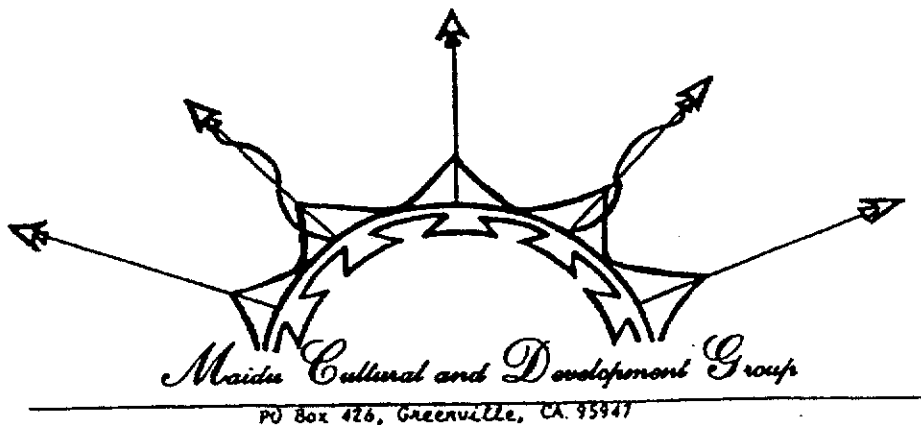


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Re: **Maidu Cultural and Development Group
CEQA Scoping Comments for the Environmental Impact
Report for Upper North Fork Feather River Hydroelectric
Project Water Quality Certification, Project 2105**

The Maidu Cultural and Development Group is an intervener in the 2105 relicensing process and has been involved since the initial meeting. MCDG also commented on the 1962 Rock Creek-Cresta Project in the 1990's. MCDG is instrumental in keeping the Native American Community informed about water projects and issues within our traditional territory and in taking their concerns and comments back to those agencies and companies involved.

The hydro projects in Big Meadows, Mountain Meadows, Butt Valley and Humbug Valley have taken 110 Indian land Allotments totaling 16,853 acres resulting in a huge cultural disruption to those Maidu that were displaced. The hydroelectric projects have caused a large cultural disruption by making the Maidu people landless and totally without secure access to traditional cultural sites in these areas, including family burial sites. When you have 110 different families having to relocate to different areas in different directions it can't help but have an effect on their culture and way of life.

The dams and hydro projects have had a large and cumulative effect on the Mountain Maidu people. They have stopped the salmon, eels, snapping turtles, etc.