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Gazette
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5-8-65

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Phoenix Gazette
Big Flood Project

A \$70.8-million flood control project to protect North Phoenix from flash floods on five major watersheds, today was recommended by U.S. Army Engineers for authorization by the Senate Public Works Committee, The Associated Press reported.

Estimated federal share of the project would be \$57.3 million, the rest to come from a county bond issue. An election is set for sometime in November. The bond vote also would provide funds for other Valley areas.

THE PROJECT (Phase B) would consist of four dams and detention basins on Cave Creek, Dreamy Draw, Skunk Creek and New River, plus channel improvements on these streams and the Agua Fria River, and the Union Hills and Arizona Canal Diversion Channel.

The dams would be located at Dreamy Draw, on New River below Deadman Wash, at Cave Buttes, and at the Adobe dam-site on Skunk Creek if original plans are carried out.

Authorization doesn't neces-

sarily mean early construction, but today's recommendation was an important step toward senate approval.

FUNDS FOR the project must be voted later in appropriations measures and Maricopa County voters also must approve proposed use of some \$11.7-million in county funds, officials said.

The bond issue for some \$22-million would include \$1,770,000 matching funds for the proposed Phase-A Lower Indian Bend Wash flood control project in Scottsdale. Phase-C includes West and South Phoenix flood control, using the remainder of

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the \$22 million bond funds.

A delegation of city and county officials met in January with Army Engineers to expedite clearance of the project.

THE \$70.8 MILLION project is Phase-B of the overall, countywide \$115-million flood control program.

The Phase-B flood control plan would recover some 15,000 to 20,000 acres now subject to flooding. The land, valued at \$200 million, is mostly privately-owned, although some of it is public and Indian land.

Principal phase of the Phoenix project would be a channel slashing through a residential area in North Phoenix, along the Arizona Canal from 12th Street westward to 83rd Avenue.

The 62-to-100-foot channel would carry flood waters from Dreamy Draw, the Moon Valley area south of Bell Road and part of the Cave Creek area and spill them into Skunk Creek near 75th Avenue.

An east-west drainage channel would be built along Union Hills Drive from 40th Street west to Skunk Creek.

Engineer Chief To Tour Area

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The newly appointed chief of the Los Angeles District Army Corps of Engineers will tour flood-prone areas in Maricopa County Saturday with John Lowry, county flood control district engineer and general manager.

Col. John A. B. Dillard, who succeeded Col. Earl Peacock earlier this month, is scheduled to visit the following sites:

- **THE SALT RIVER** bed at Scottsdale Road and at Seventh Street in Phoenix.

- **Indian Bend Wash** at various points along the proposed flood channel, including the site of the head works at the Arizona Canal.

- **Bell Road to Cave Creek Road**, including the Cave Buttes Dam site.

- **Union Hills diversion channel**, planned to extend from 36th Street west to Skunk Creek, between Bell Road and Union Hills Drive.

- **Skunk Creek diversion channel** at Black Canyon Highway, four bridge sites in the area and the Adobe Dam site.

- **Glendale and Maryvale areas** which have been flooded in the past.

- **Site of a proposed channel and small reservoir** in the South Mountain area.

TWO PROJECTS in the countywide flood control program, which was approved by the board of supervisors in 1963, have been approved by the public works committees of the U.S. Senate and House, and are to be included in the omnibus

flood control bill scheduled to go before Congress this year.

The projects include a \$9-million channel along Indian Bend Wash to protect Scottsdale and Tempe, and a \$70-million project for the Greater Phoenix area.

Arizona May Get \$44,263,500 Fund For Water, Power

A total outlay of \$44,263,500 for Arizona and Arizona-related water and power projects was recommended today by the House Appropriations Committee.

The money would be used by U.S. Army Engineers and Reclamation Bureau in the fiscal year starting July 1. The funds, part of \$1,598,705,500 allocated for water and power projects, are included in an over-all \$4,241,636,500 public works bill sent to the House today.

BY FAR the largest Arizona appropriation would be \$26 million to be spent on the Pacific Northwest - Southwest power intertie. The plan calls for two high-voltage power lines to run from the Pacific Northwest to the Colorado River system via Northern California. Hoover Dam and Phoenix would be connected through transmission lines to Grapevine, Calif.

The Interior Department hopes to put the first line into operation by 1968 and the second by 1969.

INCLUDED IN the appropriations would be \$2.2 million for construction of a new bypass canal to carry saline water from the Mohawk-Wellton Canal near Yuma to points above and below Morelos Dam in Mexico. This is part of an agreement worked out between the two countries in which water too salty for irrigation use would be allowed to bypass Mexican farms and flow into the Gulf of California.

ARMY ENGINEER projects:

CONSTRUCTION: Alamo Reservoir, \$2.5 million; Painted Rock Reservoir, \$270,000; Tuc-

son diversion channel, \$1,031,000.

PLANNING: Pinal Creek, \$37,000.

SURVEYS: Gila and Salt rivers, Maxwell Dam site to the mouth, \$15,000; Glendale-Maryvale-South Phoenix, \$30,000.

RECLAMATION Bureau Projects:

CONSTRUCTION: Colorado River front work and levee system, \$4,432,000; Parker-Davis, \$847,500; delivery of water to Mexico, \$2.2 million; Pacific Northwest - Southwest intertie, \$26 million.

LOAN PROGRAM: Brown Canal Co., \$196,000; Roosevelt Irrigation District, \$965,000.

UPPER COLORADO River Storage Project: Construction, Glen Canyon unit, \$5,740,000.