



WINNEMEM WINTU TRIBE

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**Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force
Delta Vision Strategic Plan Draft
Comments:**

To the Honorable Members of the Blue Ribbon Task Force

The Winnemem Wintu Tribe is an historical California Tribe whose traditional tribal lands in Shasta and Siskiyou Counties range from Mt. Shasta down to confluence of the Sacramento, Pit, and McCloud Rivers covering the territory from the Eastern Side of the Sacramento River, including all of the McCloud River, over to the Lower Pit River. Much of the traditional lands of the Winnemem Wintu currently lie under the existing Shasta Lake, from inundation when Shasta Dam was completed in 1947, and the lake filled.

There is a clause in the proposed draft Strategic Plan, the greatly concerns the Winnemem Wintu, and was not present during the vetting of the pre-draft dialogue that the Winnemem Wintu Representatives were a party to. The Winnemem Wintu are members of the Delta Vision Stakeholders Advisory Group. This particular line item seems to have been "SLIPPED IN" under the wire: That item is "Action 9.6, Page 63, Para 32:"

**32 If found to be feasible by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and not in conflict with
33 P.R.C 5093.542, the legislature should provide for the State's participation in a
34 recommended project to enlarge Shasta Lake.**

Because of the Bureau of Reclamation's failure to meet its LEGAL obligations under 55 STAT 612, which essential authorized the building of Shasta Dam, the State of California has taken the prudent role of removing itself from that project, because of the very serious legal ramifications that may ensue.

Because of the damage the original implementation of Shasta Dam did to the Cultural, Spiritual, and Historical resources of the Winnemem Wintu Tribe, and the total devastation (or non-existence) of any Salmon populations on the McCloud, Pit, and Upper Sacramento Rivers – the State of California has taken the prudent path of removing itself from this project to protect against any further damage to Californians Cultural, Historical, and Natural Resources.

This item should be REMOVED from the draft, and not even considered if and until the legal obligations under 55 STAT 612 of the US Department of Interior, and the Bureau of Reclamation are resolved.

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