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DIV OF WATER RIGHTS  
SACRAMENTO

Re: DEIR UNFFR FERC No. 2105

Mr. Barnes:

I am, and EVERY RESIDENT, of my acquaintance, in Plumas County is, opposed to the SWRCB's staff recommendations regarding removing cold water, by any means, from Lake Almanor and/or Butt Lake. The SWRCB may have the power, but it does not have the moral right to mandate environmental and socio-economic disaster on our world. Destroying the communities in the Almanor Basin to satisfy a fabricated goal elsewhere is unconscionable. I have lived in the Almanor Basin for 45 years, investing in property, donating tens of thousands of dollars to local projects, and volunteering countless hours of my time, to make this a meaningful community, and I resent the state's intrusion. None of the SWRCB staff has an investment in Plumas County, and therefore, should be precluded from demanding a course of action.

Despite the millions of tax-paid dollars, which have been pissed away on this cold-water export project, JUST DROP IT. Should P.G.&E. and the residents of Plumas County determine that they would like to invest in colder water throughout the UNFFR region, there are numerous alternatives (none of which the SWRCB appears to be considering) to accomplish this:

1. Divert less water into the diversion channel around Chester and allow more water to remain in the NFFR, which is shaded by riparian vegetation.
2. Plant trees and other native vegetation along ALL the tributaries in the UNFFR watershed.
- 3) Improve the condition of the meadows in Indian Valley.
- 4) Install water chillers at the locations, where the water is supposedly too warm.
- 5) Educate federal and state legislators and bureaucrats about the value of managing public timber lands, so that the Forest Service can be retrained to manage timber, instead of watching it burn from the safety of the Incident Command Centers. The damage from a catastrophic wildfire to watersheds, wildlife, air quality, and the economy, cannot be repaired by manipulating the resources.

Perhaps the SWRCB will not only adhere to the letter of the law, by noting Plumas County residents' comments and suggestions, but will also engage the spirit of the law and HEAR what we are saying. I request that the SWRCB consider a sensible approach to their involvement in P.G.&E.'s relicensing of its hydroelectric facilities on the North Fork of the Feather River.

  
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