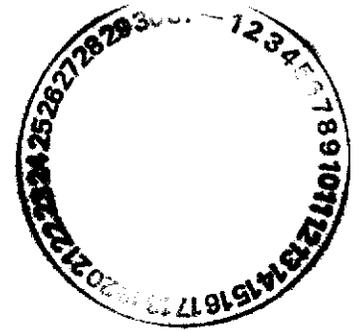


Written Comment Form  
Public Scoping Meeting  
Draft Environmental Impact Report  
For  
Upper North Fork Feather River Hydroelectric Project  
Water Quality Certification



State Water Resources Control Board

My wife and I attended the public meeting held 9/27/2005 at the Chester Memorial Hall.  
Here are our comments.

Why would any intelligent human of good common sense opt for either the thermal curtain cold water alternative "A" or the Canyon Dam cold water alternative "B"?

Consider the following:

- Either alternative warms both Lake Almanor and Butt Lake to environmentally destructive temperatures.
- There is no proof of any kind that either alternative will actually lower the water temperature at the Rock Creek and Cresta reaches of the North Fork of the Feather River
- There is no proof that the water temperature you are seeking in those reaches of the Feather was historically ever at the lower temperature. Thus, the "cold water" classification by the State of California under the Federal "Clean Water Act" is flawed.
- Alternative "A" ruins Maidu Cultural Sites and the shoreline at Plumas Pines on Lake Almanor.
- The cost of both alternatives is prohibitive.
- The 1996 FERC draft EIS for the Rock Creek and Cresta power plants actually recommended against installing the curtains.
- PG & E consultants, Thomas Payne & Associates, used legitimate science to warn everyone involved that warming Lake Almanor and Butt Lake will destroy much of the environmental habitat at both lakes.

How can anyone recommend any alternative that we know will ruin both Lake Almanor and Butt Lake and may not, probably will not, reduce the water temperature about forty river-miles downstream?

Please find a solution that doesn't cause any environmental damage to both Lake Almanor and Butt Lake.

Thank you,  
Bob and Karyn Gans



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*10/3/05*