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Re: Proposed Shasta Lake Enlargement

Dear Mr. Snow,

It has been brought to my attention that a proposal has been introduced to raise the height of Shasta Dam. I have recently been provided with a large amount of background material on the proposal including a copy of the CALFED Storage and Conveyance Components - Facility Descriptions and Cost Estimates, Volume 2. I would like to express my opposition to the proposal based on my understanding of the impacts to the Pit River reach and McCloud River reach. Of primary concern to me personally are the impacts to the McCloud River.

I had the pleasure last year of being invited to the property of the Bollibokka Land Company for a weekend. I was amazed at the beauty and serenity of the McCloud River and the surrounding land. A number of the impacts of the proposal on the McCloud River have been documented in the CALFED document, however I believe that the issues raised cover only the surface of the impacts which would actually occur on the river and it's environment.

I also understand that the program has recently been revised with the intention to include more water storage for delivery to Southern California. I equate the raising of Shasta Dam to the past tragedies which have occurred in the Owens Valley. As a former resident of Bishop, California and an employee of the U.S. Forest Service I became aware of the history of the Owens Valley and the impacts on the valley environment as a result of the diversion of the water to serve the interests of Southern California. As a result of that diversion, Owens Lake became Owens Dry Lake, Mono Lake has come close to becoming extinct and the Owens River has been diverted to the extent that the original river course and it's environment no longer exist. In addition, a once flourishing citrus industry in the valley was destroyed. I feel that even though the environmental impacts might be different with the Shasta Dam proposal, the social impacts on the area will be similar and long lasting.

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I have only recently been provided with material on the proposal and as a result have not had the time necessary to cite specific sections of policy and code and how they might be violated with this proposal. I also, most likely, could not raise any additional issues or arguments which have not already been raised by other local groups or common cause efforts and therefore I will not make an attempt to do so.

I would like to stress that a large flourishing environment, in addition to a number of historical structures, will be destroyed if the levels of the Pit River reach and McCloud River reach are allowed to be raised. The comments in this letter do not even take into account the impacts on the land of the rerouting of Interstate 5 or the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way.

It is hoped that other means to achieve the same result will be found.

Sincerely,



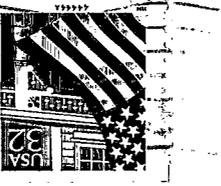
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