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Mr. Lester Snow, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Snow,

I am writing regarding the proposal to raise the height of the Shasta dam.

As a grape broker I am closely allied with California agriculture mainly in the San Joaquin Valley. I understand how important water is to the farming industry and its future. With this in mind I voice my concerns.

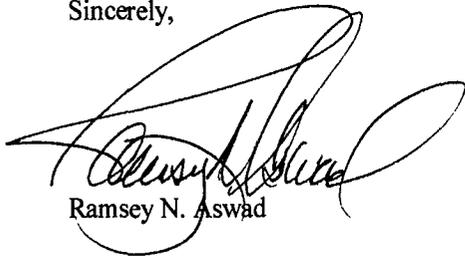
The proposal raises a few questions that need to be addressed.

Violates State legislation 5093.542 of the California Public Resources Code protecting the wild and scenic value of the McCloud and the impounding of the river.

The contract with CRMP forbids the exercise of eminent domain over private property and violates the preservation of the natural character of the river's environment.

The McCloud is a special river "home of the rainbow trout". To flood this river would destroy one of the last great trout habitats in the west and deprive future generations of the opportunity to enjoy the scenic beauty of this magnificent river.

Sincerely,

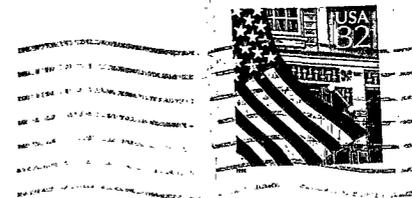


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