

Bridget (Bridie) Johnston

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Sharon Stohrer
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 14th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Scoping of environmental issues for Upper North Fork Feather River Hydroelectric Project Water Quality Certification

Dear Ms. Stohrer:

Following the scoping meeting held in Chester, CA on Tuesday September 27, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., I ask you to consider:

What impact, if any, will there be to the currently positive effects that Lake Almanor enjoys from routine "turnover" of its waters if either the outflow from the lake is increased dramatically as proposed and/or the outflow is positioned to remove only bottom water of a colder temperature than is currently obtained?

As a member of the Plumas County Water Quality Sub-Committee I am aware that Lake Almanor currently enjoys very good water quality and clarity due in part to the annual "turnover" of the water in the lake. I understand this to be a natural activity reflecting a delicate balance of numerous forces upon the waters. My concern is that increased outflow and/or manipulated temperature of the outflow could prevent either a total or a timely turnover, thus diminishing the water quality.

Please address these effects and my concern in your Environmental Impact Report.

Sincerely,


Bridget (Bridie) Johnston