

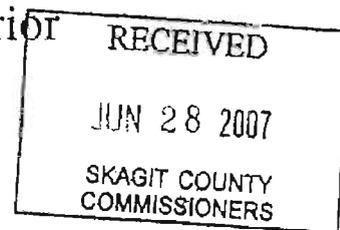
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June 27, 2007

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Re: Skagit River Hydrology Independent Technical Review—Final Report

Dear Commissioners:

Your letter dated May 21, 2007, requested a response to several questions and comments that were generated from recommendations made in the Final Report by Northwest Hydraulics Consultants on Skagit River Hydrology. The letter requested a response by June 30, 2007. We are currently working on a report that bears directly on the magnitude of the historic floods on the Skagit River near Concrete. We need to acquire colleague reviews and Director's approval before we can comment on the specifics of the report. The report has been written and is now in colleague review. Unfortunately, we will not have approval by June 30, 2007, and we request an extension of your deadline for a response to July 20, 2007. With the approval of the report, we can comment at length to the findings of the study and more thoroughly and accurately comment on the issues brought up in your letter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Cynthia Barton
Center Director

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