commentletters - Once through cooling interested parties

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Dear RWQCB,

As we live in an era of expensive energy, why is dumping heat in the water bodies adjacent to power plants allowed to continue?

This warm water needs to be passed through heat exchangers to reclaim the BTU's for secondary purposes & turn this waste to a productive resource.

For example, Moss Landing power plant dumps its heat in Monterey Bay. If this heat was scavenged by heat exchangers that heat could be sold to greenhouses built on land the tank farm occupied and sold to provide all season warmth to compete with imported flower growers.

Voila, a revenue source and new jobs where a waste stream of heat pollution once held sway.

Once through cooling is a waste of energy in addition to being thermal pollution.

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