

Placer County may be in for another dam fight

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A dam on the Bear River that would inundate hundreds of acres of seemingly protected foothills oak woodland is finding no support from the Nevada Irrigation District or Placer Land Trust.

A Sutter County water agency has started a low-key study that's raising Placer County eyebrows. It follows past failed efforts to build a dam on the river and inundate parts of both Nevada and Placer counties.

Jeff Darlington, Placer Land Trust executive director, said the dam would flood about a third of the 912-acre Garden Bar Reserve his organization secured a conservation easement on two years ago.

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