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\$600,000 In Flood Funds Is Approved

Santa Cruz played a good poker hand Friday and won a \$600,000 recommendation from California flood control conference in Sacramento.

According to Acting City Manager Pete Tedesco, the conference was ready to recommend only \$500,000 for the San Lorenzo river flood control project, \$96,000 short of the amount needed for completion of the project during the 1959-60 fiscal year.

"We held out for more and wound up with \$600,000, and that is \$4000 more than we asked," Tedesco said.

The city's case was presented by the corps of engineers who also argued all other projects in California.

Tedesco said the conference's report was certain to be accepted by the state water commission if it has not already been done.

The state will forward the recommendation to the house and senate public works committees for inclusion in the '59-'60 budget.

The funds to complete the local flood control project were asked to be included in allotments during the current fiscal year, but congress denied the move.

The city claimed the project could be completed during next year's construction season if funds were available.

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