

ization in section 203 of such Act of projects for local protection on the Weber River, Utah, shall expire on April 16, 1972, unless local interests shall before such date furnish assurances satisfactory to the Secretary of the Army that the required local cooperation in such project will be furnished.

Mr. JONES. Next is Sweetwater River, Calif.

SWEETWATER RIVER, CALIF.

Colonel PICK. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, the principal area of the Sweetwater River under consideration is approximately 6 miles southeast of the central business district of the city of San Diego.

There are no existing Federal improvements for flood control. From Bonita Mesa Road to San Diego Bay, a distance of 3.4 miles, flood-water flow along the Sweetwater River will cause damage to an area that is rapidly being developed for commercial, residential, and recreational uses. Highways, railroads, and utilities are also subject to damage.

The California Division of Highways plans to construct an east-west freeway in the Sweetwater River Valley. Substantial economies can be realized by adopting a combined flood control and highway plan of improvement.

The Chief of Engineers recommends construction of 3.4 miles of channel improvement and levees as part of a combined flood control and highway project, with the improved channel being flanked along most of its length by freeway lanes.

The estimated cost of the flood control portion of the combined project is \$9.2 million, of which \$4.9 million is Federal cost and \$4.3 million is non-Federal cost. The benefit-cost ratio is 2.4. Local interests have indicated willingness to meet all requirements.

Comments of the State of California and concerned Federal agencies are favorable.

The Bureau of the Budget has no objection to submission of the report to Congress.

Since the Federal cost for this project is less than \$10 million, the views set forth by the Secretary of the Army in his letter of January 6, 1967, submitting to you a draft bill to amend section 201 of the Flood Control Act of 1965, would apply.

Mr. Chairman, this completes my statement.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Clausen?

Mr. CLAUSEN. Both Congressmen Wilson and Van Deerlin from that city spoke to me about a lot of genuine support in that entire city.

Mr. JONES. You say the flood control project and the highway project complement one another?

Colonel PICK. Yes, sir.

Mr. JONES. In what way?

Colonel PICK. The highway department savings are estimated to be approximately \$650,000 and the Federal project savings are estimated to be \$1,850,000. The savings result from the fact that the levees on both sides of the floodway will serve the dual purposes of right-of-way for the freeways and as levees for flood control.