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### **PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER IMPACTS OF THE LAKE OROVILLE PROJECT ON BUTTE COUNTY**

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Lake Oroville Project was released by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on September 29, 2006. Under federal law, FERC is required to hold a public hearing in or near the area of the Project to take public testimony about the DEIS. FERC will hold this public hearing on **Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.** The public hearing will be held at the **State Theater** located at **1489 Myers Street, Oroville, California.**

Butte County's concerns are significant and well documented. This information can be obtained from Butte County's website: [www.buttecounty.net](http://www.buttecounty.net). As the host community for the Project, Butte County seeks to have the operational impacts to County public safety, roads, and health and human service departments mitigated, for the State to reimburse Butte County for the property taxes that were lost when the Project property was taken from the tax rolls, and for the State to provide 2% of the power generated at the local level for economic development.

**Butte County residents suffer when funding available to provide County services are diverted to the Lake Oroville Project.** This is a unique opportunity for the public to express its concerns about the DEIS and the Project, as proposed by the California Department of Water Resources. Butte County hopes that you will plan to attend this public hearing to make your voice heard.

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