

## **Barnes, Peter@Waterboards**

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**From:** Doug Bui <dougbui@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 21, 2015 2:20 PM  
**To:** Barnes, Peter@Waterboards  
**Subject:** Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFR Project NO 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

Below are my comments regarding the draft EIR.

I have been a resident of Lake Almanor for more than 10 years. During this time, I have fished the Lake quite extensively. My children, grandchildren and many of their friends have also fished the Lake. This has been a great experience for them and one that they will remember for years to come and hopefully will pass along to others.

My concern has to do with several items. One has to do with the thermal curtain and its affect on the water temperature. The Lake is not a deep water lake and its water temperature can easily be affected by any change in its temperature. As you know the fish like the cold water springs which are throughout the Lake. The curtain will increase the water temperature of the Lake and will warm up the water around the springs. Lake Almanor is one the finest fishing lakes in California. **Anything** that reduces the cold water will have a negative impact on the Lake. The Draft EIR is wrong when it says that increased water temperature will not have a substantial impact. At least the EIR recognizes there will be an impact. The increased water temperature, increased algae and reduce fishing will have a negative economic impact on the area. The final draft of the Lake Almanor Water Quality Report, 2015 concurs with my concerns.

There will also be a significant impact on the local economy. The Lake is one of the major attractions for people vacationing and living here. Mt. Lassen by itself is not a strong enough attraction to be the economic engine of Chester and the surrounding area. People from all over come here to fish.

There is **no guarantee** that the thermal curtain will reduce the down river water temperature by 1 degree. Neither Alternatives 1 and 2 can make such a guarantee. Both of these Alternatives will have a serious impact on the fishing and economic viability of the area. I am adamantly opposed to both of them and believe the PG&E project as approved in April 22, 2004 without the additional release of cold water from the Lake is the best course of action.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Regards,

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