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A P P E A R A N C E S

Sara Katz,
Meeting Moderator

Aly Forsythe,
Sites Environmental Planning and Permitting
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Vanessa King,
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Sarah Rossetto,
Q&A Monitor

Mike Hendrick,
Fisheries Biologist

1 memo, heads of federal agencies and departments, he
2 emphasizes the importance and intentions of advancing
3 equity for Indigenous people, with commitments to ensure
4 that federal agencies conduct regular, meaningful, and
5 robust consultation with tribes. To date, consultation
6 efforts have been neither regular, meaningful, nor
7 robust. We urge the Commission to not move forward with
8 this project.

9 Thank you.

10 SARA KATZ: Our next speaker will be Nicole N.
11 Diti (phonetic). And if you could please state your
12 name, spell it, any organization, and unmute yourself.

13 NICOLE PANDITI: Hi. I'm Nicole Panditi. I
14 am just a citizen who is concerned by this project. I
15 urge the Commission not to move forward with this
16 project. As the very eloquent speaker before me stated,
17 it's completely unacceptable to overrule native burial
18 grounds, native ceremonial sites, and create, basically,
19 what would be a water project that's not needed or
20 helpful and would threaten the drinking sources, the
21 drinking water quality of so many other Californians.
22 This project is -- it's not needed and -- and it should
23 not move forward.

24 That's all I have to say. Thank you.

25 SARA KATZ: Thank you, Nicole.