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County of Lake Board of Supervisors

Re: Item 6.7 on the calendar for 2/25/2025

Is it the role of FERC to align exclusively with the interests of PG&E?

There are several outcomes to PG&E's proposed Scott Dam Decommissioning.

One is that FERC recognizes that the destruction of this project is not in the public's interest and directs PG&E to continue with the project AS IS. At 50 cents per KW for the power generated, PG&E should be able to maintain this project. 9.4 Megawatts of power – enough to power almost 2,000 homes.

Another outcome could be that FERC directs PG&E to give the facilities to interested parties. This would of course take power generation off the table, which is the only reason FERC is involved. It would also be done at NO COST to rate payers or PG&E and have no adverse impact on the environment.

Who would take over and maintain Scott Dam? Lake County, Army Corp of Engineers, National Forest Service, the Russian River / Sonoma County group, or perhaps another Joint Powers Resolution?

Cape Horn Dam. No matter what happens to Scott Dam, it makes no sense, that Cape Horn Dam be removed, as PG&E has already agreed that the water diversion to the Russian River in Potter Valley should continue. Cape Horn Dam has a perfectly good Fish Ladder, which allows fish to go over the dam and on up the Eel River. When comparing the fish counts on Tomki Creek, a few miles below the dam, to the fish going up the fish ladder, they have corresponded proportionally for many decades, demonstrating that the Dam is not an impediment to fish going upriver.

The politics of it all. Seems our congressman, state representatives, and Governor have, in this case, forgotten who their constituents are, and what another bad drought would look like.

And, yes, I have lived on the Eel River for 35 years.

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