

33.11.129 Debbie MacNeil

MACN

Re: Comments in response to the SLWRI Draft Feasibility Report and DEIS

Dear BOR, MPR, SLWRI,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation (SLWRI) Draft Feasibility Report and Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement

MACN-1

I Strongly Oppose Alternatives 2-5 that propose to raise Shasta Dam and expand what is already the largest reservoir in California. This costly project will not significantly increase our water supply reliability. The largest raise considered will increase the state's overall water supply by less than .3%. The Bureau's own draft feasibility report admits "significant uncertainties" associated with hydrology, climate change, water supply reliability and water demand.

MACN-2

Given that the existing Shasta Dam and Reservoir in the last 40 years has been primarily operated to benefit federal water contractors and not the environment or the general public, it is outrageous for the Bureau to claim that 81% of the benefits of this more than billion dollar project will go to the environment and will be charged to the public.

MACN-3

A crucial point is that Raising Shasta Dam would not *create* water, it would only add storage potential. I am skeptical that spending over \$1 billion is the best strategy for ensuring a healthy water supply, let alone water for fish.

MACN-4

I think combined benefits of conservation and integrated management of surface and groundwater, rather than looking at big, individual engineering projects should be considered first.
"We have a water shortage, not necessarily a *storage shortage*."

MACN-5

The significant and unavoidable impacts of this project identified by the Bureau are simply unacceptable. These include harming the Native American cultural heritage of the Winnemem Wintu Tribe, The need to Relocate Boat Ramps, Marina's, Campgrounds, and other Recreational Facilities, Dislocation of Residents and Business Owners on Shasta Lake, & Loss Of Future Income by displaced people.

MACN-6

The flooding of McCloud River and Upper Sacramento River segments eligible for National Wild & Scenic River Protection, violating state law protecting the McCloud River, Drowning of thousands of acres of National Forest land (including three supposedly protected road less areas) that provide important recreation and wildlife benefits, And the permanent loss of habitat for numerous protected wildlife species.

MACN-7

Another potential impact is the modification of downstream flows and harm to the riparian ecosystem of the lower Sacramento River. The Adaptive Management Plan proposed to mitigate this impact fails to guarantee that the river ecosystem will have priority for fresh water flows over deliveries to water contractors. Similarly, the dam raise/reservoir expansion will reduce fresh water flows into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, causing harm to the Delta's endangered fish.

MACN-8

It does not make any sense to raise Shasta Dam when in the last 59 years Shasta Lake has only been full 19% of the time.....
I Urge the Bureau to reject this budget busting and culturally and environmentally destructive project once and for all.

Sincerely,
Debbie MacNeil
drin_deb@yahoo.com

Response to Comments from Debbie MacNeil

MACN-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response COST/BEN-1, "Intent of EIS and Process to Determine Federal Interest," Master Comment Response COST/BEN-2, "Comments Related to the SLWRI Feasibility Report," and Master Comment Response COST/BEN-3, "Increased Water Supply Reliability under Action Alternatives."

MACN-2: This comment appears to be related to allocation of costs to project beneficiaries, which is outside the scope of the DEIS. A response to this comment is not required under NEPA because the comment does not raise a significant environmental issue (NEPA Regulations 40 CFR 1503.4(b)). As described in Master Comment Response COST/BEN-5, “Potential Project Financing,” an updated cost allocation were included in the SLWRI Final Feasibility Report. This comment was included as part of the record and made available to decision makers before a final decision on the proposed project.

Water operations at Shasta Dam and Reservoir are described in DEIS Chapter 2, “Alternatives,” Section 2.3, “Action Alternatives.” As described, Shasta Dam is operated in conjunction with other CVP facilities and SWP facilities to manage floodwater, storage of surplus winter runoff for irrigation in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, M&I use, maintenance of navigation flows, protection and conservation of fish in the Sacramento River and Delta, and generation of hydroelectric energy. A series of rules and regulations in the form of flood control requirements, flow requirements, water quality requirements, and water supply commitments governs operations at Shasta Dam. Federal and State laws, regulations, standards, and plans regulating Shasta Dam operations are described in detail in DEIS Chapter 6, “Hydrology, Hydraulics, and Water Management,” Section 6.2, “Regulatory Framework.”

MACN-3: Please refer to Master Comment Response GEN-1, “Comment Included as Part of the Record,” Master Comment Response ALTR-1, “Range of Alternatives – General,” and Master Comment Response RAH-1, “Available Water to Fill an Enlarged Reservoir.”

MACN-4: Please refer to Master Comment Response ALTD-1, “Alternative Development – Water Supply Reliability.”

MACN-5: Please refer to Master Comment Response GEN-5, “Some People Support Dam Raise and Others Oppose Dam Raise,” Master Comment Response CR-1, “Potential Effects to Cultural Resources,” Master Comment Response EI-4, “Socioeconomic and Associated Indirect Environmental Effects,” Master Comment Response ALTR-1, “Range of Alternatives – General,” Master Comment Response SOCIOECON-1, “Socioeconomic Effects to Shasta Lake Vicinity,” Master Comment Response SOCIOECON-2, “Effects on Short-term and Long-term Employment,” and Master Comment Response PLAR-1, “Effects to Private Residences and Businesses.”


MACN-6: Please refer to Master Comment Response WASR-1, “Eligibility of the McCloud River as a Federal Wild and Scenic River,” Master Comment Response WASR-6, “Protections of the Lower

McCloud River as Identified in the California Public Resources Code, Section 5093.542,” and Master Comment Response WASR-8, “Effects to the Eligibility of Rivers for Inclusion in the Federal Wild and Scenic River System.”

MACN-7: Please refer to Master Comment Response DSFISH-4, “Maintaining Sacramento River Flows to Meet Fish Needs and Regulatory Requirements,” and Master Comment Response DSFISH-9, “Flow-Related Effects on Fish Species of Concern.”

MACN-8: Please refer to Master Comment Response RAH-1, “Available Water to Fill an Enlarged Reservoir,” and Master Comment Response GEN-1, “Comment Included as Part of the Record.”

33.11.130 David MacNeil



Public Comment Card

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Name: DAVID MACNEIL Organization: _____
 Address: 19533 LAKE SHORE DRIVE, LAKEHEAD, CA. 96051
 Email: MACPiddle@AOL.COM

Comment: (1) NOT ENOUGH WATER FLOWING INTO SHASTA LAKE NOW TO FILL IT (IN THE LAST 59 YEARS THE LAKE HAS ONLY FILLED UP ~~ON~~ 19% OF THE YEARS IN 1992)
(2) How about going north with the SHILOO AUGERED DAM PROPOSED YEARS AGO? WOULD PROVIDE MORE STORAGE THAN RAISING SHASTA DAM, + PROVIDE A NEW RECREATION AREA FOR CALIFORNIA PEOPLE.
(3) OR/AND HOW ABOUT SEVERAL RESERVOIRS BETWEEN STOCKTON + BAKERSFIELD, WEST OF I-5, WHERE THERE ARE NUMEROUS CANALS THAT COULD STORE WATER FROM THE SACRAMENTO RIVER.
(4) THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES TO RAISING SHASTA DAM THAT WOULD PROVIDE MORE STORAGE + NOT DISRUPT THE LIVES + PROPERTIES OF THE CITIZENS OF CALIF. + THE HUGE COSTS INVOLVED.
(5) FINN IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO CREATING WATER!

Response to Comments from David MacNeil

MACNE-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response RAH-1, “Available Water to Fill an Enlarged Reservoir.”

MACNE-2: Please refer to Master Comment Response ALTD-1, “Alternative Development – Water Supply Reliability.”

MACNE-3: Please refer to Master Comment Response ALTD-1, “Alternative Development – Water Supply Reliability.”

MACNE-4: Please refer to Master Comment Response ALTR-1, “Range of Alternatives – General,” and Master Comment Response COST/BEN-1, “Intent of EIS and Process to Determine Federal Interest.”

33.11.131 Joan Manning

MANN

From: **J Manning** <jmanning@snowcrest.net>
Date: Fri, Aug 2, 2013 at 3:40 PM
Subject: Shasta Dam
To: kchow@usbr.gov

Dear Ms Chow,

MANN-1 I understand there could be about 1420 jobs created in the raising of Shasta Dam. Can you tell me what kind of jobs they would be and how long they might last?

Thank you very much.

Joan Manning

Response to Comments from Joan Manning

MANN-1: Thank you for your comment related to potential employment supported by a Shasta Dam enlargement. Please refer to Master Comment Response SOCIOECON-2, “Effects on Short-term and Long-term Employment.”

33.11.132 Philip G. Marquis

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July 1, 2013

Ms. Katrina Chow
Project Manager
Reclamation, Planning Division
Bureau of Reclamation
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95826-1893

Dear Ms. Chow:

Raising the level of Shasta Lake by increasing the height of the dam certainly represents a potential for more water storage, however, I believe it is beset by several problems that must be addressed.

MARQ-1

1. In the 10 years we have been visiting and living in Shasta County, I can only remember one year when the rainfall was sufficient to almost fully fill the lake. Raising the dam would not alter the weather patterns and thus would not result in any additional water being stored since it does not appear that the rain and runoff is sufficient to presently fill the lake. I would want to see reliable projections that would show the lake will actually rise.

MARQ-2

2. There are many water service agencies in our area around Redding, CA that have varying water rights. This results in water supply guarantees for some that assure 100% of their allocation of water, no matter how much water is stored in the lake. Other agencies must pay the price of unequal allocations by having their allocations more severely curtailed during drought periods. Unless the raising of Shasta Dam insures 100% allocations for all water agencies around Shasta Lake dependent on the water stored in Shasta Lake, there is no point in raising the dam.

MARQ-3

3. Raising Shasta Dam will only intensify the demand for water to be shipped to southern California and the grab for this additional water, whether a raised dam can produce it or not, will intensify. Therefore, if the dam is ultimately raised, there must be a limit on the amount of water that can be sent elsewhere until the needs of the water agencies around Shasta Lake dependent on the water stored in Shasta Lake are first satisfied.

MARQ-4

4. Raising Shasta Dam has many adverse effects upon the land and infrastructure around the dam, and I'm fairly confident that these will be addressed in any plan or by the subsequent lawsuits to be filed such that adverse effects will be fully addressed. Nevertheless, the water rights of the existing water service agencies around Shasta Lake dependent on water stored in Shasta Lake must be written into the plan and subsequent enabling legislation in such a manner as to make the allocations not capable of being challenged by any means.

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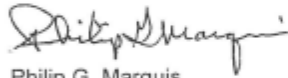
MARQ-5

5. Raising the level of Shasta Dam will increase the law enforcement requirements of the lake and the costs associated with this increase must be provided for in the plan.

I appreciate your taking the time to at least read these concerns and hope to see them included in the issues to be addressed in the full plan.

Thank You

Sincerely,



Philip G. Marquis
11707 Homestead Lane
Redding, CA. 96003

Cc: David Coxey
Bella Vista Water District
11368 East Stillwater Way
Redding, CA 96003-9510

Response to Comments from Philip G. Marquis

MARQ-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response RAH-1, “Available Water to Fill an Enlarged Reservoir.”

MARQ-2: Please refer to Master Comment Response GEN-7, “Rules and Regulations for Water Operations under Action Alternatives.”

MARQ-3: Please refer to Master Comment Response WSR-8, “Action Alternatives Don’t Meet All Water Demands.”

MARQ-4: Please refer to Master Comment Response WSR-8, “Action Alternatives Don’t Meet All Water Demands.”

MARQ-5: Increased law enforcement needs of an enlarged Shasta Dam are presented in Chapter 22, “Public Services,” Section 22.3.4, “Direct and Indirect Effects.”

33.11.133 Shirley Martin



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Name: Shirley Martin Organization: Home owner
Address: 20252 Lakeview Dr, Lakehead 96051 PO Box 718
Email: doyleshir1@awwwsone.com

I am very opposed to all proposals to raise the dam. Comment: It is too expensive, too much already spent on proposals. The lake is over 100ft. lower than the crest and has rarely filled. A higher dam will not create more rain. Fish are being valued over lives of homeowners and businesses. Southern Calif. needs to manage its own water use. (Limit golf courses, swimming pools, create its own dams, consider desalination plants to process sea water) A spokesman for "the tunnels" proposal said that at times that project would drain Lake Shasta as it is. This project would take my home as well as my neighbors' homes. We have invested our lives in our homes and property and it should not be taken for such an unreliable project. Too many roads, bridge, railroad bridges, private property and businesses would be destroyed.

VOTE NO!

Response to Comments from Shirley Martin

MART-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response GEN-5, "Some People Support Dam Raise and Others Oppose Dam Raise."

MART-2: Please refer to Master Comment Response RAH-1, "Available Water to Fill an Enlarged Reservoir."

MART-3: Please refer to Master Comment Response GEN-1, "Comment Included as Part of the Record."

MART-4: Please refer to Master Comment Response ALTD-1, "Alternative Development – Water Supply Reliability," and Master Comment Response ALTR-1, "Range of Alternatives – General."

MART-5: Although the BDCP is considered for the purposes of qualitatively evaluating potential cumulative impacts of the SLWRI, as mentioned in Master Comment Response BDCP-1, "Relationship of the SLWRI to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan," further speculation on implementation of the BDCP or similar programs is not required by NEPA. However, Reclamation does not agree that the Delta Conveyance tunnels would "drain Shasta Lake." Delta Conveyance would not control the operations at Shasta Dam and any future operations of Shasta Dam and Reservoir would be consistent with pertinent regulatory requirements, contracts and agreements.

MART-6: Please refer to Master Comment Response GEN-5, "Some People Support Dam Raise and Others Oppose Dam Raise."

33.11.134 Ernest D. Martin

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Public Comment Card on Raising
Height of Shasta Dam

Name: Ernest D. Martin Home
20252 Lakeview Dr. Lakehead CA 96051 PC
Email: doyleshirka@aww.usone.com

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I am very opposed to all proposals to raise the height of Shasta Dam. It is too expensive and too much money has already been spent on proposals, starting back in 1980! The lake is 110 feet down now and is unlikely to fill again for several years. A higher dam

MARTI-2

would not bring more rain to fill it.

MARTI-3

Southern Calif. needs to manage it's own water use better, or start using ocean water.

MARTI-4

It makes more sense to build the new sites reservoir where less roads, railroad, towns, homes, businesses and people would be affected.

Please discourage our government leaders from wasting more money, time and effort on this project.

Ernest D. Martin
530 238-8831

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Response to Comments from Ernest D. Martin

MARTI-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response GEN-5, "Some People Support Dam Raise and Others Oppose Dam Raise."


MARTI-2: Please refer to Master Comment Response RAH-1, “Available Water to Fill an Enlarged Reservoir.”

MARTI-3: Please refer to Master Comment Response ALTD-1, “Alternative Development – Water Supply Reliability,” and Master Comment Response ALTR-1, “Range of Alternatives – General.”

MARTI-4: Please refer to Master Comment Response ALTD-1, “Alternative Development – Water Supply Reliability.”

33.11.135 Corinne Matson

MATS

 **PUBLIC COMMENT CARD**

Name: CORINNE MATSON Organization: _____
Address: 36482 DEER FLAT RD SHINGLETOWN CA 96088
Email: cmatson@houseboats.com

Written Comment:

MATS-1 1. SECURE A CONSISTENT WATER SOURCE -
COLUMBIA RIVER PIPED TO THE PIT RIVER

MATS-2 2. DREDGE LAKE BOTTOMS - WHERE DAMS ALREADY EXIST

MATS-3 3. DEVELOP AQUIFERS

MATS-4 4. DAM SOME OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CANYONS,
TOO MUCH RAIN GOES UNUSED & TRAVAGES THE
LAND - ALL THE WAY TO THE OCEAN.

MATS-5 5. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DESALINATION PLANTS,
THEY NEED TO BUILD THEM & PAY FOR THEIR OWN WATER

MATS-6 ON MAP DISPLAY
~~BY THE WAY~~ - YOU'VE INDICATED SILVERTHORN RD
WHICH IS ACTUALLY BEAR MOUNTAIN/DRY CREEK RD

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Response to Comments from Corinne Matson

MATS-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response ALTR-1, “Range of Alternatives – General.”

MATS-2: Please refer to Master Comment Response ALTD-1, “Alternative Development – Water Supply Reliability.”

MATS-3: Please refer to Master Comment Response ALTD-1, “Alternative Development – Water Supply Reliability,” and Master Comment Response ALTR-1, “Range of Alternatives – General.”

MATS-4: Please refer to Master Comment Response ALTD-1, “Alternative Development – Water Supply Reliability.”

MATS-5: Please refer to Master Comment Response ALTD-1, “Alternative Development – Water Supply Reliability.”

MATS-6: The SLWRI poster titled “Major Features Associated with Shasta Enlargement (6.5 feet to 18.5 feet),” used at the September 2013 Public Hearings has been updated to correct the road label. The updated map has been uploaded to Reclamation’s web site. The PowerPoints and posters from the Public Workshops and Hearings are available on the Reclamation website at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/slwri/documents.html>.

33.11.136 Rob McDonald

7/23/13

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Leave Shasta Dam Alone



MCDO

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

Leave Shasta Dam Alone

1 message

Rob McDonald <rob-mcdonald@sbcglobal.net>
To: BOR-MPR-SLWRI@usbr.gov

Sat, Jun 29, 2013 at 9:24 PM

MCDO-1

We don't need to raise the dam, what we need are desalination plants, or my idea cooling towers that pump deep cold salt water up into them, and condense fresh water out of the air. Then pump that water into Shasta Lake to distribute throughout California! Simple, you don't need to raise the dam! Raising the dam is a stupid idea, and some people are willing to do a stupid idea just to bring some jobs to the area!

Response to Comments from Rob McDonald

MCDO-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response ALTD-1, “Alternative Development – Water Supply Reliability,” and Master Comment Response ALTR-1, “Range of Alternatives – General.”

33.11.137 Michael McLaughlin

7/23/13

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Support the No-action alternative.



MCLA

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

Support the No-action alternative.

1 message

Michael McLaughlin <briseboy@msn.com> Sun, Jul 21, 2013 at 12:06 PM
To: "BOR-MPR-SLWRI@usbr.gov" <bor-mpr-slwri@usbr.gov>

Dear DEIS staff:

I am a frequent visitor to Shasta National Forest, the rivers and reservoir, involved, using the area for land-based and water recreation of many types from hiking and biological study to sailing, swimming, and other uses.

MCLA-1 ↘

Please understand that raising Shasta Dam will reduce the forest size, and previous experience with methods of anadromous fish transport above Pacific Northwest dams have not been economically or otherwise successful in retaining historical predamming populations.

MCLA-2 ↗

In addition, I believe that raising the dam level will inundate sites sacred to the indigenous Winnimem Wintu, in violation of the UN Declaration of indigenous Peoples' Rights.

I support the No Action Alternative.

MCLA-3 ↗

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Michael McLaughlin
Eureka , CA

Response to Comments from Michael McLaughlin

MCLA-1: These impacts are addressed in Impact BOT-5, “Loss of General Vegetation Habitats” in Chapter 12, “Botanical Resources and Wetlands” and in Impact Wild-13, “Permanent Loss of General Wildlife Habitat,” in Chapter 13, “Wildlife Resources,” of the EIS. In addition, mitigation measures were revised and/or enhanced to include efforts to protect and enhance habitat and associated biological resources.

MCLA-2: Please refer to Master Comment Response FISHPASS-1, “Fish Passage Above Shasta Dam.”

MCLA-3: Please refer to Master Comment Response CR-6, “United Nations Declaration on ‘The Rights of Indigenous Peoples.’”

33.11.138 Randall McNames

9/30/13

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Coordination of Dam raising with Shasta County Regs

MCNA



CHOW, KATRINA <kchow@usbr.gov>

Coordination of Dam raising with Shasta County Regs

1 message

Randall McNames <mcnamevich@att.net>

Mon, Sep 23, 2013 at 1:48 PM

Reply-To: Randall McNames <mcnamevich@att.net>

To: "kchow@usbr.gov" <kchow@usbr.gov>

Cc: "marcb@biosearchtech.com" <marcb@biosearchtech.com>, "mcramer@co.shasta.ca.us" <mcramer@co.shasta.ca.us>

Katrina Chow:

Thanks for being at a couple of the outreach presentations I attended. The most recent one was about a month ago in Lakehead, CA. You asked that comments regarding the Draft EIR be submitted by the end of September. I have a concern about which I don't have any resolution when I read both the Feasibility Study and the EIR.

MCNA-1 My house is located at 20648 Cedar Dr. in Lakehead. My back yard backs up to Forestry land at the edge of the lake. I have determined from the survey that I am above the inundation mark should the dam be raised 18.5 feet. So I believe I will be spared from the relocation process because of the proposed raise in water level.

MCNA-2 HOWEVER! I see that Shasta County regulations require that any septic tank leach field must be located at least 200 feet from the edge of a fixed body of water (Shasta Lake) in Shasta County. Your documentation does not mention this fact and the impact it will have on the residents who are above the inundation level, but whose leach lines are still within 200 feet of the proposed new lake level. What will happen to us? Will the houses be red tagged by the county? Will we be grandfathered? I see many residents TODAY in low lying areas that are closer than 200 from the present full water level. How will this issue be addressed?

MCNA-3 I think you need to add an explanation in your Real Estate Appendix about how people in my situation will be affected as per Shasta County regulations. Please investigate this matter with appropriate Shasta County personnel, then add it to your report. You might contact Marc Kramer (Mark Cramer [mcramer@co.shasta.ca.us]) at Shasta County for further information

Thanks,
Randall McNames
20648 Cedar Dr.
Lakehead, CA 96051

Response to Comments from Randall McNames

MCNA-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response PLAR-11, "Inundation Zone/ Reservoir Buffer."

MCNA-2: Please refer to Master Comment Response LANDUSE-1, "Relocation of Septic Systems and Leach Fields."

MCNA-3: Please refer to Master Comment Response LANDUSE-1, "Relocation of Septic Systems and Leach Fields."

33.11.139 Melanie McPherson

MCPH

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **melanie mcpherson** <melmcpherson27@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, Sep 24, 2013 at 9:30 AM
Subject: Say NO to Shasta dam raise!!!!!!
To: "kchow@usbr.gov" <kchow@usbr.gov>

Sent from Windows Mail

MCPH-1

I would like to take this time to say that I do NOT support raising the Shasta Dam!!! And the Iron Gate dam should be razed to help the flow of water for salmon, wildlife and the people that live along its banks and rely on it as a way of life. Thank you for your time. I hope you do what is right for the greatest good! Sincerely Melanie McPherson
Watershed Steward/ Salmon surveyor

Response to Comments from Melanie McPherson

MCPH-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response GEN-5, “Some People Support Dam Raise and Others Oppose Dam Raise.”

33.11.140 Stefanie Messina

10/18/13

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - raising the dam

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raising the dam

stefbp@aol.com <stefbp@aol.com>
To: BOR-MPR-SLWRI@usbr.gov

Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 6:42 AM

Hi Ms. Katrina,

MESS-1 I may live 3000 miles away but as a environmentalist I have been following the Shasta Dam project for awhile now. It is my opinion that raising the dam will have a negative impact on the local environment as well as the life span and health of the fish within the dam, including, but not limited to, salmon. Local tribes also
MESS-2 would not be able to perform religious ceremonies since more of there land will be under water. I am from Connecticut and we hold Native American culture in high regard and have many areas preserved. The Winnemem Wintu tribes story is a fascinating one and very unique. They were a registered tribe but by an error, that is yet to be corrected, they are now unregistered. I believe in a handful of years they will obtain that status again since the country seems to be caring about individual rights more than ever. Please do not raise the dam. A good portion of
MESS-3 this country will be watching and waiting for the right decision to be made. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Stefanie Messina

Response to Comments from Stefanie Messina

MESS-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response GEN-5, “Some People Support Dam Raise and Others Oppose Dam Raise.”

MESS-2: Please refer to Master Comment Response CR-1, “Potential Effects to Cultural Resources,” and Master Comment Response CR-2, “Federal Recognition.”

MESS-3: Please refer to Master Comment Response GEN-5, “Some People Support Dam Raise and Others Oppose Dam Raise.”

33.11.141 William Miesse

10/18/13

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - No DAM raising please

MIES



No DAM raising please

William Miesse <montagne@snowcrest.net>
To: BOR-MPR-SLWRI@usbr.gov

Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 10:05 PM

Dear BOR

MIES-1

Raising the Shasta dam floods sacred land and private land, it's a taking and an insult heaped upon insult -

MIES-2

all because the growers and cities refuse to use conservation skills.

MIES-3

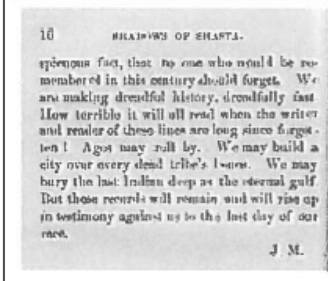
Please no raise dam.

Thanks, Bill Miesse

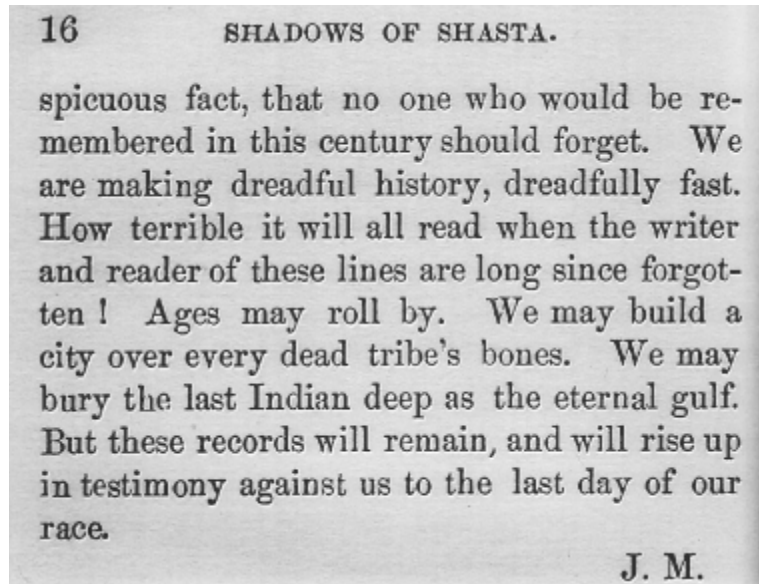
Mount Shasta

PS Here's a quote from Joaquin Miller in the introduction to his 1881 novel "Shadows of Shasta" which he wrote in response to seeing Indian children in chains being sent to the reservations:

MIES-4



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Response to Comments from William Miesse

MIES-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response CR-1, “Potential Effects to Cultural Resources.”

MIES-2: Please refer to Master Comment Response ALTD-1, “Alternative Development – Water Supply Reliability.”

MIES-3: Please refer to Master Comment Response GEN-5, “Some People Support Dam Raise and Others Oppose Dam Raise.”

MIES-4: Please refer to Master Comment Response GEN-1, “Comment Included as Part of the Record.”

33.11.142 Herbert W. Mitchell



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Public Comment Card

Name: Herbert W. Mitchell Organization: Private Citizen
Address: 20686 Lakeshore Drive, Lakehead, Ca 96051
Email: Tratusesstavo@yahoo.com

Comment For the bulk of persons here in the Northstate, asking us what our opinion is on the Dam raising is like a bully stealing milk money in school and asking his victims how they feel about it.
I fear that the true impact of this project has not been recognized or adequately investigated yet will proceed despite opposition. Many of us have lived here for generations and no amount of government bribery ~~it~~ will change our opinions. Figure out another way. I am one of many who are tired of the assumption from Sacramento that we are "uneducated" and powerless to oppose big government. Get your water someplace else.

Response to Comments from Herbert W. Mitchell

MITC-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response GEN-5, "Some People Support Dam Raise and Others Oppose Dam Raise."

33.11.143 Pam Morgan



Public Comment Card

MORG1

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Name: Pam Morgan Organization: Private Citizen
Address: P.O. Box 5013 Shasta Lake, CA 96089
Email: slpamorgan@aol.com (all business)

Comment: I am ^{concerned} about the businesses that are going to be bought out instead of relocated. There are several businesses around the lake which have been there for generations. I understand many of them will be simply bought out with no consideration of ~~their~~ their future earning potential. I think this needs to be studied much more ~~thoroughly~~ thoroughly.

Pamelyn Morgan

Response to Comments from Pam Morgan

MORG1-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response PLAR-1, "Effects to Private Residences and Businesses," and Master Comment Response GEN-1, "Comment Included as Part of the Record."

33.11.144 Pam Morgan



Public Comment Card **MORG2**

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Name: Pam Morgan Organization: Private citizen
Address: P.O. Box 5013 Shasta Lake, CA 96089
Email: SLPAMORGAN@aol.com

Comment I am concerned that raising Shasta Dam 18 1/2 ft would put under water many cultural sites - especially Indian Sacred sites - the US government already has shown that they are not too concerned about sacred sites (when they built the dam originally)
These sites may only affect a small portion of the population - but like other archeological sites - they are important to future generations and once they disappear under water they are lost forever.
Pamela Morgan

Response to Comments from Pam Morgan

MORG2-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response CR-1, "Potential Effects to Cultural Resources."

33.11.145 Paul Moss

MOSS1

Katrina Chow - Project Manager
US Bureau of Reclamation
Planning Division,
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825-1893

September 5, 2013

Comments: Shasta Dam Raise DEIS

Dear Bureau of Reclamation,

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	to: K Chow	

Please consider the following comments on the Shasta Dam Raise DEIS.

MOSS1-1

I am very concerned about 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 justified," this project could require more than \$1 billion in taxpayer funds and there is significant evidence that runs contrary to your findings.

MOSS1-2

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

Dams don't create water – they merely capture rain and snowmelt – and the firm yield reliably produced on an annual basis depends on annual rainfall. The hypothetical firm yield of water produced from the 6.5-foot raise ranges from 20,000 to 72,000 acre-feet. The hypothetical firm yield of the 18.5-foot raise is 71,000-146,000 acre-feet. In comparison, if farmers producing low-value alfalfa were to conserve a mere five percent of the water they consume, it would save nearly one million-acre feet of water. Conservation is a much better alternative.

MOSS1-3

Another stated objective of raising the dam is to "increase survival of anadromous fish populations in the upper Sacramento River." Ironically, Shasta Dam prevents Chinook salmon from reaching the cold-water streams where these fish naturally breed. Funds would be better spent building a fish ladder around Shasta Dam.

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

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- MOSS1-3
CONTD. invest instead in salmon restoration, an alternative that would provide a long-term solution that doesn't exacerbate the problem it purports to solve?
- MOSS1-4 Beyond the negative economic and ecological effects of raising Shasta Dam, please also consider the cultural damage a higher dam would inflict.
- MOSS1-5 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.
- MOSS1-6 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.
- MOSS1-7 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.
- MOSS1-8 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.
- MOSS1-9 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,



Paul Moss
1849 Whitaker Ave.
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Response to Comments from Paul Moss

MOSS1-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response COST/BEN-1, "Intent of EIS and Process to Determine Federal Interest," and Master Comment Response COST/BEN-2, "Comments Related to the SLWRI Feasibility Report."

MOSS1-2: The SLWRI DEIS does not include evaluations related to economic feasibility because it is not required under NEPA. Accordingly, the DEIS does not identify a "most economical" alternative. As described in Master Comment Response COST/BEN-2, "Comments Related to the SLWRI Feasibility Report," evaluations

related to economic feasibility were included in the SLWRI Final Feasibility Report.

Please refer to Master Comment Response COST/BEN-1, “Intent of EIS and Process to Determine Federal Interest,” Master Comment Response COST/BEN-3, “Increased Water Supply Reliability under Action Alternatives,” Master Comment Response ALTD-1, “Alternative Development – Water Supply Reliability,” and Master Comment Response RAH-1, “Available Water to Fill an Enlarged Reservoir.”

MOSS1-3: Please refer to Master Comment Response FISHPASS-1, “Fish Passage Above Shasta Dam,” Master Comment Response ALTD-2, “Alternative Development – Anadromous Fish Survival,” and Master Comment Response P&N-1, “Purpose and Need and Objectives.”

MOSS1-4: Please refer to Master Comment Response CR-1, “Potential Effects to Cultural Resources,” and Master Comment Response CR-3, “Current Effects to Cultural Resources.”

MOSS1-5: Please refer to Master Comment Response WASR-1, “Eligibility of the McCloud River as a Federal Wild and Scenic River.”

MOSS1-6: Please refer to Master Comment Response PLAR-1, “Effects to Private Residences and Businesses,” and Master Comment Response SOCIOECON-1, “Socioeconomic Effects to Shasta Lake Vicinity.”

MOSS1-7: Please refer to Master Comment Response COST/BEN-1, “Intent of EIS and Process to Determine Federal Interest.”

MOSS1-8: Please refer to Master Comment Response FRACK-1, “Water Supply Used for Fracking.”

MOSS1-9: Please refer to Master Comment Response BDCP-1, “Relationship of the SLWRI to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan,” Master Comment Response COST/BEN-1, “Intent of EIS and Process to Determine Federal Interest,” Master Comment Response EI-1, “Intent of NEPA Process to Provide Fair and Full Discussion of Significant Environmental Impacts,” and Master Comment Response GEN-5, “Some People Support Dam Raise and Others Oppose Dam Raise.”

33.11.146 Roxann Mulvey

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Shasta Dam

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

Shasta Dam

1 message

Roxann Mulvey <otter59@sti.net>
To: BOR-MPR-SLWRI@usbr.gov
Cc: winnememwintutribe@gmail.com

Sun, Sep 29, 2013 at 8:31 AM

Dear Ms. Chow,

MULV-1 As a Park Ranger, Environmental Planner, and a mother, I understand the importance of healthy ecosystems. As a human being I understand that we have lost much in losing our cultures, through immigration, exile, etc. The indigenous cultures have a right, and a responsibility, to practice what they know. I believe they help us all.

MULV-2 We must honor the rights of the native people to practice their cultures on their homeland. And we must take care of the rivers, the salmon, and the earth, for all our sakes and the sakes of our children.

MULV-3
MULV-4 Please do not raise the Shasta Dam.

Thank you,
Roxann Mulvey
PO Box 684
Mariposa, CA 95338
209-742-3834

Response to Comments from Roxann Mulvey

MULV-1: Comment noted.

MULV-2: Please refer to Master Comment Response CR-1, “Potential Effects to Cultural Resources.”

MULV-3: Please refer to Master Comment Response GEN-1, “Comment Included as Part of the Record,” and Master Comment Response ALTR-1, “Range of Alternatives – General.”

MULV-4: Please refer to Master Comment Response GEN-5, “Some People Support Dam Raise and Others Oppose Dam Raise.”

Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation
Environmental Impact Statement

33.11.147 David Murphy

MURP

720 Hydra Lane
Foster City
California, 94404
9/27/13

Ms. Katrina Chow, Project Manager
Bureau of reclamation 2800 cottage way, MP-720
Sacramento, California 95825

Re: Public Comments on the SLWRI DEIS

Dear Ms. Chow,

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MURP-1

I am writing in regards to the proposed raising of the Shasta Dam in Redding, California. While the motives of raising the dam for increased water reserves is a good reason, I feel we must find other means to secure our water resources which doesn't necessarily mean increasing our capability to store more water. I believe a better way to ensure a reliable supply of our natural resources is to be more responsible in our consumption. To the common resident of California, little is understood about how their water is delivered to them and where it comes from. I believe that if we took the money that would be spent to expand the dam, and use it in an education campaign to educate California residents about the how water is stored, delivered, and how we are dependent on a natural system that can only support a finite amount of use, we can generate more security for our water resources than simply expanding our water capacity. With this strategy, we strengthen our security through the spread of knowledge.

MURP-2

I must also base my argument against the project on the potential losses of the native tribe of the Winnemem Wintu. If this project goes forward, the last remaining ceremonial lands of the Winnemem Wintu will be flooded, destroyed, and turned to the bare, ugly land that can currently be seen when the lake waters recede.

MURP-3

The stories of the disenfranchised are seldom heard, let alone considered, and the Native Americans of Northern California have a long painful history of being marginalized and ignored. The natives tribe of the McCloud river and its neighboring watersheds have already experienced great loss when the dam was first build. They lost homes, ceremonial lands, and burial grounds where their mothers and fathers rested in the ground were desecrated and flooded for the sake of maintaining the proverbial cornucopia that was California's abundant farming resources.

MURP-4

Today, we again look to further our dept to the ecosystem services of california, to get more water from these systems that are not naturally prepared to deliver to us, and again we do it while letting our fellow residence suffer anonymously and quietly. When these ceremonial grounds used by the Winnemem Wintu are destroyed, the Winnemem Wintu will not just lose more land. Once again, they will lose a tangible element of their history, they

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will lose another shard of their dignity, and they will lose what little identity they still cling to. In the same way good people like you and I find our identity in what we believe in, what we stand for, what we connect with, and what we practice; the Winnemem Wintu are good people that believe in the connection between nature and humans, who do their best to stand in the defense of nature and the invisible connections we all share with it, and who hold their identities in the land where they practice their beliefs.

MURP-5

I strongly urge you to not move forward with the project. Consider alternatives to lower our water usage rather than increase reserves for an inconsiderate rate of consumption, and leave the native tribes with what little identity they have left. I believe the perceived gain this project will bring is too small for the definite losses in our local endangered cultures. If we simply raise the dam, and not work to get the message out regarding our reckless water consumption, we will never find ourselves out from under the pressure of infinity increasing water demands on a finite supply.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



David Murphy

Response to Comments from David Murphy

MURP-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response P&N-1, “Purpose and Need and Objectives,” Master Comment Response ALTD-1, “Alternative Development – Water Supply Reliability,” and Master Comment Response GEN-4, “Best Available Information.”

MURP-2: Please refer to Master Comment Response CR-1, “Potential Effects to Cultural Resources.”

MURP-3: Chapter 1, “Introduction,” Section 1.6, “Areas of Controversy,” of the DEIS acknowledges that Native American concerns and cultural resources remain an area of controversy. The U.S. Congress will use this Final EIS, the related Final Feasibility Report, and supporting information, as well as any additional information they believe appropriate, to determine the public interest in the project, and the form scope of project authorization (if any). As this Final EIS chapter includes public and agency comments received on the DEIS, and responses to each of these comments, these decision makers will have a full characterization of the public interests.

As stated in Chapter 1, “Introduction,” Section 1.1.1, “Project Purpose and Objectives” of the Final EIS, the Project purpose is to improve operational flexibility of the Delta watershed system to meet specified primary and secondary project objectives including increasing survival of anadromous fish populations in the Sacramento River and increasing

water supply and water supply reliability for agricultural, M&I, and environmental purposes, to help meet current and future water demands (primary objectives); and to conserve, restore and enhance ecosystem resources in the Shasta Lake area and the upper Sacramento River, reduce flood damage downstream, develop additional hydropower generation capabilities at Shasta Dam, maintain and increase recreation opportunities at Shasta Lake and maintain or improve water quality conditions downstream (secondary objectives). The DEIS examines the full range of impacts on the human environment of five action alternatives and a no action alternative.

Chapter 14, “Cultural Resources,” identifies impacts from inundation of Traditional Cultural Properties and Sacred Land Filings, which include Winnemem Wintu places of traditional, ceremonial, and sacred uses. See “Impact Culture-2” in Section 14.3.4, “Mitigation Measures,” for “CP1,” “CP2,” “CP3,” “CP4,” and “CP5,” are identified as significant and unavoidable, with no feasible mitigation identified.

Please refer to Master Comment Response CR-15, “National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultations.”

MURP-4: Please refer to Master Comment Response CR-1, “Potential Effects to Cultural Resources,” and Master Comment Response CR-5, “Environmental Justice.”

MURP-5: Please refer to Master Comment Response ALTD-1, “Alternative Development – Water Supply Reliability,” Master Comment Response P&N-1, “Purpose and Need and Objectives,” and Master Comment Response EI-1, “Intent of NEPA Process to Provide Fair and Full Discussion of Significant Environmental Impacts.”

33.11.148 Dan Bacher on Behalf of Northern California Anglers Association



Public Comment Card NCAP

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Name: DAN BACHER Organization: NCAP
Address: 3201 EASTWOOD RD, A
Email: danielbacher@fisheriffice.com

Comment WHAT IS THE RELATION
BETWEEN THE DAN
RAVE AND THE BAY
DELTA CONSERVATION
DAM TO BOLD THE
PERIPHERAL TUNNELS?
DOES ONE DEPEND ON
THE OTHER

Response to Comments from Dan Bacher on Behalf of Northern California Anglers Association

NCAP-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response BDCP-1, "Relationship of the SLWRI to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan."

33.11.149 Jeff Nelson



Public Comment Card

NELS

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Name: JEFF NELSON Organization: RET CHP
Address: 3126 CINDY CIR
Email: MOON/MRJEFF@YAHOO.COM
Comment: AT THIS TIME I DON'T LIKE IT, TO ME IT IS JUST A WATER GRAB FROM SO CAL
WE CAN'T FILL THE DAM NOW, HOW CAN YOU FILL IT IF THE DAM IS HIGHER?

Response to Comments from Jeff Nelson

NELS-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response GEN-5, "Some People Support Dam Raise and Others Oppose Dam Raise."

NELS-2: Please refer to Master Comment Response RAH-1, "Available Water to Fill an Enlarged Reservoir."

33.11.150 Marc Newman

9/5/13

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - dam raising,shasta dam

NEWM



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

dam raising,shasta dam

1 message

Marc Newman <marc.j.newman@gmail.com>
To: BOR-MPR-SLWRI@usbr.gov

Fri, Aug 30, 2013 at 6:50 AM

To whom it may concern,
NEWM-1

I oppose this project as it will obliterate sacred grounds of local natives, and i know beaucrats look at Native people with disdain but lets look at some obvious truths....

These are indigenous people to this land and have been forced from there lands, hunting grounds, sacred burial grounds, and the grounds for there religious ceremonies.

I firmly beleive this sort of action needs to stop!!!

Marc Newman
Shasta Lake Ca.

Response to Comments from Marc Newman

NEWM-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response CR-2, "Federal Recognition," and Master Comment Response CR-3, "Current Effects to Cultural Resources."

33.11.151 John Nishio

10/24/13

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Please do not raise Shasta Dam

NISH



Please do not raise Shasta Dam

John Nishio <jnnishio@gmail.com>
To: BOR-MPR-SLWRI@usbr.gov

Fri, Sep 27, 2013 at 1:07 PM

Katrina Chow
Project Manager
Reclamation, Planning Division
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825-1893

Dear Ms. Chow:

Please do not recommend that we raise Shasta Dam.

NISH-1

The amount of water that will be available from raising the dam is insignificant compared to our overall usage. Simple conservation will readily make up for the maximal amount that might be stored on a wet year.

NISH-2

The damage to Native American land is too great to proceed with raising the dam. The Winnemem Wintu lost much of their sacred land when the original reservoir flooded lands behind the existing Shasta Dam. Today, the Winnemem Wintu fight for access of the non-flooded areas, and the US Government, USFS in particular, has been harassing the tribe for attempting to conduct ceremonies on their land.

We cannot allow such treatment of a tribe.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Please do not raise Shasta Dam

NISH-3 Today, the salmon run beyond Shasta Dam remains non-existent. The damage to our fisheries from dams is well understood. Raising the dam won't impact our salmon, but construction of a fish ladder might be worth considering.

NISH-4

NISH-5 Please, the raising of Shasta Dam does not positively benefit enough Californians to rationalize the agony and pain it will cause to the Winnemem Wintu and us environmentalists, who know well that raising the dam is a sham.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Kind regards,

John N. Nishio



John N. Nishio, Ph.D., President

+1 530.588.0765

nishio@sol-dance.com

Response to Comments from John Nishio

NISH-1: Please refer to Master Comment Response ALTD-1, “Alternative Development – Water Supply Reliability,” Master Comment Response COST/BEN-3, “Increased Water Supply Reliability under Action Alternatives,” and Master Comment Response WSR-8, “Action Alternatives Don’t Meet All Water Demands.”

NISH-2: Please refer to Master Comment Response CR-3, “Current Effects to Cultural Resources,” and Master Comment Response CR-2, “Federal Recognition.”

NISH-3: Please refer to Master Comment Response FISHPASS-1, “Fish Passage Above Shasta Dam.”

NISH-4: Please refer to Master Comment Response FISHPASS-1, “Fish Passage Above Shasta Dam.”

NISH-5: Please refer to Master Comment Response GEN-1, “Comment Included as Part of the Record.”