standard Project Flood of 106,000 acre feet.

SO we can see that the threat of floods hangs over us still and will continue until the dam is built. But the fact that the floods are still with us is not proof that we have failed in our efforts to bring solve this problem. Great strides have been taken and much progress has been made.

We might go back three years to see what the situation was then and compare it with what we have today in order to fully understand the progress that has been made. It was on Monday evening, Dec.23,1946 that the first flood meeting of this committee was held in the City Hall, the meeting was presided over by Howard Edline and the minutes were made by Ted Best. We had just experienced a terrible flood. The river banks were torn and washed away, roads and bridges were wrecked, homes barns and businesses were flooded livestock and crops were destroyed and some 528 people were evacuated from their homes by the State Patrol.

Eagle Gorge Flood Control

I was a member of the legislature at that time and had just been asked by Herb Hamblin to serve as chairman of the Harbors, Waterway, and Flood Control Committee of the House. On that date Ted Best the secretary recorded as follows: Commissioner Sears stated that there was perhaps "60,000 of an emergency appropriation that may be used to repair the river dikes" Mr. Berg, State Supervisor of Flood Control, stated that the Department of Conservation and Development had \$20,060 that was available for the Green River. Together with the County it was finally decided that \$350,000 could be applied for emergency bank work. Costello stated that as near as he could learn, it would take anywhere from one half million to a million to do any kind of job on the river. So there we have the situation three years ago, just enough of money to make emergency repairs to the cuts in the dike and the State and County practically out of flood money. The state had practically no flood policy, the county was doing practically nothing and the Eagle Gorge Dam was in its formative stage.

Now how far have we come since that day of our first meeting on Dec. 23, 1946 ? We have come a long ways, great strides have been taken. Referring to our minutes of March 27, 1947. I was very happy to come back here from Olympia and report to you that the legislature had appropriated \$1,200,000 for river work in Washington. This certainly was a remarkable showing since the state had practically no flood policy and all Gov. Walgren had asked from the 1947 legislature was \$300,000 in his budget message. Out of this appropriation of \$1,200,000 was spent during the Biennium of 47-48 \$385,819. if King County matched this with expenditures of \$400,000, that makes a grand total of \$786,000 most of which was spent out here on the Green River. King County also sold bonds to raise \$500,000 for river work. Most competent observers agree that this work has already saved us one costly flood. I think that was a remarkable record in two years. But this isn't all, when the 1949 legislature convened the 17 counties cooperating in flood work submitted their estimate the legislature which in round figures amounted to \$700,000 King county stated their were budgeting \$274,000 and would need as much more from the state for matching funds. If King County had carried through on this basis then there would have been available in King County for flood work \$550,000. What happened to the King County program I do not know but I do know that We were successful in getting a two million appropriation from the 1p49 session of the Legislature. Most of that appropriation is still down there in the Dept. of Conservation and Development.

This is not all, the last legislature appropriated \$1,500,000 as its a share of the cost of the dam, King County has budget \$500,000 as its share for the dam making a total of two million in local funds. Beyond this our state flood control laws have been amended and shaped to facilitate emergency river work also to enable the state to receive matching funds from the federal government. Also to enable conservation districts to receive individually up to ten thousand dollars for drainage and flood work.

Gentlemen, progress is being made and is being made quickly. Strange as it may seem the center of this whole activity is right here in the Valley. We are the ones who are calling for aid, we are the ones who endure the human suffering that goes with the flood, we are the ones who keep the ball rolling. Our committee, our chambers of commerce, our various organizations and groups as well as individuals and our local newspapers all hold a high batting average in pushing this problem to an early solution.

Eagle Gorge Flood Control

There are four centers of activity as far as this flood control work is concerned, the Valley, Olympia, Seattle Chamber of Commerce and Washington D.C. We have been successfully represented and our efforts have borne fruit in every one of those centers of activity. Here in the valley we have stood as a unit, we have presented our demands in an organized way, our voice has been heard and the merit of our claim has been recognized from Seattle to Olympia and from Olympia to Washington D.C. Olympia has appropriated the money we have asked, King County has appropriated the half million they were asked for, practically every agency in Washington D.C. has approved the Eagle Gorge Dam with the exception of Congress. Gentlemen: when the Army Board in Washington asked five million appropriation from the local interests your Committee on Local Participation decided that two million was the most we could raise and the committee journeyed to Washington and there in a hearing before the board of Army Engineers convinced them that our claim was sound and legitimate and sold them on the idea, they in turn endorsed our proposal and offered it to congress. When it was proposed that a local assessment district be set up to help raise some of this money it was your local representative that protested so loudly that the matter was tabled and the only time it was referred to again was when the Assistant director of the Budget in Washington, told the committee that the people in Green River valley should contribute through special assessment towards the construction of the dam.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the fine folks in the valley who have labored so faithfully on this flood problem, also to you Congressmen and the Seattle Chamber of Commerce also the Army engineers, and our state representatives in the State Legislature. Every single thing we set out to do locally has been accomplished, with the possible exception of the county using the funds that are available this biennium.

This brings us to the dam itself and focuses our attention on Washington D.C. where the last congress failed to act on the omnibus flood control bill and where our representatives were unable to include the Green River item of \$16,000,000 in that bill, it passed over to the Senate where an effort was being made to incorporate it there when congress adjourned. As this congress convenes it should be a first order of business and we may get word any day now that the Sub Committee of the public works Co. has acted upon it and recommends it to the Senate. Let us review the history of the bill in Washington and see just what happened and what was done?

SENATE and House H.R.5472 The House Public Works Committee had been holding hearings on H.R.5472 for some time (Omnibus Flood Control Bill) and reported House it out on July 6th like a great many other items clamoring for recognition the Green River item of \$16,300,000. was not included in the bill. Congressman Tollefson at that time offered an amendment to include the Eagle Gorge Dam, but was unsuccessful. The chairman of the sub-committee handling the bill on the floor of the house at that time pointed out that Tollefson's amendment was subject to a point of order since the Bureau of the Budget had not approved the Eagle Gorge item. The opinion of the chairman prevailed. Then the chairman of the Committee suggested to Tollefson that an effort be made to include the dam in the flood control bill when it came over to the Senate. And he assured Mr. Tollefson that if that were done he would have no objection to it when it came back to the House for Conference.

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1. That a letter be sent to the following agencies recommending that a delegate be appointed immediately in order that they may get together and rehearse. And prepare for a hearing in Washington which will occur sometime between now and the middle of April. Seattle Chamber, Kent, Auburn and Renton Chambers, City of Seattle, City of Tacoma, County of King, Port of Seattle, and the State Dept of Conservation. We figured that out of this list we would get perhaps a delegation of six or seven.
2. The gorge item will come up before a sub-committee of the appropriations committee in the House. An effort is being made to get the Senate hearing at about the same time in order to accommodate the local delegation. Also the army engineers are attempting to get exact information as to the time of the hearing.
3. The completion of the committee has changed considerably since we appeared before it two years ago. Ten democrats have replaced 10 republicans, resolve that one if you can according to your political convictions. None of the committee are from the Pacific Coast.
4. The recommendation of the committee is that the valley must be represented at the hearing, by at least one and more if possible.
5. I have asked the Soil Conservation Engineer to get the level of the 1946 flood at the point where the big anti aircraft guns are installed on Unit 28. I have preserved a water mark at my place which may be used as a point to survey from.
6. One of the arguments advanced against the dam by certain Washington authorities is that \$2,000,000 is not sufficient on a \$20,000,000 project.

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Our answer to this is that there is a second phase to the complete project and that is the dredging and improvement of the Duwamish river which will cost \$9,000,000 plus the \$2,000,000 makes a local contribution of \$11,000,000 out of an over all project of \$31,000,000 or about 33%.

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Introduction.

The purpose of this meeting this evening is for us here in the valley to unite on a course of action from here on out on the flood problem. Of course the only sure and permanent solution is the construction of the Eagle Gorge Dam. But, before we discuss the dam and the pending legislation in Washington let us consider from the moment the possibility of future floods and also appraise what has actually been done to remedy the situation to date..

FLOODS have occurred again and again for generations. As far back as the White Mans records go floods have occurred and beyond that back into Indian tradition they tell us of the terrible floods that ravaged this area. We are just as exposed to the danger of floods today as we were fifty or seventy five years ago.

Floods of various degree can occur, just a small inundation, or an average flood of some 30,000 acre feet such as we got in '34 and '46 or we may get a great flood, the Standard Project Flood a flood of some 106,000 acre feet over three times as big as the 46 flood almost four times as big. Just think what that would mean. A flood of that magnitude would put almost 6 feet of water in every home in that portion of Kent which rests on the valley floor. You say absurd, it couldn't happen, well it has happened in the past and will happen again when we least expect it.

Let us see what this Standard Project Flood means; The army engineers in their search for a yard stick, a measure if you please to determine just how high the dam should be had no records to go by. Sure they knew that 34,000 acre feet came in 1934, but a dam that size or twice that capacity may not work. So they set out to determine the possibility of a greater flood. They knew from weather bureau records that at times conditions in the mountains were right to develop a flood three times the size of the 34 flood or 106,000 acre feet, but that flood has never come within the history of man because when conditions in the mountain were favorable the proper weather conditions were lacking. But old Jupiter is playing his weather checker board and some day the proper conditions in the hills will meet the Ideal Storm and then we will get the 106,000 acre flood.

What is this Ideal Storm, when did it occur. It occurred in November, 1906 A weeks warm rain, a 60 degree wind of a velocity of 30 to fifty miles per hour. Now we have it The Ideal Storm of 1906 times the conditions that we know have existed in the mountains and we have the Standard Project Flood of 106,000 acre feet.

So we can see that the threat of floods hangs over us still and will continue until the dam is built. But the fact that the floods are still with us is not proof that we have failed in our efforts to bring solve this problem. Great strides have been taken and much progress has been made.

We might go back three years to see what the situation was then and compare it with what we have today in order to fully understand the progress that has been made. It was on Monday evening, Dec. 23, 1946 that the first flood meeting of this committee was held in the City Hall, the meeting was presided over by Howard Edline and the minutes were made by Ted Best. We had just experienced a terrible flood. The river banks were torn and washed away, roads and bridges were wrecked, homes barns and businesses were flooded livestock and crops were destroyed and some 528 people were evacuated from their homes by the State Patrol.

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I was a member of the legislature at that time and had just been asked by Herb Hamblin to serve a chairman of the Harbors, Waterway, and Flood Control Committee of the House. On that date Ted Best the secretary recorded as follows: "Commissioner Sears stated that there was perhaps \$60,000 of an emergency appropriation that may be used to repair the river dikes" Mr. Berg State Supervisor of Flood Control stated that the Department of Conservation and Development had \$20,666 that was available for the Green River. Together with the County it was finally decided that \$55,000 could be applied for emergency bank work. Costello stated that as near as he could learn, it would take anywhere from one half million to a million to do any kind of a job on the river. So there we have the situation three years ago, just enough of money to make emergency repairs to the cuts in the dike and the State and County practically out of Flood money. The state had practically no flood policy, the county was doing practically nothing and the Eagle Gorge Dam was in its formative stage.

Now how far have we come since that day of our first meeting on Dec. 23d, 1946? We have come a long ways, great strides have been taken. Referring to our minutes of March 27, 1947 I was very happy to come back here from Olympia and report to you that the legislature had appropriated \$1,200,000 for river work in Washington. This certainly was a remarkable showing since the state had practically no flood policy and all Gov. Walgren had asked from the 1947 legislature was \$300,000 in his budget message. Out of this appropriation of \$1,200,000 was spent during the Biennium of 47-48 \$385,819. In King County matched this with expenditures of \$400,000. that makes a grand total of \$786,000 most of which was spent out here on the Green River. King County also sold bonds to the ~~extent~~ to raise \$500,000 for river work. Most competent observers agree that this work has already saved us one costly flood. I think that was a remarkable record in two years. But this isn't all, when the 1949 legislature convened the 17 counties cooperating in flood work submitted their estimate the legislature which in round figures amounted to \$1,700,000 King county stated they were budgeting \$274,000 and would need as much more from the state for matching funds. If King County had carried through on this basis then there would have been available in King County for flood work \$550,000. What happened to the King County program I do not know but I do know that we were successful in getting a two million appropriation from the 1949 session of the Legislature. Most of that appropriation is still down there in the Dept. of Conservation and Development.

This is not all, the last legislature appropriated \$1,500,000 as its share of the cost of the dam, King County has budgeted \$5,00,000 as its share for the dam making a total of two million in local funds. Beyond this our state flood control laws have been amended and shaped to facilitate emergency river work also to enable the state to receive matching funds from the federal government. Also to enable conservation districts to receive individually up to ten thousand dollars for drainage and flood work.

Gentlemen, progress is being made and is being made quickly. Strange as it may seem the center of this whole activity is right here in the Valley. We are the ones who are calling for aid, we are the ones who endure the human suffering that goes with the flood, we are the ones who keep the ball rolling. Our committee, our chambers of commerce, our various organizations and groups as well as individuals and our local newspapers all hold a high batting average in pushing this problem to an early solution.

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There are four centers of activity as far as this flood control work is concerned, the Valley, Olympia, Seattle Chamber of Commerce and Washington D.C. We have been successfully represented and our efforts have borne fruit in every one of those centers of activity. Here in the valley we have stood as a unit, we have presented our demands in an organized way, our voice has been heard and the merit of our claim has been recognized from Seattle to Olympia and from Olympia to Washington D.C. Olympia has appropriated the money we have asked, King County has appropriated the half million they were asked for, practically every agency in Washington D.C. has approved the Eagle Gorge Dam with the exception of Congress. Gentlemen: when the Army Board in Washington asked five million appropriation from the local interests. Your Committee on Local Participation decided that two million was the most we could raise and the committee journeyed to Washington and there in a hearing before the board of Army Engineers convinced them that our claim was sound and legitimate and sold them on the idea, they in turn endorsed our proposal and offered it to congress. When it was proposed that a local assessment district be set up to help raise some of this money it was your local representative that protested so loudly that thae matter was tabled and the only time it was referred to again was when the Assistant Director of the Budget in Washington told the committee that the people in Green River valley should contribute through special assessment towards the construction of the dam.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the fine folks in the valley who have labored so faithfully on this flood problem, also to you Congresee men and the Seattle Chamber of Commerce also the Army engineers, and our state representatives in the State Legislature. Every single thing we set out to do locally has been accomplished, with the possible exception of the County using the funds that are available this biennium.

This bring us to the dam itself and focuses our attention on Washington D.C. where the last congress failed to act on the omnibus flood control bill and where our representatives were unable to include the Green River item of \$16,300,000 in that bill, it passed over to the Senate where an effort was being made to incorporate it there when congress adjourned. As this Congress convenes it should be a first order of business and we may get word any day now that the Sub Committee of the public works Co. has acted upon it and recommends it to the Senate. Let us review the history of the bill in Washington and see just what happened and what was done?

SENATE & House H.R. 5472 The House Public Works Committee had been holding hearings on H.R. 5472 for some time (Omnibus Flood Control Bill) and reported it out on July 6th like a great many other items clamoring for recognition the Green River item of \$16,300,000. was not included in the bill. Congressman Tollefson at that time offered an amendment to include the Eagle Gorge Dam, but was unsuccessful. The chairman of the sub-committee handling the bill on the floor of the house at that time pointed out the Tollefson's amendment was subject to a point of order since the Bureau of the Budget had not approved the Eagle Gorge item. The opinion of the chairman prevailed. Then the chairman of the Committee suggested to Tollefson that an effort be made to include the dam in the flood control bill when it came over to the Senate. And he assured Mr. Tollefson that if that were done he would have no objection to it when it came back to the House for Conference.

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Due to the lateness of the session the Senate Sub-Committee was already holding hearings on the bill even tho the House had not completed action on it.

Congressman Tollefson and Congressman Mitchell got into a huddle with Senators Cain and Magnuson. The senators agreed to give full support to the Eagle Gorge item and they were authorized to speak for the congressmen which they did. When the Senate Sub-Com was considering the Flood Control Bill, Senator Magnuson asked that the Eagle Gorge be included in the bill as he had agreed.

The chairman of the Sub-com (Senator Sparkman, Alabama) then asked Col Gee of the Army Engineers about the Eagle Gorge Dam and Col Gee spoke in its behalf and recommended it to the Committee. The Chairman then stated that without objection the item would be included. It was at this point that Senator Cain asked Col Gee if it would be possible in the future, if the dam were constructed, to provide facilities for the generation of power? Col. Gee replied that it would be. He further stated that in following the usual procedure he would get in consultation with the federal Power Commission and ascertain whether the water supply at this point is adequate to support a power installation. If the decision is made there is adequate water, then the Army Engineers would be required by the Federal Power Commission, in accordance with existing law, to provide pen stocks for the installation of future power if and when it is authorized.

This is where the matter stands in congress, and it appears from the above explanation and from the proper application of the Federal Flood control acts of 1936 and 1946 there should be no obstacle in the way of immediate construction of the Flood Control features of the Dam providing the pen stocks are installed, as Col Gee pointed out, to accommodate power installation at some future date when it is authorized.

Our job from here should be to do all we can to back up our congressmen and bend every effort to aid its passage through congress. Closer cooperation locally should be effected, some funds should be raised and a representative sent to Washington when and if it becomes necessary. Christy Thomas, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce representative in Washington when he was here two months ago stated that very likely the Local Commission on Participation should get itself in readiness and be ready to come to Washington if the occasion requires, he will inform us.

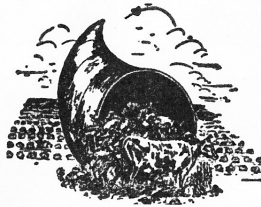
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Kent Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Box 65 - Kent, Washington

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T. S. BAILEY, SECRETARY



Home of the Kent
CORNUCOPIA FESTIVAL

October 9, 1954

Mr. L.J. Costello
Rt 2 Box 780
Kent, Washington

Dear Sir:

The Directors of this organization in regular session on the 6th Day of October 1954 endorsed the formation of a "King County Advisory River Improvement Committee" as outlined in your request to this organization and along the outline submitted.

You may rest assured that the Chamber of Commerce is interested in all endeavors to improve the river conditions and to assist such an organization as contemplated to become a reality.

Very truly yours,
KENT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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T.S. Bailey, Secretary

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Floyd Prewitt
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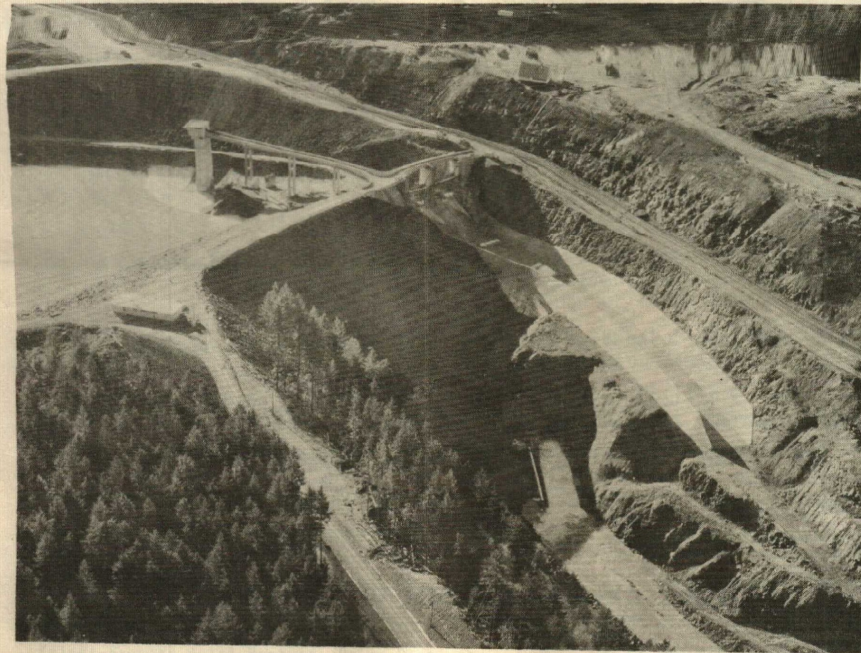
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11:00 A. M.	National Anthem	Highline High School Band
	Invocation	Dr. Seth G. Eastvold, President Pacific Lutheran University
	Presentation of Guests	John Cartano, President Seattle Chamber of Commerce
	Welcome	Lt. Governor John A. Cherberg State of Washington
	Remarks	Lt. General Walter K. Wilson, Jr. Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army Frank Matthias ~ Kaiser-Raymond International
	Presentation of Plaque	Judge William J. Wilkins, Past President, Associated Improvement Clubs of South King County
	Dedication Address	U. S. Senator Warren G. Magnuson Washington State
	Benediction	The Rev. Phillip G. Graf, Pastor First Baptist Church of Kent
	Post-Program Music	Highline High School Band

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