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Oct. 12, 2010 — Susanville Mayor Lino Callegari said he is concerned the practice of cloud seeding in the Shasta and Lake Almanor regions of the state may be part of the reason why Lake Almanor has such low water levels.

Callegari brought his concern before the rest of the Susanville city council as the last item at its Oct. 6 meeting.

“Eagle Lake, the Thule Lake Basin, Pyramid Lake, they’re not getting the precipitation they need to get,” Callegari said. “It’s all being dropped on the other side of the mountain. If you get it on the eastern slope of the Sierra, Shasta Lake is completely full, and so is Lake Almanor.”

The basic definition of cloud seeding as it was discussed at the meeting is the process of injecting specific chemicals into the upper part of clouds to stimulate rain.

Callegari said he wanted to get some support in getting more involved with the cloud seeding issue. He said he believed that because of the process, rain was dropping before clouds could make it over the western slope of the Sierra mountain range separating the region from the east. His chief concern was the loss of Eagle Lake because of the lack of rain.

Callegari asked Interim City Administrator and City Attorney Peter Talia to draft a letter to the State Assemblyman Dan Logue to see if there was anything that could be done as far as cloud seeding is concerned.

Callegari also mentioned the seeding was being carried out by Pacific Gas and Electric.