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Dear Sir :

It was very kind of you to call me back.

About two years ago I read a scientific paper. It's author made a conclusion by studying the rings of the trees. His finding was, that the precipitation in California was much higher in the 20 - eth century, than in the previous 800 years. This means, that the last four years of drought was not an exception, but will be the rule in the future.

When I read last year, that several fish lovers wanted to remove the dams from the Klamath river, I was not sure, that such people are evil, crazy, or just plain selfish.

By reading the release of water from the Iron Gate reservoir day to day, it is approximately 2000 - 2500 cfs (cubic feet per second). This means that in a year about 1.5 million acre feet of precious water is released from this reservoir wastefully into the Pacific Ocean. This is more, what the Colorado River empties into the Golf of Mexico. I wish to say, that after the Iron Gate reservoir the Klamath river still has three large tributaries (Scott, Salmon and Trinity rivers) and over half a dozen smaller ones. The discharge of Salmon river alone is about four times as much as the Klamath discharge at Iron Gate.

If so, why is it needed to let all this water flow downstream? Would it not be much smarter to build a pipeline from the Iron Gate to Lake Siskiyou and send at least 2/3 of this water South to California? How much more useful this would be (about a million acre feet for California), than just to waist and dump it into the Pacific Ocean ?

It is true, that this is an uphill flow, but there is ample of land around the area for a large Solar Farm and use the energy of the Sun for this work.

And, if there is lot's of silts deposited, it still does not need the removal of the dams. The silts is a loose material, what can be vacuumed out. It is much better for the fish, if this huge amount of silt is not dumped into the river at once, but gradually.

And for those, who love the fishes : The fish ladders can be reworked for a modern structure, where the fish will move up easy

All these things requires money. But, there is no problem with it. California is the richest state in the union. It is loaded with millionaires and billionaires. Mighty rich companies are both in the San Francisco and in the Los Angeles area. They have trillions of dollars, but hardly any water. Yet, without water there is no life.

California is so terribly sparched from four years of drought, that it starts to reach catastrophic levels. We definitely have to see how to bring in more water. Conservation is a bad solution for the problem. The drought has it's bad effect not only for the water what we see, but for the underground aquafiers too. In many places the earth will sink or even collapse, because the water was pumped out from beneath.

The irony of these events is that while the father of the present governor (Edmund

Brown) was extremely conscious of the water, in contrast his son Jerry Brown does not seem to care for the water problem at all. For example even in 2014 what was a big drought year more than 5 million acre feet of water was dumped into the Pacific Ocean, because the Eel river water shed is not used. The ground is drying out, the farms are disappearing for the lack of water, while some idiots want to remove precious dams and reservoirs.

In conclusion, the Klamath river dams certainly should not be removed, but altered repaired and modified for some more useful purpose, and other incoming water sources looked for, and less people should be allowed to move into California. With the present mentality, we are approaching a time, when life will come to an end in California, because we have leaders like Jerry Brown, who cared for everything, but not for this extremely important aspect of the life.

Do not remove those dams on the Klamath river!

Sincerely

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