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Subject: Phase II Report EWA Changes

In the June 1999 "Revised Phase II Report" we spent a lot of time explaining the possible purpose and function of an EWA, mostly by using examples. Some called it a sales pitch for the EWA. We ended the discussion with a list of issues to be resolved before an effective can be implemented. Since the June report, we have clarified, analyzed, and argued these issues with little resolution. The WMCT is working diligently to analyze different features of the EWA and feeding the results to the management group. However, no definite solution will be forth coming until management decides the WMS and how the EWA fits in given b(2) etc. So to the question of what do we put in the phase II report. Do we just revise what we done before with a little clarification of what we have learned since June and a process for resolution of issues? I think we can do more.

We can relate on what we learned from actions trying to solve the current fisheries crises (2000 ops, purchases, groundwater, source shifting, joint point, etc) and how they relate to a startup of an EWA. We can relate the effectiveness of each proposed EWA action in meeting fishery, water supply, and water quality objectives under various scenarios and b(2) assumptions. However we can't articulate the actual size of assets and operational rules until higher decisions are made.

The Phase II Report could forecast the process used to implement an EWA. For example; Before the ROD management decides how large EWA is needed to give some assurances to the water users. At the beginning of Stage I the EWA consists of an annual sum of money to purchase water and storage and water generated by allowing relaxing of E/L. The water users get the benefit of many of the actions we are trying in 2000 ops. (JPOD, etc). As we move through Stage I, we will use adaptive management and WMS actions to increase supplies for EWA and water users (sharing, etc). Hopefully the need for annual funds reduces as EWA assets increase.

Rick, not sure how detailed we can make this. If we stay strictly programmatic the changes will be minor. Better description, little on what we learned and framework and principles for implementing EWA.  
Let's talk  
Ron