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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Council Members

**FROM:** Sharon Ossmann

**SUBJECT:** Externally Funded Projects

The Council receives supplemental funding, separate from the Council's operating budget, to perform certain activities and oversee various projects. In Fiscal Year 2006, Bonneville provided supplemental funding to support the work of the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) and the Independent Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB), and continue work on the Conservation and Renewables Discount software project. Bonneville and other utilities also contributed funds in 2006 to support the Regional Technical Forum activities.

These funds cover the Council's cost of contracting with the scientists and software developers who carry out the work on these projects. The funds are not used to cover the Council's operating expenses. The contracting activities for these projects follow the Council's standard contracting procedures. However, the individual contracts are not presented to the Council for approval. For instance, the list of scientists appointed to serve on the ISRP does go through a Council approval process while the individual contracting activities with the scientists do not.

Tom Eckman will give a brief presentation to familiarize you with the externally funded power projects, and Erik Merrill will describe the work of the externally funded ISRP and ISAB.

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