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September 27, 2013

Ms. Katrina Chow,
Project Manager
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Dear Ms. Chow:

As a concerned citizen of the State of California and current geography student at San Francisco State University I submit the following comments on the Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation (SLWRI) Draft Feasibility Report (DFR). The Report states in short that the expansion of the Shasta dam would improve survival of anadromous fish in the Sacramento River, and develop increased water supply reliability for agricultural, municipal and industrial and environmental water users.

Anadromous fish survival would be addressed more effectively by supporting the fish in returning to their natural breeding grounds up stream in the different tributary rivers where the water is naturally colder. This could be achieved by installing a large fish ladder over the dam and reintroducing fish into tributary rivers that connect to Shasta Lake as the McCloud River and the Pit River.

The dam expansion would increase storing capacity however if more water is stored greater loss due to evaporation would increase, as the surface of Lake Shasta would be larger. In addition it is questionable if increased water supply will be achieved by rising of the dam as currently it only reaches full capacity around every 3 years. Where is the additional water going to come from to be stored in the expanded dam?

The Report states "There are no ITAs (Indian Trust Assets) in the primary study area." (SLWRI DFR 15.3.1) But there are the lands of the Winnemem Wintu tribe that had been federally recognized in the past. Over 90% of their land has been inundated by the primary construction of the Shasta dam. With the proposed addition the tribe would lose its last grounds. I have met with the tribe's leader and some of the members and witnessed that their religion is practiced and that these grounds that will be flooded are sacred and irreplaceable in their religion. How will the first nation's culture survive if their ceremonial grounds are inundated?

By raising the dam, the anadromous fish population may increase in the Sacramento River and the soaring capacity might enhance water supply. But the future survival of the Winnemem Wintu tribe's culture will not be sustained without their sacred lands and as a result another native American nation will be severely impacted by commercial interests. This is not how the State of California should regard its native peoples and therefore I ask you to abstain from committing to this project.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Opposition to the proposed raise and enlargement of the Shasta Dam and Reservoir

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Opposition to the proposed raise and enlargement of the Shasta Dam and Reservoir

1 message

Carl Fagerskog <redwinecarl@yahoo.com> Thu, Sep 26, 2013 at 8:09 PM
Reply-To: Carl Fagerskog <redwinecarl@yahoo.com>
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Dear Barbara Boxer:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the Bureau's proposed raise and enlargement of the Shasta Dam and Reservoir.

I oppose raising the dam and enlarging the reservoir, primarily because the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says that the proposal will have "negligible benefits" for threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead in the Sacramento River.

In addition, enlarging the reservoir will harm thousands of acres of public land managed for outdoor recreation and for wildlife habitat. The enlarged reservoir will drown segments of the McCloud and upper Sacramento Rivers identified by the U.S. Forest Service as eligible for National Wild & Scenic Rivers. Further, the enlargement will violate state law requiring the

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Proposal to increase height of Shasta Dam

1 message

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Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 9:39 AM

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Cc: "Katrina Chow USBR Project mgr." <kchow@usbr.gov>

As a USFS special use permit holder of a recreational residence tract in the Shasta Trinity National Forest I hereby request to have the ability to participate in the comment process relative to any future considerations relating to this Project.

The SLWRI DRAFT EIS indicates that revised water levels included in any of the current proposals will to some degree alter Lake Levels in front of Lakeside Cabins within the Lower Salt Creek Tract. As a Cabin owner I request that the FS establish a line from which we can evaluate influence of the proposals on our Cabin.

Please include my contact information on the mailing list for any future Public communication of this proposal: Fredrick W. Fahner, 2658 Fairway Drive Klamath Falls, OR 97601, Tel. 541-892-8517.

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Opposition to raising and enlarging Shasta Dam

1 message

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Thu, Sep 26, 2013 at 12:26 PM

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Dear Ms Chow:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the Bureau's proposed raise and enlargement of the Shasta Dam and Reservoir.

The following represents my position in strong opposition to raising the dam and enlarging the reservoir. I come to this position because of the findings of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that the proposal will have "negligible benefits" for threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead in the Sacramento River.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
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Proposal to raise Shasta Dam and Reservoir

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Thank you.

*Sincerely,
Kim F Floyd
44579 Sorrento Ct
Palm Desert, CA*

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Kim F Floyd
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Public Comment Submission to SLWRI Draft EIS



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Public Comment Submission to SLWRI Draft EIS

1 message

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Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 8:13 AM

To all Officials:

We are a USFS special use permit holder with a cabin in a recreation residence tract that may be impacted by the plans put forth in the SLWRI Draft EIS. We are participating in the public comment process to establish our eligibility to comment/object to the Forest Service's draft decisions relating to this project. It is our understanding that Forest Service will provide draft decisions later in the SLWRI process and we wish to participate in the public processes associated with these actions.

The SLWRI Draft EIS indicates that "At least one cabin affected, possibly others also affected" in our tract. There is a lack of clarity on how we, a cabin owner, can determine or will be notified as to the specific impact of our cabin. We respectfully request an offer to cabin owners on recreational residence tract lots potentially affected be offered a land-based survey like private lot owners in a similar situation were offered in Lakehead.

ROBERT S. FORTINO & JANE PHILLIPS FORTINO

Salt Creek Recreational Residence Tract Lot 33

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Public Comment Card

During the 90-day public review and comment period for the Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation (SLWRI) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Reclamation provides several methods for the receipt of written comments. This public comment card is one method for interested persons to submit written comments, which will be included and addressed in the Final EIS and retained in the SLWRI Record. Please write clearly. You may leave this card at today's meeting or mail at your convenience. Written comments may also be sent by email to bor-mpr-slwri@usbr.gov or provided in-person at related workshops and/or public hearings. All written comments must be sent/postmarked on or before midnight on September 30, 2013.

Name: JEANNE FRANCE Organization: WINNEMEM WITU TRIBE
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Comment: NO DAM RAISE. TOO COSTLY TO JUSTIFY. DAM "MAY" COME CLOSE TO FILL ONCE IN 25 YEARS. WOULD ADVERSIVELY AFFECT ALL CURRENT BUSINESS PRESENTLY ON THE LAKE. PROMISES OF COMPENSATION WERE MADE, BUT NOT KEPT WHEN THE DAM WAS BUILT. WHY WOULD YOU THINK ANYONE WILL BELIEVE THE PROMISES NOW.

BOARD SAYING "MEASURES ASSOCIATED WITH SHASTA DAM RAISE (6.5' TO 18.5 FEET)" IS UNTRUE - IN OCTOBER 2012 BOR DWR & WESTLANDS WATER AGENCY MET WITH THE WINNEMEM WITU @ THE MCCLOUD BRIDGE CAMPGROUND. THEY SAID AT THIS MEETING ALL VEGETATION TO BE FLOODED WOULD BE REMOVED. PRESENT THE TRUTH NOT WHAT THEY SAY SOUNDS GOOD!

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Shasta Dam Expansion Comments

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Kyri Freeman <kyrifreeman@yahoo.com> Thu, Sep 26, 2013 at 9:19 AM
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kyri Freeman

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September 14, 2013

Dear Bureau of Reclamation,

I am writing to express my concern over the proposal to raise the height of Shasta Dam by 6.5-18.5 feet.

Although your draft feasibility study found such an undertaking would be "technically and environmentally feasible," as well as "economically justifi," this project could require more than \$1 billion in taxpayer funds and there is significant evidence that runs contrary to your findings.

Briefly put: raising Shasta Dam would provide a small benefit at a gret cost. If plans are approved to raise Shasta Dam by 18.5 feet, which BoR und to be the most economical option, statewide water storage capacity wou'expand by only 1.5%. The creation of 76,000 acre-feet of firm yield would adress than 0.2% of agricultural and urban water use per year in California.

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An analysis conducted by Golden Gate Salmon Association and the Natural Resources Defense Council found that the target salmon population put forth by state and federal government is only at 20% of historic populations. Why not invest instead in salmon restoration, an alternative that wold provide a long-term solution that doesn't exacerbate the problem it purports to solve?

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Beyond the negative economic and ecological effects of raising Shasta Dam, please also consider the cultural damage a higher dam would inflict.

The Winnemem Wintu Tribe, the same people who lost much of their traditional homeland and many historic, cultural and sacred sites when Shasta Dam was built in the 1930s and 40s, would see an additional 39 sacred sites flooded, including Puberty Rock, a major ceremonial initiation site. A crucial aspect of the tribe's ability to practice their culture and religion would be lost.

Raising Shasta Dam also violates the McCloud River's designation as a federal Wild & Scenic River. So, not only would many Winnemem sacred sites be flooded and a Wild and Scenic River compromised, a variety of small businesses and families would be displaced.

Who would really benefit from raising the dam? A report by the Environmental Working Group shows that California taxpayers subsidize \$416 million a year in water for agriculture that is conveyed to Central Valley farms and that "the largest 10 percent of the farms got 67 percent of the water." These Central Valley water purveyors, including Westlands Water District, can sell the subsidized water to urban areas in southern California at a profit. The water might also facilitate hydrocarbon fracking in the Monterey Shale region. These are not valid justifications for raising Shasta Dam.

Furthermore, raising Shasta Dam is linked to the controversial proposal by California Governor Jerry Brown to build two large tunnels under the Delta in order to divert large amount of water to corporate agricultural farms to the south, not to the people who are paying for the proposed project.

I urge you to carefully consider these high costs and minimal benefits of raising Shasta Dam, and abandon the proposal to raise the height of the dam.

Respectfully,

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Dear Ms. Chow,

This letter is in response to the Environmental Impact Statement regarding the raising of the Shasta Dam. As a public citizen I am deeply concerned about the consequences that the raising of the Shasta Dam will cause.

I am deeply concerned about the water quality. The statement states that the raising of the Shasta Dam will improve water quality, however fails to provide any true evidence as to how it would do so. Water quality is affected by natural runoff, agricultural return flows, construction, logging, urbanization, and recreation. I don't see how raising the Shasta Dam will improve any of these factors to water quality in any way. In fact, the EIS contradicts itself when it states that the surface waters quality in the Shasta is already considered good. The quality of water in underground basins and water-bearing soils is also considered generally good throughout most of Shasta County. Potential hazards to groundwater quality involve nitrates, dissolved solids from agricultural practices, and septic tank failures. This leads me to ask again how raising the Shasta Dam would make any beneficial difference to the water quality.

I am also concerned about the livelihood of the Winnemem Wintu tribe. The area in question is considered sacred to them and they should be involved in the decision making process. Although they are not a nationally recognized tribe, that does not mean they should have been excluded from the EIS. As a human being we all need to respect one another. Some things cannot be moved or altered with. As human beings we cannot expect to force a group of people to move their graveyards and their spiritual grounds, especially without consulting with them. I think this was a terrible and disrespectful act to these people.

I have explained to you my reasons why the raising of the Shasta Dam should not happen. The EIS contradicts itself by explaining how it will aim to improve water quality, and then how water quality is already considered good in the Shasta County. The EIS also does not include the Winnemem Wintu tribe. These are the occupants of the area and they should be acknowledged.

Sincerely,

Hrach Garabedian



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Dear Ms. Chow,

I am writing this letter to speak for those without a voice. After discovering that the federal government is in a process to raise the Shasta Dam up to 18.5 feet in order to accommodate the growing demand for water, I decided to lend my voice to those that will pay the ultimate cost. According to Americanrivers.org, only 0.2% of California's annual agricultural demand for water will be met, and the federal government is willing to unfairly and unjustly destroy the lives, homes, and cultural and religious grounds of thousands of people surrounding the dam.

As a life long citizen of the United States of America, I cannot believe that such atrocities are being sanctioned at the local, state and federal levels. When the utter extinction of an ancient people is not only tossed a side but they are never fairly given the opportunity to provide an input on the project, I find myself ashamed of my government.

If the Shasta Dam is raised, as a taxpayer I will (unwillingly) pay my part of the 1 billion-dollar price tag for this project. Yet, after the build is finished, I will have the luxury of going to my local church for Sunday mass and then will return to my unaltered home and will live my life as usual. But for the people of the Winnemem Wintu Tribe, among many other places will have their spiritual and culturally vital locations of places of healing, coming of age and celebratory events erased *forever*. These locations have been passed on from generation to generation dating further back than our nations ancestors who historically came in and violently took them away. Now in the twenty first century and the age of technology and sociological advancement how can it be that we are still forcefully silencing and oppressing America's native people?

The Winnemem Wintu are a federally unrecognized tribe of whole hearted, genuine and spiritually driven people that want nothing more but than to live in peace with the world and the people around them. They have just as much right, if not more, to a life full of happiness and the protection of their livelihoods as any other group of investors and or citizens. When the Shasta Dam was first built in 1937, 90% of the tribe's traditional lands were flooded and the government never paid the full compensation it promised the tribe. Apart from stealing the sacred, spiritual and agricultural lands of the tribe their staple food and what defines them as a people was cut from their society.

As a culture that is based on the Chinook salmon and the life, food and cultural importance it brings, the Winnemem Wintu have had their very core and identity cut off and a 55 story concrete wall that is 3,460 feet thick keeps the Salmon from ever returning home. Raising the Shasta dam will not only be waste of taxpayer's valuable money, it will also drive an innocent tribe to extinction.

Sincerely,



Jesus Garcia

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - shasta dam

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1 message

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Gary Klehr

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No raising of Shasta Dam comments

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Wed, Sep 18, 2013 at 8:48 AM

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Please do not raise Shasta Dam

1 message

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - project to raise the height of Shasta Dam

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Respectfully,

Susan Green

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From: David Grey <tsasdi@snowcrest.net>
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Subject: **Written comment for Public Review and Comment Period**

July 18, 2013

Good Morning Katrina,

Thank you for help and assistance Tuesday evening; I greatly appreciated your directing me to the person who was able to answer my question regarding dyke construction.

Enclosed is an OpEd article that I have written and submitted to the Record Searchlight. Per the EIS proposal, the relocation of permitted businesses on the lake will be relocated whereas this option is not provided for businesses located on private property around the lake. Since private property businesses will not be relocated this action effectively removes private businesses from being present on Shasta Lake. The effects of this action needs to be addressed in the public review and comments in the Final EIS which will be retained in the SLWRI Record. The elimination of private businesses on Shasta Lake reduces competition between government approved operations and private business operations. The public is restricted in choice and alternatives on one of the largest lakes in California. Employment opportunities are reduced and the taxes paid to Shasta County in terms of TOT taxes and property taxes are decimated (house boat companies and camp grounds on federal land do not pay TOT taxes and property taxes to the county). In addition in the Lakehead area of the lake, restaurants, bars, and the grocery store would be dramatically affected financially which will likely lead to their demise.

Sincerely,

David Grey
Owner, Tsasdi Resort

IT IS DIFFICULT TO CHANGE

Whenever we are facing change, we prefer to have choices in the direction that change is occurring. Allow me to put in perspective some of the change our community will be confronting as we come to terms with the raising of Shasta Dam.

This OpEd is written from the perspective as a business owner on Shasta Lake. It is my position that the raising of Shasta Dam to increase water storage can be good for our community as well as to benefit all of California. At the present time when the lake is full our lake has a little less than 400 miles circumference to it and as a comparison this is about four times the circumference of Lake Tahoe. During the last years for the most part the forest service and the business community on the lake have worked in partnership with each other. We have appreciated each other's concerns and have tried to make decisions that would be best to preserve the specialness of this lake as well as supporting business opportunities around the lake.

As some of you may recall in 2007 there were several issues that emerged when the raising of the lake was once again being discussed as part of the updating of the Bureau of Reclamation's Feasibility Report. One significant issue that the forest service proposed was their desire to absorb an additional 50 vertical feet above the high water mark when the dam was raised or 300 horizontal feet whichever more was. At that time Congressman Wally Herger initiated contact with Sharon Heywood, Forest Supervisor having her state the legal justification they were operating from to confiscate private property around the lake. It appeared after this confrontation this matter faded and unfortunately it remains as an ambiguous option in the current Environmental Impact Statement (June 2013).

In the current Feasibility Report there are charts in the report that directly addresses whatever private properties may be taken and the value of these reimbursements'. There is a value placed on improved land vs. unimproved land etc. Businesses that are currently located on forest service property and have permits to operate will be relocated to another area on the lake. What is being proposed is that private business will be "bought out" and eliminated and "permitted businesses" will be relocated and by necessity combined around the lake. One interesting question is why should permitted businesses around the lake be relocated while private property be eliminated? Many of the affected business properties are located on the Sacramento arm of the lake in the area of Lakehead. There are campgrounds, marinas, and resorts with cabins that will be affected.

Historically most of the businesses around the lake were established in the early 1950's. The business community on the lake works fairly well together. We in some ways are in competition with each other, but what permeates this community is that when we all work together we can all become more successful. What we all have in common is the lake and by working together we can attract more guests to visit the lake. All of us have stories of families coming to the lake renting the same cabin or the same campsite, or the familiar house boat year after year. At Tsasdi Resort we have families renting the same cabin for 35 consecutive years three generations. Many of the guests have been staying with us for the last ten to twenty years. Usually during the summer we are booked a year in advance from Saturday to Saturday. All of the businesses on the lake are primarily seasonal which creates a business with an interesting life style. We are small businesses that cater to the needs of families. We all enjoy the lake and want to share this jewel of Northern California with others. We all have invested our financial returns in improving our properties and have been committed to make our lake a setting that people want to visit.

To be more specific there are two resorts that only have cabins and boat docks on the lake located on private property; Sugarloaf Cottage Resort and Tsasdi Resort. Both of these resorts have been in continuous business for over sixty years. Over the last ten years our two resorts have contributed over a \$1,000,000 in direct tax revenue to Shasta County. Between our two resorts during this same period we have provided lodging for over 60,000 people who have then spent money supporting the businesses in Lakehead, spent money in the various marinas on the lake, as well as spending money in Redding's gas stations, Costco, restaurants, movie theaters, Sun Dial Bridge, Shasta Lake Caverns etc. We also sponsor two fishing tournaments each year that have drawn over 3200 fishermen to the lake during the last ten years. As evident from the above our two small resort businesses have made a sizeable contribution to Shasta County and our community.

Change is inevitable and something that can be exciting in which to participate. The change that the business community around the lake is facing is coming to terms with eliminating private land and the businesses located on them and then the relocating and consolidating existing camp grounds and marinas that are located on forest service properties. Historically we have provided services to families that have come to visit us over generations. How much control do we want to give government to dictate what they want for our lake? Should government pick which businesses to survive the raising of the lake? Another troubling question is do we want to have the private businesses and private property effectively removed from the shores of Shasta Lake?

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RE: This is a letter in support of the Winnemem Wintu Tribe's
Comments on the Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation Draft
Feasibility Report

To whom it may concern,

Taken directly from the DEIS

“This DEIS evaluates the potential environmental effects of alternative plans to enlarge Shasta Dam and Reservoir to (1) increase anadromous fish survival in the upper Sacramento River, primarily upstream from Red Bluff Pumping Plant, (2) increase water supplies and water supply reliability for agricultural, municipal and industrial, and environmental purposes, and (3) address related water resource problems, needs, and opportunities. In addition to the No-Action Alternative, this DEIS considers five action alternatives, which include potential dam raises ranging from 6.5 to 18.5 feet and related reservoir enlargements ranging from 256,000 to 634,000 acre feet. (Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation Environmental Impact Statement, 2013.)

While it is true that the DEIS outlines the alternative to protect the survival of the anadromous fish species that thrive in the McCloud and Sacramento Rivers through the decrease of temperature, it does not thoroughly account where the decrease and flow of cool water will be placed and how effective it would be considering the natural habitat has been sustaining these fish for

some years now. The Upper Sacramento River is the only place specified by the report that will be “cooled” by the dam during critical periods that might affect these fish, but what if other areas of the McCloud and Sacramento River flood? This can potentially change its temperature, which will alter the current living conditions that are naturally occurring for the Chinook Salmon whom are already endangered according to the Federal Endangered Species Act. Not only will the raising of the dam affect these fish, but will also affect ALL of the fish, plants, and animals that live naturally in these areas. The dam will flood parts of the National Forest that are home to plants, and animals such as the Shasta salamander. Flooding these areas will kill and drown these natural indigenous plants and amphibians, as well as endanger the trout that thrive in these rivers. This in my opinion is a serious threat to the surrounding wildlife that currently thrive in the area. The dam claims, the rising will weigh out the benefits over the negatives. But what exactly are these benefits? The benefits claimed in the draft EIS, seems to be in favor of already existing conditions. These include increased flood protection, providing additional hydropower supplies, and improving water quality in the Sacramento River and the Delta.

“The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in an official coordination report required by federal law, says that raising the dam will provide “negligible” benefits to salmon and that 90% of the time there will be no benefits to fish at all, which makes the dam raise an expensive and ineffective solution for the Sacramento River’s endangered fisheries.”

Furthermore, the second main goal for the raising of the Shasta Dam is to increase water supplies and distribute water for the benefit of agricultural, economical, and environmental purposes.

“The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) 2009 *California Water Plan Update* concludes that California is facing one of the most significant water crises in its history; drought impacts are growing, ecosystems are declining, water quality is diminishing, and climate change is affecting statewide hydrology. Challenges are greatest during drought years, when water supplies are less available (Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation Environmental Impact Statement, 2013.)”

This is a dramatic statement that only states an “if” scenario. Ecosystems are declining, but not in this area of natural wildlife. The ecosystem has sustained itself near the Shasta Dam, and an altering of the wildlife habitat surrounding the dam by raising the dam and allowing the waters to flood

areas of natural wildlife, would decline the ecosystem currently thriving there. The water that would be taken from the Delta and sold to companies in the San Joaquin Valley could also be obtained through different methods of "recycling". The "extra" water that would be added by raising the dam would not have any affect for the surrounding areas. The water would be exported to companies that are paying good money to receive this water for the continuation of their large corporate farms.

Furthermore, According to Dan Bacher, at a public hearing at the holiday inn for raising the dam in Redding, CA on July 16, 2013, the vast majority of people, ranging from Winnemum Wintu Tribe members to local business owners, and residents oppose the raising of the dam.

When one woman in the crowd asked for a show of hands of those who oppose the dam raise and those who support it, the overwhelming majority of the 250 people in the audience raised their hands in opposition. Only a small number of hands went up in support of the controversial plan. In response to a question about the relation between the plan to build the peripheral tunnels and the dam raise proposal, the public found "no relationship between the dam raise study and the Bay Delta Conservation Plan."

However, everybody who has studied the issue knows that there is a clear relationship between the two projects because one is contingent upon the other. The dam is being raised to provide increased water to corporate agribusiness and oil companies that will be shipped south through the tunnels. Clearly the proposal to raise the dam is a selfish one, only in support of profit. To disregard the natural lively values of the Winnemum Wintu Tribe, to disrupt the natural occurrences of wildlife and threatening their habitat, and to only gain vast amounts of profit from the dam are the majority of the opinions held by the public, including myself. In a strong sentiment, I am deeply opposed to raising the dam.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Guerrero". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Daniel Guerrero

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Attn: Katrina Chow
Bureau of Reclamation
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RE: Impact on Shore Drive residences with the raising of Shasta Lake

It would be our recommendation in regards to the 18.5 ft proposed elevation change to construct a simple retaining wall along Shore Drive to protect the private property from the wave action at high water mark. This would be a much less costly endeavor rather than purchasing all of the properties along Shore Drive. This looks to be a much more sensible use of public money and would cure all problems for the involved homeowners along Shore Drive. The 18.5 ft. elevation brings the high water mark to the edge of the street so all we need is a small retaining wall to protect our street and properties from the wave action.

Best Regards,

Richard F. Gurries and Laurie L. Gurries

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SHASTA MARINA RESORT - 18390 O'Brien Inlet Rd. Lakehead, Ca. 96051

September 19, 2013
Ms. Katrina Chow, Project Manager
Bureau of Reclamation
Planning Division
2800 Cottage Way,
Sacramento, Ca 95825-1893

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Dear Ms. Chow,

We are writing this letter in response to the Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation (SLWRI) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), that was released by the Bureau of Reclamation(BOR) on June 28th, 2013.

The DEIS states that all of Shasta Marina's buildings, parking areas, and access roads will be affected at the new Full Pool Elevation of the CP3. The map that was provided to us" Plate 39: Recreation Site Status", indicates that Shasta Marina's site is to be abandoned.

We are very troubled to see that the plan for our location is to be abandoned, and that Shasta Marina has an "X" on the map. Indicating that no plans will be made to relocate our marina. What does this mean? And how was this alternative reached without consulting us? And why, when all other facilities will be affected by the raising of the dam, are we to be abandoned and the others to be relocated?

We are a sound and profitable business on the lake and provide employment opportunities that pull up our local economy. We have owned and operated Shasta Marina since June 1, 1996, and have invested 18 years and millions of dollars in an effort to build this marina to insure our future. The numbers are as follows:

- We have managed to transform Shasta Marina from a small rundown mismanaged operation, grossing \$600,000 per year to a thriving, state of the art facility, with some of the most luxurious rental houseboats in the country. Today, we gross five to six times what our predecessors have done in the past.
- We host over 600 trips per year and rent 135 moorage spaces, bringing over 12,000 people a year to the lake.
- We have 12 full time employees, 6 have been with us for over 10 years and the rest for more than 5 years. Our employees are home owners and have families. During the summer we employ additional 8-10 employees. Our pay scale has always been above average from entry positions to executive positions and we have always paid 100% of our full time employee's health insurance.
- Each year we invest over a million dollars in our local economy for services and supplies to support our operation.

We offer superior customer service and provide a quality experience on Shasta Lake for the public. The shallow conditions of the O'Brien Inlet have presented us with challenges during our time here, but we have dealt with them and the area offers advantages that make it worth the efforts. We move our marina each year as the water level changes. Consequently we have put most of our improvements into floating assets and made sure that necessary functions can be performed in high or low water conditions. We have anchor systems at 3 different elevations which enable us to disconnect, move and reconnect all docks with boats attached, all in one day.

We are ready and able to be relocated to a higher elevation here on the O'Brien Inlet or to another location on the lake.
Our land items are definitely expendable and our water based assets are movable.

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Before ruling that Shasta Marina is to be abandoned we believe there are many options to investigate that would allow us to remain on the O'Brien Inlet or be relocated to another site. For example:

- There is an abandoned campground at Shasta Marina with a higher elevation that could work.
- There are private properties that could be purchased that could work.
- We could stay in deep water and build a road to the deep water position. There are existing roads on the south side of the O'Brien Inlet that could take us out to deep water.
- We could be relocated to the deep water location at Turntable Bay.
- We could be relocated to the deep water location at Water's Gulch.

The DEIS states that there is a greater demand for water-oriented recreation and that the recreation resources have become static, and that existing marinas have seasonal capacity problems.

So, why have some marinas been allowed to operate while holding a number of unused houseboat allocations? These same marinas have not updated their products in decades. We are the exception. We utilize every one of our houseboat allocations and we are normally 100% full on our moorage docks. We have the latest models in houseboats with all the amenities that the public wants. Our docks are the most modern and aesthetically pleasing on the lake. So, why would we be chosen to be eliminated? And how is eliminating 3 marinas going to answer the need for more recreation opportunities?

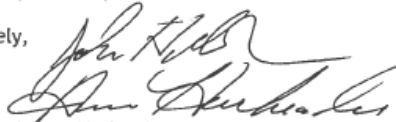
Reducing the number of marinas will not only leave parts of the lake without services to boaters but will also reduce the diverse choices of recreation for the public.

Traditions are made here for families that come each year. We have provided the type of vacation that these people want to remember and redo, year after year. We truly have something special to offer. Some of our moorage customers have been here longer than us. People love this inlet and the Sacramento River and choose this to be their place to come to relax for as many weekends as they can get away from busy lives.

On a personal note we are ages 65 and 63 and planning retirement. We have always planned on turning our business over to our daughter Cynthia Teichera and her husband Michael Teichera. They have been with us since day One (June 1, 1996), and invested 18 years of their lives in this business with us. Now the prospect of raising the dam and whether or not we will be in business has left us uncertain of our future and of our family's future. With an "X" for abandonment, on our site in your new map we are not sure what will happen. You have eliminated any and all possibilities that could be our retirement. To sell our business without a future would be impossible. If we can't stay then who would buy us and how much would they give us for our assets, knowing that we are being "eliminated."

We are prepared to make any change necessary to be able to continue on the O'Brien Inlet; however we are open to any other relocation that enables us to continue to keep our doors open.

Sincerely,



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - please support a "no dam raise"

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please support a "no dam raise"

1 message

Mary Harte <melharte@yahoo.com>

Thu, Sep 26, 2013 at 8:03 AM

Reply-To: Mary Harte <melharte@yahoo.com>

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Dear Ms. Chow:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the Bureau's proposed raise and enlargement of the Shasta Dam and Reservoir.

I oppose raising the dam and enlarging the reservoir, primarily because the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says that the proposal will have "negligible benefits" for threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead in the Sacramento River.

In addition, enlarging the reservoir will harm thousands of acres of public land managed for outdoor recreation and for wildlife habitat. The enlarged reservoir will drown segments of the McCloud and upper Sacramento Rivers identified by the U.S. Forest Service as eligible for National Wild & Scenic Rivers. Further, the enlargement will violate state law requiring the protection of the McCloud's free flowing character and extraordinary wild trout values.

I am also concerned that enlarging the reservoir will further modify flows downstream in the Sacramento River, to the detriment of river's riparian and aquatic habitats and the many threatened and endangered fish and wildlife species that depend on these habitats. These flow modifications will adversely affect a segment of the Sacramento River upstream of Red Bluff identified by the BLM as eligible for Wild & Scenic protection and that has been proposed for National Recreation Area designation in previous sessions of Congress. It will also harm the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge and State Wildlife Areas along the river between Red Bluff and Colusa. The dam raise will increase the risk of endangered fish being killed by state and federal water diversions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The expanded reservoir will destroy and degrade habitat for several sensitive, threatened, and

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endangered plants and animals, including the Shasta salamander. In addition, the dam raise will require the expensive removal or relocation of dozens of bridges, roads, and other structures, and will likely cost taxpayers more than billion dollars. It will also drown the remaining homeland of Winnemen Wintu Tribe, including traditional cultural sites on the McCloud River still in use today.

To truly benefit fish and other wildlife in and along the Sacramento River, the Bureau should adopt a "no-dam raise" alternative that restores salmon spawning and rearing habitat, improves fish passage, increases minimum flows, screens existing water diversions, and modifies the current operation of the reservoir to increase cold water storage for fisheries, as recommended by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Of course, this would require the Bureau to modify existing water contracts.

The proposed raise and enlargement of Shasta Dam and Reservoir will benefit water contractors more than it does endangered fish, public trust values, or U.S. taxpayers. Please discontinue this unwise project and take steps immediately to better operate the dam to benefit fish and the public lands and sensitive ecosystems along the Sacramento River.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cheers,

Mel (Mary Ellen) Harte, Ph. D.

"Men argue; nature acts." Voltaire, 1769.

Tell Congress you'll VOTE for those who favor a transition to clean energy here:

http://signon.org/sign/we-are-the-clean-99?source=c.em.cp&r_by=487176

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Public Comment Submission to SLWRI Draft EIS

2 messages

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Sun, Sep 29, 2013 at 3:16 PM

To: bor-mpr-slwri@usbr.gov, kchow@usbr.gov, nrezeau@fs.fed.us

To Whom This May Concern,

I am a USFS special use permit holder with a cabin in a recreation residence tract that may be impacted by the plans put forth in the SLWRI Draft EIS. I am participating in the public comment process to establish my eligibility to comment/object to the Forest Service's draft decisions relating to this project. It is my understanding that Forest Service will provide draft decisions later in the SLWRI process and I wish to participate in the public processes associated with these actions.

Due to the increase in the valley population and the increasing demand on the Shasta Lake water supply, I am in support of the decision to raise the dam to increase the overall capacity of Shasta Lake. I feel the increased level however should not effect the current residences located on the Shasta Lake shoreline. Although Shasta Lake was originally designed as a storage lake for valley water, it is also used extensively for recreational use. My family and I currently benefit from both uses. This is why I am in support of the increase as well as protecting my current residence located on the lake's shoreline at Lower Salt Creek Road.

The SLWRI Draft EIS indicates that "At least one cabin affected, possibly others also affected" in our tract. There is a lack of clarity on how I, a cabin owner, can determine or will be notified as to the specific impact of my cabin.

I respectfully request an offer to cabin owners on recreational residence tract lots potentially affected be offered a land-based survey like private lot owners in a similar situation were offered in Lakehead.

Sincerely,
Jessica Hauck
510-299-1594

Sarah Thorvund <sarahthorvund@att.net>

Sun, Sep 29, 2013 at 3:24 PM

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Best regards,

Sarah Thorvund -925-337-0726

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Shasta Lake Dam Raising Draft EIS documents Rqsts for Info and Comment



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Shasta Lake Dam Raising Draft EIS documents Rqsts for Info and Comment

2 messages

shazelton@aol.com <shazelton@aol.com>

Fri, Aug 23, 2013 at 7:22 AM

To: BOR-MPR-SLWRI@usbr.gov.

Dear Ms. Chow:

Please forward Attachments 1-19 of the Modeling Appendix of the draft EIS report to us via email.

Also, can you provide the Spyglass Vallation for our specific property as this report was prepared for each specific property that was surveyed?

If the lake is increased by 18.5 feet, plus the splash line, our property will still be 225 above this maximum water level. We would like to know your specific needs to reclaim our home and land? Is it needed for railroad or access road relocation, a levy, relocation of highway 5? We have not been provided with this information.

What are the cost details for the \$50,000 administrative fee being budgeted for each reclamation property?

I have not seen any water restrictions in California to manage the current drought conditions or water resources. Swimming pools are still full, thousands of new homes are being built? Couldn't the reuse of rainwater for irrigation, which currently runs down storm drains, throughout the state, be used for irrigation or desalination of saltwater, instead of counting on an unpredictable value from seasonal rain that flows into the Shasta Dam in non-drought years? Seasonal rain may continue to decrease in the Shasta County, as we have seen over the last 10 years.

You may email use this information. We hope to receive it before the next

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Lakehead meeting.

Thank you,

Scott & Laura Hazelton

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August 19, 2013 2pm

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SLWRI, BOR MPR <sha-mpr-slwri@usbr.gov>

Wed, Aug 28, 2013 at 7:42 AM

To: KATRINA CHOW <kchow@usbr.gov>

Katrina - I'm forwarding this to you because this one is requesting an action from you.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Written Communication regarding the "Raising of Shasta Dam" EIS dated 09 09 2013



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Written Communication regarding the "Raising of Shasta Dam" EIS dated 09 09 2013

1 MESSAGE

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Mon, Sep 9, 2013 at 10:35 AM

To: bor-mpr-slwri@usbr.gov

Hi- We read this comment highlighted below, but we were excluded from any opportunity to have BoR come and do a site specific survey of our lot. We are still unaware of what impact our property has on the proposed Shasta Dam Raising project and have previously requested verbally, in person, by phone, and by email specific reasons why our property was surveyed (without our knowledge or permission) and for what reason you need our land, double wide mobile home and garage located at 20700 Mammoth Drive, Lakehead, CA 96051.

"Private land owners (e.g. in Lakehead) who were deemed potentially impacted, and had a structure on their lot, were offered the opportunity to have BoR come and do a site specific survey of their lot to determine, more precisely, impact to their property. We contacted Shasta County regarding Septic Tank setbacks but they were did not seem to have any knowledge about the proposed project and impact our septic has on it.

We have been uninformed about this USBR Project, as far back as the Summer of 2003, when we purchased the property. No disclosure of this project was provided to us by USBR, the R.E. Broker, or title company prior to the close of escrow. In April 2013, ten years later, we received the post card notification from The Bureau of Reclamation, a week prior to a meeting being held in Lakehead, to inform us of our property rights under the Reclamation Act.

No specific information has been obtainable. We were not provided with a copy of our home in an "Inventory Study" or "Valuation Study" by Spyglass Valuation, Oregon, mentioned in the EIS report. Why is this information is being withheld from us!

It is only September 9th, there is still time to provide us with these details. You have our contact information.

Thank you,

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