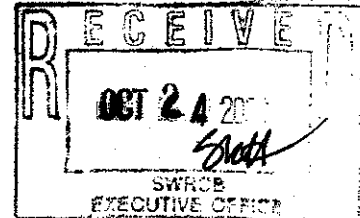




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Tam M. Doduc, Board Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Mr. Doduc:

COMMENT ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE NORTH COAST REGION TO ESTABLISH TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLs) FOR DISSOLVED OXYGEN AND WATER TEMPERATURE IN THE SHASTA RIVER BASIN.

In paragraph 2, you have listed three controllable factors of the DO and water temperatures.

The main controllable factor is not listed, that being that the Shasta River has lost approximately 40,000 gallons per minute of artesian waters (approx. 52 degrees Fahrenheit temperature) from the Big Springs area.

A comprehensive study and mitigation of ground water practices must be in place before any meaningful program of water conservation and water quality including tailwater return flows, flow modification and diversion and Lake Shastina and minor channel impoundments can be established.

Sincerely,

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