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**Subject:** Sorry to do this, but

Lorna, I am working my drainage utility budget and it is looking like I will not be able to provide money to the GI study next year. Sorry to lead you on but we have big commitments with our utility, and a lack of money. The biggest area of uncertainty is the FEMA appeal, and if that can be resolved then we would be back in the GI game. I can give you guys more details on this when we talk later. I don't know if you have already submitted your budget or not. Again, sorry about that, but I have 5 budgets over here that I work all together, so it's a little complicated. And I just arrived at this unfortunate conclusion yesterday. Chal

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Chal,

The reality is that the less money we have for the GI, the less detail we can provide to others.

I appreciate the fact that you tried to work us in.

I remain optimistic that as we will continue to collect new data at the Dalles and reevaluate Stewart's old data, we will get closer and closer to the more accurate H & H for the Skagit River Basin.

When do you think you are going to have something from FEMA to appeal?

Lorna

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Lorna, what I am seeing in my budget projections is that we will not be able to contribute to the GI unless or until the FEMA issue is resolved. But that would be the basic idea, if we have funding left after whatever the appeal process might entail.

What frustrates me is, if we could get the Corps to accept reasonable hydrology numbers, then no appeal would be necessary and the money designated for technical and legal support for the appeal could be put toward a real partnership funding effort on the GI. I would really like to see that happen. And it wouldn't just be Burlington: it could also be Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley and several of the DDs. That would be a compelling funding partnership.

This thing could be flipped around 180 degrees if a simple compromise on the hydrology could be reached. Certainly, we have the reams of analysis and technical reports to support this. That would be a significant step in the Public's interest. Chal

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