

## **The community voices concerns about the raising of Shasta Dam**

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REDDING, Calif. — The company working to raise Shasta Dam heard from people the project would impact the most, Wednesday.

During the comment period, people were voicing major concerns. If the plan to add 18.5 feet of water goes forth, several properties will end up under water. Other were concerned about the salmon and native tribes.

The meeting happened at the Holiday Inn in Redding. The Westlands Water District started with a presentation to a packed room about the potential plan for the dam.

The presentation explained that there could be alternatives to the plan, maybe raising it just 12.5 feet or even 6.5

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Some Shasta Lake residents however, don't know if their concerns will make a difference.

"We should always take advantage of the opportunities of American democracy," said Ronald Stork with Friends of the River. "Whether or not it will matter to Westland Water District, which is after all not from around here, I don't know. I think ultimately the only thing that will matter is what the law is."

He goes on to say there are laws against the proposed plans and we will hear more about those laws as plans continue.

If you would like to send written comments about the project, you must submit them to the "Shasta Dam Raise Project" before January 4.

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