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MAIDU SUMMIT

Mountain Maidu Resolution of purpose regarding Lake Almanor otherwise known as Big Meadows

- Whereas:** The Maidu Summit Group is made up of 10 Mountain Maidu groups, organizations and tribes,
- Whereas:** These groups have come together in order to protect our Maidu Homeland and our Maidu cultural sites,
- Whereas:** Pacific, Gas & Electric is currently planning to install a thermal curtain at Lake Almanor that involves dredging on the bottom of the lake and two thermal curtains in Butt Valley Reservoir,
- Whereas:** These projects will impact Native American sites under the lake, including a known Native American cemetery under the lake out from Prattville,
- Whereas:** The Maidu Summit group believes there are other possible ways to achieve the PG&E goal of cooler water in the North Fork of the Feather River that will not impact the sites under the water in Lake Almanor and Butt Valley Reservoir,
- Therefore:** Let it be known that the signatories of this resolution have agreed to oppose the installation of thermal curtains at Lake Almanor or Butt Valley Reservoir

And let it be known that the signatories of this resolution have agreed to oppose any dredging of soil on the bottoms of Lake Almanor or Butt Valley Reservoir.

Also let it be known that the signatories of this resolution have agreed to support upstream restoration as an alternative way to cool the water in the North Fork of the Feather River.

This resolution was reached by consensus vote at a meeting of the Maidu Summit group on Saturday, August 28, 2004.

Signatories

Represented Groups, Organizations and Tribes:

- Big Meadows Maidu Historic Preservation
rep. Marvena Harris
- Greenville Indian Rancheria
rep. Adrian Mullen

Marvena Harris
(see Separate Resolution)

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SUSANVILLE INDIAN RANCHERIA

RESOLUTION NO. SU-BC-23-2004

**RE: OPPOSITION FOR INSTALLATION OF THERMAL CURTAIN
AT LAKE ALMANOR**

- WHEREAS,** the Susanville Indian Rancheria is a federally recognized Indian tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA); and
- WHEREAS,** the Susanville Indian Rancheria's General Council, which is composed of all voting members of the Tribe, at a duly called meeting held February 8, 1992 vested authority to the Tribal Business Council to enact resolutions and conduct business on behalf of the General Council, effective February 8, 1992; and
- WHEREAS,** the Susanville Indian Rancheria has an inherent right and responsibility to protect Native American cultural sites that affect its tribal members and other Native American tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Susanville Indian Rancheria is comprised of members that have ancestral ties to Big Meadows, an area that was flooded to form Lake Almanor; and
- WHEREAS,** Pacific, Gas & Electric is currently planning to install a thermal curtain at Lake Almanor that involves dredging on the bottom of the lake and two thermal curtains in Butt Valley Reservoir; and
- WHEREAS,** that these projects will impact Native American sites under the lake, including a known Native American cemetery under the lake out from Prattville; and
- WHEREAS,** the Susanville Indian Rancheria believes there are other possible ways to achieve the PG&E goal of cooler water in the North Fork of the Feather River that will not impact the sites under the later in Lake Almanor and Butt Valley Reservoir; and
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Susanville Indian Rancheria Tribal Business Council has agreed to oppose the installation of thermal curtains at Lake Almanor or Butte Valley Reservoir; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Susanville Indian Rancheria Tribal Business Council has agreed to oppose any dredging of soil from the bottoms of Lake Almanor or Butte Valley Reservoir, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Susanville Indian Rancheria Tribal Business Council as agreed to support upstream restoration as an alternative way to cool the water in the North Fork of the Feather River.

CERTIFICATION

We, hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Susanville Indian Rancheria Tribal Business Council at a duly called meeting with a quorum of present held September 15, 2004 with a vote of 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstain.

ATTEST;


Davon Joseph
Secretary/Treasurer


Stacy Dixon
Tribal Chairman

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TASMAM KOYOM INDIAN SANCTUARY FOUNDATION

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September 16, 2004

ALTERNATIVE TO THE 2105 L.G- 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 unreplaceable 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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Thank you.
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