

LETTER E



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Re: McArthur/Burney Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration Review

Dear Billie:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration dated October 30, 2001, related to Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Shasta County Land Transfers (McArthur/Burney). We have two comments:

1. Page IV-7 contains the following sentence: "The Transfer prevents the repair of existing failed levee system resulting in the habitat." This is an incomplete sentence and we suggest it either be deleted, or else modified to read as follows: "The terms of the transfer deed restrict the repair of the existing failed levee system." E-1
2. Page IV-9 contains the following sentence: "Materials placed in the water for levee repair or improvement would be less favorable for Shasta crayfish habitat (i.e., lava cobble), avoiding the creation of substrate habitat unsuitable to Shasta crayfish than imported materials, and thus minimize continued degradation of Shasta crayfish habitat near their existing populations or their habitat." The word "less" should be deleted from the above sentence. E-2

If you have any questions regarding the above comments, please call me at 415/972-5708.

Thank you,

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