

### Weather Report

Temperature for 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. today — Maximum 73, minimum 48.

Monterey Bay Area — Fair through tomorrow but morning fog; slightly warmer; afternoon winds 8-15 m.p.h.

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# House Group Passes River Flood Bill

\$307,000

## \$307,000 For San Lorenzo Job Okayed

Congressional approval of a \$307,000 appropriation for design and initial construction of flood control works on the San Lorenzo river was virtually assured today when the measure passed the house appropriations committee.

The committee also approved \$21,500 for ~~the~~ <sup>completion of the</sup> ~~army engineers' flood~~ <sup>labor</sup> survey, interrupted by Korean war.

The favorable reports represented a twin victory for the Santa Cruz area's representative in the lower house, Congressman Charles S. Gubser, R., Gilroy.

Both appropriations will reach a vote on the house floor later this week. Gubser has predicted passage both there and in the senate.

He credited "solid and highly effective local support" as a contributing factor in winning the approval of the powerful appropriations committee.

"The fact that Democratic and Republican party organizations put partisan considerations aside and united with organized labor, business, professional and civic groups to back my fight could not fail to impress the committee," Gubser said.

"Neither could the excellent testimony presented personally by witnesses from Santa Cruz," the statement continued. "I am extremely gratified that this bipartisan effort has had the full measure of success."

Full congressional approval will permit the army to complete design work on flood walls and levees along the river and Branciforte creek in the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

The \$307,000 figure includes \$100,000 to enable the engineers to get a start on construction before the succeeding fiscal year, 1957-58. Appropriations to finance the balance of construction will be sought at succeeding congressional sessions.

No money for San Lorenzo flood control was included originally in the budget submitted to congress by the bureau of the budget. Following the December flood in Santa Cruz, however, Gubser succeeded first in having a \$207,000 appropriation inserted and later in raising this figure to \$307,000 when the army revised its first-year cost estimate.

City Manager Robert Klein and Stephen Wyckoff, prominent local attorney who represented the chamber of commerce, spoke on behalf of the appropriation at a subcommittee hearing in March.

The San Lorenzo appropriation is included in a public works appropriation bill which contemplates federal expenditures totalling \$85,953,000 for California water projects during the coming fiscal year.

It includes 20 flood control bureau projects totalling \$45,866,000.