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**To:** Barnes, Peter@Waterboards; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Pit 1 flushing/whitewater flows

Hello Mr. Barnes,

It is my understanding that you are taking public comment on recreational flow releases for the Pit River above Pit Powerhouse #1. I would love to add my two cents and ask that it be made as part of public record for any official part of your decision making for the Pit and releases.

I have been paddling for over 42 years now and have always enjoyed paddling the Pit River. I have boated much of the drainage from as far east as the West Valley Lake and the river below that. Other runs I have done were from Highway 395 to 299. And from 299 to near Canby to Lookout Road. My regular runs are Fall River Mills to Pit 1 and below Pit 1 to Lake Britton. When you folks offered the opportunity to do Britton to Pit 3, Pit 3 to Pit 4 and Pit 4 to Pit 5 I also went and enjoyed those as well. Looking back it is an incredible shame that so much really enjoyable whitewater is behind dams and not available to the public for recreation in the Pit drainage. It seems to be that this issue should be larger than just Fall River Mills to Pit 1. You control one hell of a lot of water and basically only Pit 1 to Highway 299 is all you share with the paddling public.

Do you really think that is how it should be? #@%& the public, we only care about power generation and obscene profits that we make from publicly owned water? You folks need to re think your vision of the world. It should not be all about you and your profits at our expense.

You control one hell of a lot of publicly owned land and river bed, dry river bed, owned by the public. Maybe if you actually cared about crawfish and other river creatures you would allow them to live in an environment that predates your presence in the Pit River canyons.

Last time I looked all the river and creek beds of this state belong to the public. Not you, both of us, that means maybe you should learn to share more with your partners on this planet. That means fish, crawdads, river side environments, paddlers, campers and all the rest of us. Not just your share holders and overcharged power clients.

Thanks for your time. You probably think I am upset at your decision making options. I am. I realize that you are a state official and not a public utility but you also need to see that power companies are using our water and have for years de watered our rivers and creeks for profit and have incredible impunity from responsibility for the damage that they do to rivers and every creature and plant that they affect. They need to share what they call "their water" with the rest of us. PG and E need to start sharing water along the whole river with the public and riverside environment all the way to Lake Shasta. Not just Fall River Mills to Pit 1.