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Jacque thanks for the opportunity to respond to the draft Fisher basin study  
These are comments/ questions I had from the January 23 2014 meeting and the draft report

- Having not been involved or aware of the discussions prior to January I believe it would be appropriate to review the other alternative solutions that have been discussed. As you may be aware one of the underlying principles of the 1996 MOA was the pursuit of piped water in the basin. Members of the Skagit River Flow Management Committee continue to meet to discuss this aspect. Has this been investigated to any real extent? Please be aware this is out of the Anacortes service area, and so my question is purely with the best intent.
- Are there other alternatives? It seems that if there is to be real inclusive inter agency collaboration on the issue we should take a short step back and discuss how you got to this point.
- I am not a SEPA authority however it occurs to me that with the impacts this type of project will have on the environment and development of the basin, perhaps a full EIS would be in order.
- The original WRIA sub basin was geographically described and managed [closed] as the Carpenter / Fisher creek basin, does this action effectively separate the basins and if so what ramifications does that have on the current closure? Perhaps an explanation of why the basins were combined to begin with is in order.
- The Golder well withdrawal study that the City of Anacortes participated in was somewhat statistically limited; however it is now being used as partial basis for the withdrawal rates in this study. Also the report references the withdrawal assumptions that were made in the 2006 rule amendment. Have there been any subsequent studies? When and how will the well withdrawal rates and septic recharge rates be agreed upon? I see this as a potential stumbling block.

Thanks again.

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