

Colonel PICK. Good morning, sir.

Mr. JONES. We are glad to have a good Alabamian make these presentations. First we have Alhambra Creek, Calif.

ALHAMBRA CREEK, CALIF.

Colonel PICK. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, Alhambra Creek drains an area of about 16.5 square miles and discharges into Carquinez Strait, approximately 25 miles northeast of San Francisco, Calif. The project is located at Martinez, the county seat of Contra Costa County.

There are no existing Federal improvements for flood control at Martinez. Major overflow of Alhambra Creek cause considerable damage in the city.

The most severe flood of record occurred in April 1958 causing damage estimated at \$450,000. Two deaths have been reported, one in 1916 and another in 1922 from flooding.

The Chief of Engineers in his proposed report recommends construction of 2,750 feet of earthen channel and about 15,400 feet of circular concrete diversion conduit. The estimated Federal cost is \$8 million and the estimated non-Federal cost is \$900,000. Local interests have indicated willingness to provide the required local cooperation. Annual benefits are estimated to be \$372,000 and annual costs \$310,000 and the benefit-cost ratio is 1.2.

Comments of the State and concerned Federal agencies are favorable. The Bureau of the Budget notes that 61 percent of flood control benefits accrue to future development in the flood area and believes that nonstructural measures may be feasible to assist in reducing flooding and in promoting wise and economic use of the flood plain. The Bureau recommends that the project, if authorized, be reviewed prior to initiation of construction to determine if the proposed plan should be modified in order to achieve the most practicable balance between structural and nonstructural measures, considering the specific guidelines established pursuant to Executive Order 11296.

Subject to consideration of these comments, the Bureau of the Budget has no objection to submission of the report to the Congress.

This concludes my statement, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. JONES. Any questions, Mr. Clausen?

Mr. CLAUSEN. No; I have no questions. I do want to establish again that you said all of the members are going to have an opportunity to submit a statement?

Mr. JONES. Yes. Mr. Waldie?

STATEMENT OF HON. JEROME R. WALDIE, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. WALDIE. Mr. Chairman, House approval of the Omnibus Rivers and Harbors and Flood Control Act of 1968 is most meaningful to residents of my district.

Authorization has been given an \$8 million project which, upon completion, will halt the threat of flooding in the central portion of Contra Costa County, Calif. The Alhambra Creek flood control proj-