

DATE: September 10, 2001

TO: Members Management Group

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SUBJECT: Action Notes

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Attendees: Susan Barnes, ODFW; Paul Ward, YN; Theodora Strong, YN; John

Palensky, NMFS; Maureen Smith, USFWS, Pete Hassemer, IDFG; Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Dave Statler, NPT; Tom Giese, Kathie Titzler, Jann

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Time Objective 1. FY 2002 Renewal Process %

Allocation: Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries
Objective 3. FY 2001 Adjustments

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ITEM 1: Balance the FY2002 Budget

Discussion: Subbasin planning is a one-time award over the coarse of the planning

period. The bottom line is that we don't know what the budget figure is, the rate case is still not closed and the rolling provincial review process is

not complete. We don't know what the total "needs" are.

ACTION: The ad hoc Budget Committee agreed to recommend to the MMG the

following approach for their consideration:

• Continue funding ongoing projects at the FY2001 level with a 3.5% cost of living increase, and any new projects in the first three provinces need to be reviewed on a "case by case" basis.

- Budget cannot be balanced until we know what the budget is the planning will be completed in FY2003.
- The \$55M is to be retained and decisions on what to do with the funding be deferred until end of the provincial review.
- This is the fiscally responsible approach.

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