

## **Barnes, Peter@Waterboards**

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**From:** ART & BEV <artbaker1@frontiernet.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 18, 2015 7:00 PM  
**To:** Barnes, Peter@Waterboards  
**Subject:** Please DO NOT take cold water from LAKE ALMANOR

Dear Mr. Barnes:

We are sickened at the thought of taking cold water from Lake Almanor to travel down the Feather River to Lake Oroville where it will have no significant impact on the temperature of the water there or along the way. Sun exposure and warmer temperatures in the lower elevations will warm the Lake Almanor water along the way for no worthwhile gain while seriously damaging Lake Almanor by raising the water temperature and, ultimately, the flora and fauna therein.

The logic sounds the same as, “Your child studying hard, staying out of trouble and earning straight A’s while the druggies are out behind the bleachers smoking pot and receiving F’s. But, that isn’t fair so we will take all the A’s and divide them up with all the F’s so everyone gets C’s.” That is just wrong! How boring would our world be if everyone and everything was the same?

Cycles of drought are common in California and far beyond the control of humans. Deeper water will return to Lake Oroville as it always has and, with the deeper water, the lower water temperatures will return. Greater amounts of runoff from rain and snow in the higher elevations will return increasing the flow in the Feather River and, again, lowering its temperature. It’s all part of nature.

Lake Almanor has wonderful varieties of fish and wildlife different from Lake Oroville or the Feather River. Lake Almanor is one of the few high mountain cooler lakes and should be allowed to remain as such.

Please, please do not proceed with the Lake Almanor Thermal Curtain project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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