

Two Flood Projects Authorized

San Gabriel River and Coyote Creek Channels Affected

LOS ALAMITOS, Feb. 8. Contracts will be advertised within 60 days for work on two major flood control projects to cost \$1,150,000 and alleviate flooded conditions in Western Orange County and Southeast Los Angeles County, it was learned here today.

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District has budgeted \$900,000 to widen and improve the San Gabriel River channel from Spring St. south to 7th St., east of Long Beach. The same type of channel will be built as was completed previously for the riverbed south of 7th St. and north of Spring St., with high levees for maximum protection.

Wide Channel

A \$250,000 project is planned for Coyote Creek, which meanders in and out of Orange and Los Angeles Counties. A 140-foot wide channel will extend from the junction with the San Gabriel River northeasterly to Spring St.

Work will begin at the end of the rainy season. During the next fiscal year, Los Angeles County will extend the creek channel improvement program as far north as Del Amo Blvd., from where it will be improved by Orange County. The two branches originate in the Fullerton-La Habra area.

A special legal opinion has been given by Los Angeles County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy that Los Angeles County may spend funds to build a new bridge over Coyote Creek at Spring St., although it is in Orange County. The law permits the county to build a bridge in any adjoining county on any public highway of mutual benefit to both counties.

Orange County has completed several flood channel improvement programs to lessen flood conditions.