

The coordinating committee was composed of representatives of the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Army, Commerce, Health, Education, and Welfare, and Interior; the Federal Power Commission; and the States of Louisiana and Texas.

On December 15, 1967, the Sabine Coordinating Committee at its 11th meeting held in Orange, Tex., accepted and attached its signatures to the report, and on December 22, 1967, the report was forwarded to the Water Resources Council.

The Water Resources Council reviewed the study and prepared a summary report and returned comments on the report to the Sabine Basin Coordinating Committee for consideration on May 13, 1968. Comments are due back to the Water Resources Council July 1, 1968.

Subsequent to approval, the Corps of Engineers will prepare a report on their elements in the comprehensive study and will submit the project report through normal channels for authorization.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my statement.

Mr. BLATNIK. Thank you, Colonel Seidel. I apologize for calling you, springing this without any advance warning and on such short notice. But to a member of the committee, it is a serious problem, and we do appreciate your accommodating us on almost no notice at all. The Water Resources Council has reviewed the study?

Colonel SHAFFER. Yes, sir.

Mr. BLATNIK. What is the next step after the Water Resources Council reviews the study and prepares the summary report? What happens?

Colonel SHAFFER. Well, comments were sent back to them for—

Mr. BLATNIK. To the coordinating committee?

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Mr. BLATNIK. Has any action been taken by the coordinating committee?

Colonel SHAFFER. The response is due back on July 1, 1968.

Mr. BLATNIK. Yes; you stated that; I am sorry.

After that, then the Corps of Engineers goes to work with more detailed study or analysis, whatever you call it?

Colonel SHAFFER. Yes, sir. Subsequent to the approval of the comprehensive plan, the corps will then pick out its portion of it and develop the project or projects.

Mr. BLATNIK. Project or project approach to fit within the whole comprehensive program; is that right?

Colonel SHAFFER. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBERTS. If I understand it, then, what will the corps do when the comprehensive report is approved? You will submit for authorization specific projects?

Colonel SHAFFER. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROBERTS. What do we need to do to keep this thing alive in the meantime, while we are waiting on this? Do you need additional funds for survey projects, or additional work, engineering or other things? Otherwise your omnibus bill is not going to have a Sabine River in it at all.

What does the corps need to expedite your section, your part of this project?

General NOBLE. Mr. Feil, Chief of our Planning Division, is prepared to discuss that.