

The Chief of Engineers in his proposed report recommends channel improvements and levees at an estimated Federal cost of \$7.9 million for construction. The annual costs are \$389,000 and the annual benefits are \$595,000 with a benefit-cost ratio of 1.5. Local interests have indicated willingness to furnish requirements of local cooperation.

The report has been submitted to the State of California and the interested Federal agencies. Upon receipt of the comments, the report of the Chief of Engineers will be sent to the Bureau of the Budget through the Secretary of the Army prior to its submission to Congress by the Secretary of the Army.

This concludes my statement, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. JONES. At this point in the record of hearings there will be placed a letter from our distinguished colleague, the Honorable James B. Utt.

(The letter follows:)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., June 22, 1968.

HON. GEORGE FALLON,
Chairman, Public Works Committee,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR COLLEAGUE: Considered by the Corps of Engineers to be advisable, the improvement of the San Luis Rey River, in San Diego County, California, for flood control purposes is most vital to the area.

The proposed improvement consists of the construction of a 7.2 mile long channel culminating in the Pacific Ocean at Oceanside, California, the Federal cost for which is estimated by the Corps of Engineers at \$7,900,000. The benefit-cost ratio is 1.5.

San Diego County is growing at a rate surpassing most other areas in the country. Tax revenue to the Federal government is also increasing proportionately. Effective flood control, by preventing seasonal damage, reduces loss of federal revenues, and at the same time, through appreciation of adjacent property, provides a larger tax base.

I will sincerely appreciate any assistance that can be given towards the authorization of this project.

Cordially yours,

JAMES B. UTT,
Member of Congress.

Mr. JONES. Next is Iao Stream, Maui, Hawaii.

IAO STREAM, MAUI, HAWAII

Colonel PICK. Mr. Chairman, Iao Stream drains a portion of the slopes of the West Maui Mountains on the island of Maui, and its lower course runs into the sea just to the east of the town of Wailuku, the Maui County seat.

The Corps of Engineers completed a clearing and snagging project in the lower reach of Iao Stream at a cost of \$48,900. No other improvements have been constructed by Federal agencies on the stream. Maui County has expended about \$582,000 for channel improvements and levees which do not provide adequate protection.

The severest flood of record occurred in January 1916 resulting in the loss of 13 lives. One other life was lost in the flood of December 1950.

The Chief of Engineers recommends construction of a debris basin and levees and channel improvement at an estimated Federal cost of \$1,660,000. The estimated non-Federal cost is \$240,000. The benefit-cost ratio is 1.3. Local interests have indicated willingness to provide the required local cooperation.

The comments of the State of Hawaii and Federal agencies are favorable.