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Judge Rejects Further Attempt to Restrict Shasta Dam Operations

The Court's denial reaffirms that emergency relief is based on legal analysis, not politicized disagreements over water operations.

Sacramento, CA — On Monday, August 3, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California denied a request for a preliminary injunction that would have unnecessarily restricted planned operations at Shasta Dam by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. This marks the second time this Court has rejected these opponents' attempts to force the Bureau to modify Shasta Dam operations and undermine affordable water for residents and California agriculture.

Last month, the [Court denied a request for a temporary restraining order](#), finding that the Bureau's operational plans represented a reasonable interpretation of the 2024 Endangered Species Act biological opinion.

Statement from Jennifer Pierre, General Manager of the State Water Contractors:

"The Court's decision is a victory for the rule of law and reinforces a rational approach to California's critical water management decisions.

"The State Water Contractors applaud this decision and will keep supporting measures that maximize water availability for communities and farms while protecting environmental resources. While opponents continue to fail with their meritless attacks, this decision is a reminder that the law is on the side of science-based water management."

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