

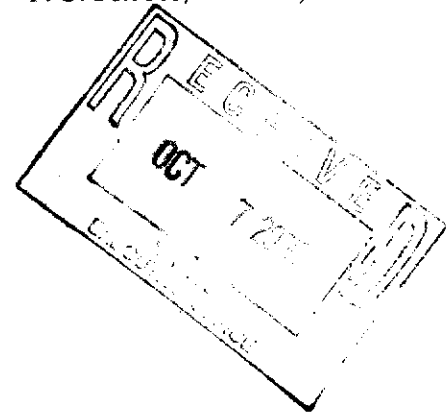
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California State Water Resources Control Board  
Ms. Tam M. Doduc, Chair  
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Ref.: North Fork, Feather River (FERC Project 2105)

Dear Chairman Doduc:

As a homeowner and concerned citizen in Plumas County, I recently attended a public scoping meeting on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to be prepared for the Upper North Fork Feather River Hydroelectric Project (FERC #2105) Water Quality Certification. The public was invited to make comments to the Board at that meeting.

I was very pleased to see that over 300 concerned citizen took time out of their busy schedules to come to the meeting in the hopes of expressing directly to the Water Quality Control Board their concerns regarding the proposed withdrawal of cold water form the lakes as well as their support for a reasonable alternative. I was dismayed and disappointed that not a single Board member attended the meeting! Only the staff was in attendance. While the staff may be able to convey the information from the community, in no way can the Board members understand or appreciate the compassion the community feels for the Lake Almanor Region. Their lack of attendance only demonstrates their total disregard for rural people, and flies in the face of the Boards Environmental Justice Program.

Environmental Justice is defined by California statute as "The fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of all environmental laws, regulations, and policies."

Environmental Justice focuses on "promoting meaningful public participation and community capacity building to allow communities to be effective participants in Board decision-making processes."

The Board's lack of attendance at the Chester community meeting certainly does not promote "meaningful public participation". Common courtesy would have called for at least one member of the Board to attend the meeting. The Board's lack of personal

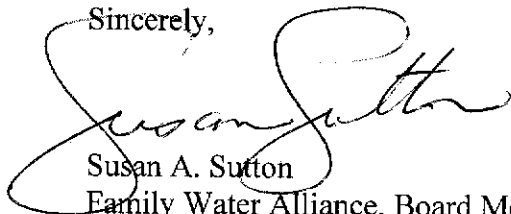
attendance at such an important meeting is an insult to the people of California and to the Governor.

The Lake Almanor region thrives due to the presence of the pristine high mountain waters. The community is linked to the lake culturally through the local tribes, socially through the rural mountain residents both year round and seasonal, economically through the businesses, and most importantly environmentally through all that nature has provided.

You have been provided with volumes of scientific testimony that documents the importance of the lake in all these aspects. All we are asking is to assure that sound science and common sense be applied to decisions. To withdraw cold water from the lake is not based in sound science or common sense. To sacrifice one area for another with no guarantee of success has no foundation in rational thought. The proposal would surely create a real world environmental disaster and injustice to all of Lake Almanor's creatures, both man and animal.

The community supports Alternative D ... Upstream Mitigation (removal of at least some barriers to fish migration, streambed restoration, streamside shade restoration, etc.). Based on the evidence presented at the meeting and scientific documentation by other Lake Almanor concerned citizens, I respectfully request that the thermal curtain alternative be immediately withdrawn as a option and a through review of Alternative D be placed on the agenda.

Sincerely,



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