

## **Barnes, Peter@Waterboards**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015 6:30 AM  
**To:** 'peter.barnes@waterboards.ca.gov'  
**Subject:** Thermal Curtain

RE: Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFR Project NO 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

My concern is that Alternatives 1 and 2 will have a devastating negative impact on our community & surrounding communities, local economy, and our environment.

I strongly disagree with the statement that increasing the water temperatures of Lake Almanor will not have a “substantial impact”. With several years of drought I have seen firsthand the negative effects that an increase in water temperature has on the lake. We are experiencing more algae than in the past, which in turn reduces the clarity of the lake. I fear that any activity that further reduces cold water in the lake will greatly reduce the cold water fisheries that have made Lake Almanor one of the best fishing destinations in the State of California. Increased water temperatures, increased algae, and reduced fisheries will have a devastating negative impact on the local economy, When I consider all of the negative impacts this project will have on the local economy and environment, I wonder what the impact will have on my quality of life and property value as well as others. I myself & others have a lot invested @ lake Almanor & would hate to lose this due to a bad decision. I am OPPOSED to Alternatives 1 & 2, as described in the Draft EIR, and I believe that pursuing these Alternatives is unreasonable and reckless. I urge the State Water Board to only consider the PG&E project, as submitted and approved in the Settlement Agreement of April 22, 2004, without the additional release of cold water from Lake Almanor.

**"NOT A DROP OF OUR COLD WATER"**



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