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Ms. Stohrer,

The reason for this letter is to express my view pertaining to the deplorable conditions that exist today with Lake Almanor's shoreline erosion. When one considers that this can transform into serous environmental problems, there is a need to resolve such conditions.

The problem was predicted in the seventies as a result of permission granted to PG & E to allow raising the lake level to 4494 ft. PG & E has never accepted any responsibility to help prevent shoreline erosion. What is more, it is evident to this day. There are signs of excavations to the lateral surface, taking place. In spite of the fact that such a condition takes place below the 4500 ft level, it ultimately will take away the sub-surface of private property. As a result of such a condition, an excavation could take place on private property. An excavation, which deprives private property owners of their right to enjoy their property to the fullest, constitutes a "Partial Eviction." Although only partial, it could still leave the property owner with a Right of Action.

Ms. Stohrer, every property owner realizes the greater good that results from a higher lake level, as it relates to Hydropower. What every lakefront owner does not understand is the utility's stance in ignoring the negative environmental impact it creates. The sad scenario is it will continue unless mandated by your organization, in concert with F.E.R.C. to bring under control the minimizing of the lakefront erosion. The future license issued to PG & E should so stipulate. How important is it? The photos enclosed, taken seven years ago of the shoreline, validate the concerns. Also, it can present a mental visualization of what can be expected over the next forty to fifty years in the absence of a resolution to correct this ongoing condition.

I sincerely hope you have the opportunity to cruise the lakefront to see first hand the erosion problem. I further hope you take seriously a long term licensing that provides adequate environment protection.

Thanking you in advance for your attention and hopefully your serious consideration.

Respectfully,

Al Herrenschiidt



























































