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**Trinity Lake
Revitalization Alliance, Inc.**
North Trinity Lake, California

June 1, 2011

The Honorable Doc Hastings, Chair
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Edward Markey
Natural Resources Committee
2108 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom McClintock, Chair
Water and Power Subcommittee
428 Cannon HOB
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Water and Power Subcommittee
1610 HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Opposition to House Bill 1837

Dear Natural Resource Committee members:

The Trinity Lake Revitalization Alliance strongly opposes H.R. 1837, the San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act, and asks you to not support this inequitable and damaging legislation. We are a community organization representing the 790 people and businesses surrounding Trinity Lake, which is one of the three major water sources in the Central Valley Project.

A mandate to supply scarce and over-allocated water to users with junior water rights, over the rights of county of origin, will further damage the fragile economy of the North Trinity Lake area. After losing our base forest economy due to ever-changing federal policy, our economic vitality is now tied directly to the reservoir's water level and the fishery in the Trinity River for eco-tourism.

After three years of drought combined with unprecedented reservoir draw-downs, job losses in the Trinity Lake area devastated our community. It is incredibly unfair to over-commit Trinity water yet again for the benefit of the San Joaquin Valley at the expense of jobs in Trinity County.

According to the latest data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Trinity County has a higher unemployment rate than both San Joaquin and Fresno Counties. Over the last ten years, Trinity County has consistently ranked in the top five counties for unemployment. H.R. 1837 will divert even more water and simply devastate our region.

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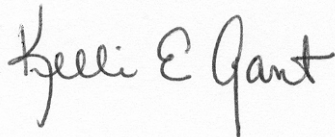
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While the people of Trinity County and the North Trinity Lake region work hard to diversify our economy and create jobs that do not rely on tourism, logging, and mining, our citizens should not be put further at risk for the benefit of the San Joaquin Valley with lower unemployment.

The allocation of water in California is a delicate balance – thus, the cumulative impact on the entire state must be considered in any allocation decision.

For all of these reasons, we strongly urge you not to proceed with H.R. 1837 and divert more water to the San Joaquin Valley. Instead, we ask that you encourage and support the people of Trinity County and the San Joaquin to diversify their economies away from unsustainable industries and thereby create jobs that will survive California's natural resource crisis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelli E Gant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ms. Kelli Gant, president
Trinity Lake Revitalization Alliance

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