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**ALTERNATIVE TO THE 2105 LG- PRATTVILLE INTAKE TEMPERATURE
CURTAIN AND THE BUTT LAKE TEMPERATURE CURTAIN.**

With respect to the P.G&E and all the involved Agencies regarding the 2105 L.G. projects, there seems to be a lack of scientific alternatives or plans to the temperature curtains being installed in lake Almanor-Butt lake.

The Maidu people are not convinced that all means of alternative methods has been studied to assess the ecological, economical, cultural, and historical impacts that these projects will do to the Maidu people. The studies has mostly been focused around and towards the thermal curtains.

After taking numerous trips to and along the tributaries that feed into the feather river, I was convinced that in stream management and restoration was critical to the cooling of temperatures in these water courses. Over the years of logging and shade canopy removal of over story protection has left stream courses open to warmer temperatures in the peak summer meteorology. Over the years fish has decreased along with fish habitat.

It has been clear that stewardship programs that has been put into place by the P.G&E has not played an affective roll in the protection of water course temperature levels and in stream protection measures. These projects has been looked over and the out-come is warmer water course temperature levels.

Tasmam Koyom has looked at the alternative solution of a joint effort in stream management and restoration program, along with the idea of a geological study of all artesian and under-ground natural springs as a source of tapping in or piping cold water to designated areas. after a three year water temperature study this idea could be a very viable source of cooling down water temperatures associated with the in- stream restoration and protection measures taken by adjoining agencies, and the divestiture programs designed by the P.G&E and the settlement agreement.

Also this long range program would be more cost effective to P.G&E and the rate payers as well as the economy of the community, Indian cultural sites and historical sites and land marks. This could be a land mark decision made by all participating agencies, individuals, and communities. The Indian people has been out-standing stewards of our

native American lands. We are here to preserve and to protect the few sites and ancestral lands that we have left. It is easy to destroy for profit, But it is harder to replace a unreplacable thing as our native American culture and heritage. The trust of our Maidu people will weigh heavy on the future decisions made on these projects.

The thermal curtain has not been 100% percent certain to succeed in cooling the water to the desired temperature. With the alternative solution it would be giving and not taking. there are other issues at hand With our Maidu people. There are Indian grave sites as well as village sites under the Prattville intake and surrounding area. This would play a unconditional negotiation factor in the dredging process. Before there were not laws made to protect these sites but with help from the federal Indian graves protection act, and the historical site protection act, and the Burton act, we can continue protecting these valuable ancestral sites.

I would encourage the P.G&E to hold a meeting with the Tasmam Koyom and all Maidu Tribes to clearly evaluate terms and conditions of these projects. There are also Indian sites in the Humbug Valley area that are being desecrated. there needs to be further protection of these sacred sites.

Tasmam Koyom feels that the warming of the water temperature stems from the tributaries of the feather river and not the lakes in general. the lakes seem to be the easiest solutions to the problems without evaluation of the final cost to P.G&E and the communities, as well as litigation costs that may arise from these proposals. hopefully we can come to these alternative solutions in a beneficial way that can abort further conflict. As for Tasmam Koyom Indian sanctuary Foundation we are open to all plans and ideas that may save our cultural and ancestral sites as well as the protection of our environment and economy of our Maidu people.

If anybody should need more information on the Indian sites in lake Almanor, or Butt lake, and Humbug Valley please contact:

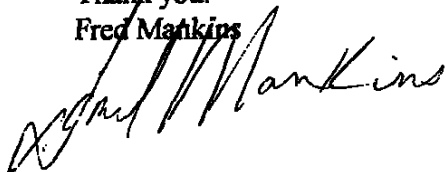
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To whom this may concern:

Tasmam Koyom Indian Sanctuary foundation - Has done an extensive evaluation and over view of some of the projects and proposals in the near future by P.G.&E and adjoining agencies.

It is in great interest to Tasmam Koyom that we and other tribal members be a part of and hold a seat on the E.R.C committee. Tasmam Koyom is requesting to have a member of our foundation on the governing board-committee. Hopefully working with other committee members we can achieve a native American out-look and view on all cultural and historical balances that is critical to our past and future of our miadu people.

Decisions made by the E.R.C. and participating agencies could further expand solid and more beneficial relationships with the Miadu People. We have gone to long with-out a voice in governing bodies that directly affect our past, present, as well as our future. Tasmam Koyom Indian Sanctuary foundation and other tribal members of the mountain miadu communities feel we would be a strong advocate on the governing board for the miadu people.

The issues at present of the thermal curtains and dredging in lake almanor and butte lake, and the divestiture process is critical to the protection and enhancement of the preservation of cultural and historical Indian sites. Tasmam Koyom will be involved through-out the process to insure Indian communities will not be ignored or pushed aside by other interest groups. Tasmam Koyom Indian Sanctuary Foundation has its own governing body for the Miadu people with the exception of other Miadu groups and their own governing bodies and there own agendas.

We would like to be a part of the stewardship committee to insure "beneficial public values" that could include donating lands back to the native American tribes which have cultural and ancestral ties to specific geographical areas. areas that are in the significant geographical area is the rock creek cresta #1962, Humbug Valley and the lake almanor, and butte lake areas as well as direct tributaries.

Tasmam Koyom believes that donations of lands and fund donations to the Native American communities and groups can be a grave effort to bridge the gap between the native American people and all associated agencies. lands and funds donated to the Miadu people would effectively enhance and protect stewardship of these lands.

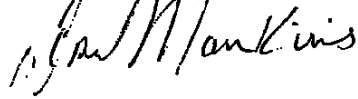
Tasmam Koyom Indian Sanctuary foundation has a large arena of participants involved in our programs. Geologists, biologists, fisheries experts, lands advisory counsel, and public relations advisors, cultural & historical director, watershed and instream restoration planning, silvicultural planning and site preparation, architectural protection. This is to insure the sound stewardships and the protection of Native Americans as well as public lands.

Thank you for your consideration of the native American Indians involvement in these proposal agreements and agendas set forth by the P.G.&E and adjoining agencies or individuals.

Thank You!

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