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October 11, 2011

Mr. Charles A. Rich, Chief
Enforcement Unit #3
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, California 95812-2000

Re: Department of Fish and Game Letter Dated October 3, 2011

Dear Mr. Rich,

Lassen County is in receipt of the letter dated October 3, 2011 from California Department of Fish and Game that requests you "assert your regulatory authority and require the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to close the valve on the pipe in the Bly Tunnel".

In the October 3rd letter Fish and Game states "We believe that low lake levels have impacted Eagle Lake's ecology and the survival of Eagle Lake rainbow trout".

In the interest of preserving public trust resources, the Board of Supervisors urges you to act swiftly regarding the valve closure. We are requesting that the valve be closed by November 1st 2011.

We are also recommending measures be made that will ensure the valve can't be tampered with once closed. At present it would be relatively easy to re-open a closed valve. We recommend you consider this potential problem of valve tampering and how to safeguard against it. One option would be to cut off (flush) the (two) protruding valve activators that currently allow one to open or close the valves at random. (*Refer to attachment "valve" see circled portion*)

Please keep us informed regarding your notice to BLM (including time frame) on closing the valve.

We sincerely appreciate the attention you have given to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian D. Dahle".

Brian Dahle, Vice-Chairman
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

Attachments:

1. *Department of Fish and Game letter dated October 3rd 2011 addressed to State Water Resource Board*
2. *Picture titled "valve"*
3. *Picture titled "pipe"*

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