

area. We have abundant water supply in the area unharnessed and the residents pay a premium water rate at present. The Dam would alleviate water problems for generations to come.

Secondly, this area is a highly depressed area economically and the construction would greatly alleviate unemployment during the construction of the Dam.

Third, the potential for recreation on the proposed lake developing would add greatly to the pleasure of residents and tourists also add economic stability to the area through added tourist attractions.

The river as is, has flooded many times in the Arcata Bottoms area doing untold damage to the farms and industrial plants. Many bridges have been demolished or damaged from floods upstream in the Blue Lake area. Construction of a Dam would eliminate flooding problems below the Dam, be a great value economically to the area, provide jobs, create a permanent and economical water supply for our area with water left over for more arid areas.

Again we strongly urge your approval of the Butler Dam project.

Sincerely yours,

ERNEST M. PARK,
President, Arcata Area Chamber of Commerce.

BLUE LAKE, CALIF., June 27, 1968.

Congressman DON CLAUSEN,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.:

Support Butler Valley project necessary for growth north coast shortage of water industrial and recreational city of Fortuna.

BLUE LAKE CITY COUNCIL.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT,
Eureka, Calif., June 24, 1968.

Re Butler Valley Dam.

HON. GEORGE H. FALLON,
Chairman, Committee on Public Works, Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: The Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt has asked me, as its chairman, to write to you urging your support of the Butler Valley Dam proposal currently before the House Committee on Public Works. The cities Eureka and Arcata, and indeed the entire Humboldt Bay region, are wholly dependent on the Mad River for water. At present, all developed water sources on the Mad River are wholly committed, and there is, in fact, a periodic shortage of developed water. At the other extreme, in the winter of 1964-1965, the Mad River cost the people millions of dollars in flood damage.

A third factor to be considered is recreation. Every economic study and general plan report made on Humboldt County in recent years has stressed the recreational potential of the county. Accordingly, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt has, by resolution, declared its intention to provide for one-half of the initial cost of incorporating recreation features in the Butler Valley Dam, and to keep and maintain the recreational features of the dam.

The Butler Valley Dam will protect the Mad River Valley against future floods, will provide recreation for residents, will provide adequate supplies of water for irrigation, domestic and industrial uses in the Humboldt Bay region. Accordingly, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, and myself, as its chairman, earnestly urge you to give your full support to the proposal for Butler Valley Dam, and we earnestly urge your Committee to report favorably on the proposal.

Very truly yours,

ELWYN L. LINDLEY, *Chairman.*

FORTUNA, CALIF., June 24, 1968.

DON CLAUSEN,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.:

The Butler Valley Dam is of great importance to the city of Blue Lake and all of Humboldt County. The Blue Lake City Council asks your full support in seeking the earliest possible development of this project for the benefits of all the people of northwestern California. We sincerely appreciate your every effort on behalf of the Butler Valley Dam.

BLUE LAKE CITY COUNCIL.