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Subject: Working Group Meeting - April 26

Greetings:

This meeting is right around the corner. I guess we probably need to start preparing. I thought I would start by sending you an email and then follow it up with a telephone conversation tomorrow morning. The proposed agenda is as follows:

Commissioner Dahlstedt - Words from
Economic Analysis Results - Jim Smith
Follow-up on Alternative Discussions - Salinity
Intrusion Analyses - Stephen Pierce
Update on Environmental Studies - Mike Scuderi to
provide to Stephen
Continued Discussion of Alternatives
Next Steps - Timeline for decisions

My intent is to have Valerie really hammer home the point that we are in decision mode and must reach a consensus no later than the end of June.

That means that we really only have two more meetings besides this one to get an agreement. So... here are my thoughts on what we should be planning for.

- 1) Stephen, will you have Jim prepare a presentation on the Economic Study? We need presentation handouts by Monday, April 16 in order to get them sent to the participants before April 26.
- 2) Stephen, I don't think you need to prepare handouts for the salinity intrusion analyses. A low down from Monte should be sufficient.
- 3) For the update on Environmental Studies, Michael, could you put something together for this? I thought that I could talk about the meeting at Padilla Bay since I was there and that Stephen could cover the rest of the stuff. If you can, handouts would be good. Perhaps there is nothing to hand out yet? I am panicking - we are rapidly running out of time. Any word from Dr. Thom? It would be really good if the Environmental Technical group could convene before April 26. Is that a possibility? That was what was discussed at the last Working Group meeting at any rate. I am afraid that we might take some heat for not getting these folks together. Herding Cats! I had the Director of Skagit County Public Works write a letter to

Bob Everitt, Region IV Director, WDFW for a substitute for Rich Johnson while he is gone. Is there something else that I can do? I would be willing to make phone calls if you need someone to camp on the phone. At any rate, with or without them, we need to keep moving forward.

4) Stephen, I am under the impression that you have made a LOT of progress on the matrix since the last working group meeting. Any chance of updating it and forwarding it to me? We will certainly want to send this out to the group. I know that you have probably got most if not all of the preliminary cost estimates. What other information would assist the group in making their decision?

5) Dave Brookings and I were thinking of seeing if Valerie could manage to get the group to eliminate 1/2 of the alternatives at the April meeting.

6) I think handouts of the cultural report (not the report itself but summaries - like the end tables) would be good.

Stephen, is there a good time this week that I could come down? It would be really good if Michael was there too. I tried to call Michael today and couldn't reach him so perhaps he's out of the office this week? Hope not. I was thinking either Wednesday or Thursday? What do you think?

I'll talk to you in the morning.

JVV