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# Hearings To Begin Next Week On SC Flood Control Monies

City officials Friday will begin the first round of committee hearings which will end before Congress this spring to win the final \$275,000 needed to complete the San Lorenzo river flood control project.

City Manager Pete Tedesco said he and City Engineer Alex Russell will appear before the California Flood Control conference in Sacramento to begin processing the local request.

Recommendations of the conference matched with army corps of engineers' requests will move from the conference to the California Water commission and on to congressional hearings on the federal rivers and harbors bill.

Originally the flood project here needed \$600,000 to complete its \$6.5 million job this spring and summer. However, the

corps found \$325,000 it could transfer from another project.

Since the local project is already under way, no problem is expected in getting the monies. President Eisenhower has indicated he would favor new projects (which might include the small craft harbor at Woods Lagoon) in an effort to balance the coming federal budget.

The city's portion of the net cost of the project is 8.9 per cent and \$417,000 has been paid to date. Should the cost of the project go up, as it did once before, the city's cost also would go up, Tedesco said.

Another of the city's obligations is to provide maintenance for the project after completion. The city's budget carries 10-cents permissory tax to provide for this maintenance.