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### Memorandum

To: Judge Loble, Montana Water Court  
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RE: May 13, 2004 EQC Meeting  
Panel discussion regarding improving efficiency in the water adjudication program

Date: April 5, 2004

I am writing as a follow up to the telephone conversations that I held with each of you last week regarding the May 13, 2004 EQC meeting. At that meeting, the Council would like to hear from each "part" of the adjudication program regarding ways to make the process more effective and efficient. I have outlined a few points that the Council would like you to address during your panel discussion. The time allotted for the discussion is only ½ hour so each of you would get about 10 minutes to provide your input.

- Are there existing glitches in the portion of the adjudication program that you manage that could be fixed or improved that would make the program more efficient?
- Do you have any ideas for mechanisms that could be put in place that would make your program and your staff more efficient and effective?
- If you could fix one thing with the adjudication, other than funding, what would it be?

I appreciate your assistance in getting the information to the EQC that they need to make informed decisions. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 444-1640 or [kevans@state.mt.us](mailto:kevans@state.mt.us)

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