

What is the problem with cost sharing, that you mentioned?

Colonel ANDERSON. There is some recreational navigation involved in this project, and the cost sharing of the recreational navigation is in question.

Mr. HARSHA. I see.

Colonel ANDERSON. If it were just a small boat harbor, it would be cost shared 50-50. This is more than a small boat harbor, and includes primarily commercial navigation with a minor amount of —

Mr. BLATNIK. I see Congressman John Young, of Texas, is here in the room. Can you add anything, Congressman?

Mr. YOUNG. In that connection, if I might, the local authority has authorized me to assure the corps and the committee that they understand that under this new formula there will be some additional cost sharing locally, and that they are willing and ready to assume whatever share the corps considers to be fair and equitable to the local interest.

Colonel ANDERSON. Yes, sir; we understood that.

Mr. HARSHA. That is fine; but I understand the State has not given its final approval of the project.

Colonel ANDERSON. That is right, sir. We have no final comments on the project.

Mr. HARSHA. How about the Federal agencies?

Colonel ANDERSON. The same applies to Federal agencies. We have preliminary comments from them.

Mr. HARSHA. What is their preliminary comment?

Colonel ANDERSON. Their comment is favorable. They say the flood discharge channel will considerably improve the conditions for the shrimp bed nurseries, and that this will increase the overall production of shrimp in the area. This is a high shrimp catch area.

Mr. HARSHA. How about BOB?

Colonel ANDERSON. It has not been submitted to BOB.

Mr. HARSHA. That is all I have.

Mr. YOUNG. I have here a letter which I filed earlier with the committee, from the Governor of Texas, and which, if I might quote one line:

I have been advised that the State agencies, that is the Texas Water Development Board, the Texas Water Rights Commission, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, concur in the proposed improvements based on the preliminary field report.

So I thought the committee might want to know that. That is signed by John Connally, Governor of Texas.

Mr. HARSHA. That is based on the preliminary report?

Mr. YOUNG. Yes, sir. It is really improved by the Board's recommendations.

Mr. BLATNIK. The next project, Congressman, in which you are interested, is the Port Aransas-Corpus Christi Waterway, Tex.

PORT ARANSAS-CORPUS CHRISTIE, TEX.

General NOBLE. Mr. Chairman, Colonel Seidel will report on this project.

Mr. BLATNIK. Colonel Seidel.