

Barnes, Peter@Waterboards

From: Eli Ren [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 23, 2013 2:45 PM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: Pit River Summer Releases.

Dear Mr. Barnes,

I am writing in regards to the proposal to cancel summer releases on the Pit River. As a kayaker and resident of CA, I value the Pit as a source of whitewater recreation and would be severely disappointed if summer flows were to be permanently canceled. I also feel that the basis for canceling the flows is not based on sound scientific evidence. I value biological diversity more than most, but the evidence clearly does not point to summer releases as the cause of invasive crayfish out-competing the Shasta Crayfish. The decline in Shasta Crayfish populations throughout the Pit River basin (where no such releases occurred), should be clear evidence that other causes are to blame, and that canceling such releases would do nothing to solve the problem. I feel that PG&E's motives in requesting the cancellations are more about corporate profits than they are about saving native crayfish populations. If you reexamine the evidence, I think you will find that releases are not significantly contributing to the decline in native crayfish populations, and other factors play a far larger roll. I hope that PG&E's request will be denied, and ask that summer releases on the Pit resume as soon as further study shows that summer releases are not to blame. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Eli Ren

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