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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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SUBJ: New Don Pedro Project #2299-057

Dear Secretary Bose:

The Yokuts Group of the Sierra Club has a keen interest in the health of the Tuolumne River. We have regular hikes along portions of the river and participate in all public opportunities to enhance its health and beauty.

We have been told that the California Department of Fish and Game has proposed a hatchery for the Lower Tuolumne River for salmon. While we would like to have larger numbers of salmon in the river every year, we know that the history of hatcheries is not good. The trend in published literature is fully opposed to hatcheries, as are we.

We oppose a hatchery because we expect the results will be a hatchery fishery and not a wild fishery. We support any activities that will benefit the river, but a hatchery will ultimately harm the river leading to an artificially managed and supported salmon run.

Please do not support a hatchery for the Lower Tuolumne River. Those of us who love the river do not want to see its potential undermined by a hatchery.

Sincerely,

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cc:
Friends of the Tuolumne
Tuolumne River Trust

