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**PETITION SIGNED BY 6,469 LOCAL RESIDENTS IS HAND DELIVERED
TO FERC IN WASHINGTON BY BILL CONNELLY, BUTTE COUNTY SUPERVISOR.**

PRESS CONFERENCE AT 11 AM FRIDAY APRIL 5TH AT THE OROVILLE FISH HATCHERY

The Petition 'TO HOLD THE DWR ACCOUNTABLE' with letters on recreation and safety protesting, and giving notice of intention to intervene, in the licensing of the Oroville Dam. The DWR has a dismal record in both honoring commitments to provide recreation facilities and in implementing safety recommendations.

RECREATION: the letter:

- States that
'Fifteen years is too long for a poorly facilitated and misguided license application to sit while significant changes in climate and dam operations occurred'
and asks for a new licensing process.
- Asks for an updated procedure for joint DWR/Community planning of recreation development.
- Suggests that underdeveloped land around the lake would better serve the public if it were in private hands or managed by a public/private partnership.

Contrary to the DWR's recent statement that *'What you're balancing is water supply with flood prevention'*, we believe that safety is paramount.

SAFETY: the letter:

- Emphasizes that the DWR must focus on *'safety not compliance'*
- Asks that the DWR be required to implement the recommendations of the IFT report on the spillway failure which include: *'A comprehensive analysis of the relevant human and organizational factors.... with particular focus on deferred maintenance policies and the organization's ability to deal with unexpected events.'*
- Stresses that our safety requires firm oversight by truly independent regulators.
- Notes that allowing the lake to be filled above the spillway gates in the face of near record snow in the mountains, forecasts of warm rain storms, untested spillways and decrepit spillway gates exposes us to unnecessary and unknowable risks.

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Documents available : https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/file_list.asp?accession_num=20190401-5262
or : www.notjustaspillway.com

To arrange an interview with Bill Connelly contact 530 538 6934

The Feather River Recovery Alliance is dedicated to the establishment of trust in the DWR,
without which Oroville and the Valley will remain blighted.