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Welcome to the Project 2105 Committee home page. The Committee is comprised of a small group of residents in the Lake Almanor area who are actively working to ensure that the new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license for Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) 2105 hydro electric project contains provisions that recognizes the importance of the project, and in particular the lake, to the Lake Almanor area.

Project 2105 is owned and operated by PG&E and regulated by the FERC through a 50 year license that will expire on October 31, 2004. FERC is expected to issue a new 30 to 40 year license to PG&E within the next few years. The Committee has developed goals that if incorporated in the new FERC license will:

- ensure a reasonable summer time water level for Lake Almanor
- require monitoring of the lake to maintain water quality
- provide increased public access to the lake
- require PG&E to invest in recreation facilities, some of which will be constructed prior to the issuance of the new FERC license
- mitigate the ongoing erosion of the Lake Almanor shoreline
- provide for a safety policy for those who use the lake for recreation

The Project 2105 Committee is actively participating in the 2105 Licensing Group, a group of interested parties working collaboratively to reach agreement on outstanding licensing issues. The final settlement agreement was reached in March 2004 and was executed by the Parties in April 2004. The final settlement agreement is expected to provide the basis of license articles that FERC will include in the new Project 2105 FERC license.

With the settlement agreement completed, several issues remain unresolved including the term of the license (30, 40, or 50 years), whether PG&E has the right to erode the shoreline of Lake Almanor, and the release of cold water from Lake Almanor to enhance the fisheries in the Feather River downstream of the lake.

Project 2105 includes Lake Almanor, Butt Valley Reservoir, and Butt Valley, Caribou 1&2, Belden, and Oak Flat powerhouses. The center piece of the project is Lake Almanor which is located about 30 miles south of Mt. Lassen, the southern-most volcano in the Cascade Range. At a full reservoir elevation of 4494 feet, Lake Almanor contains over 1 million acre-feet of water storage with a shore line of 52 miles

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