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U.S. Survey to Be Made Here Of Skagit Water Resources

A systematic study of the streams of Skagit county, to determine flow and volume of water, is to be made by the United States survey crew at once, following discussion at a recent meeting of the county planning council. Preliminary plans were made in Sedro-Woolley at a conference attended by W. A. McLean, John Nordmark, Paul Dickey, A. H. Ward, County Commissioner Ed Carr and others; and F. M. Veatch, district federal engineer of Tacoma.

According to estimates, the cost of a complete survey of all rivers and streams will be about \$12,000. Of this amount, arrangements have been made to raise half, and this will be spent at once in making a survey of the larger streams in the county. The federal government will contribute half the survey cost, which must be matched by the state, county and other local agencies such as the P. U. D.

If the local agencies agree to

raise this fund, a complete Skagit county survey will be made. The county commissioners and P. U. D. county commissioners and P. U. D. the county planning council and F. M. Veatch to discuss plans, and county and P. U. D. officials will meet in the near future to discuss raising funds to conduct the complete survey.

Some eighty to one hundred streams are to be included in the survey, Veatch said. It was stated that actual low water flow must be known if available water sources are to be properly utilized. L. B. Judy, superintendent of the Skagit P. U. D., which owns and operates the Sedro-Woolley, Mount Vernon and Burlington water systems, stated that the present water sources in the lower streams will not be sufficient when the P. U. D. expands to serve more of the county.