

October 24, 2022

US Representative Doug LaMalfa
404 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Re: Project 2105, North Fork Feather River

Dear Representative LaMalfa,

I have deep concerns that Conditions 1(B) and 6 included in the California State Water Resources Control Board's Section 401 water quality certification related to the Project 2105 relicensing, will have a devastating and negative impact on our community. The supplemental cold-water withdrawals from Lake Almanor envisioned during the summer months, to reduce water temperatures in the North Fork Feather River, will be especially harmful to the ecosystem Lake Almanor and the regional economy that relies on the lake, should those conditions be included in the new license.

Our economy has two primary drivers, forestry and tourism. The Collins Company and Sierra Pacific Industries, both manage forests here. The Collins Company, our largest employer, also operates a lumber mill, shipping lumber products all over the country. Lake Almanor is a world-renown cold water fishery producing record setting Rainbow and German Brown Trout, drawing sportsmen and fishermen from all across the Western United States. The lake also attracts thousands of vacationers every year, many spending their entire summer to enjoy the boating, water sports, and cooler summer temperatures the greater basin offers.

The Dixie Fire of 2021, a presidentially declared disaster and the largest single wildfire in recorded California history, damaged half of Collins' 95,000 acres of managed timber. This is a future product that is forever lost to the company, their employees, and our local economy. The residue of millions of gallons of fire retardant has made its way to the lake, supercharging the lake water with nitrogen. These elements have set the stage for toxic algae blooms and lower oxygen levels. Taking additional cold water from the lake will only amplify these effects, leading to the further destruction of our local cold water fishery.

I am frightened by the prospect that Pacific Gas and Electric Company may be forced by FERC to exacerbate this situation by releasing additional cold water from Lake Almanor to placate a few special interest groups, far downstream. Our economy and livelihoods are already in jeopardy due to catastrophic impacts caused by the Dixie Fire. Please encourage FERC to **NOT** make a decision that would seal our fate. Encourage FERC to maintain the original settlement agreement of 2004 with NO ADDITIONAL cold water outflows.

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Senator Brian Dahle
1021 O Street
Room 7230
Sacramento, CA 95814
Project 2105, North Fork Feather River

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