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Subject: Save Lake Almanor

Dear Mr Barnes,

We have been homeowners at Lake Almanor since 2000 . Prior to buying we rented for over 13 years, specifically to go fishing and enjoy water activities. We have pictures with our kids holding long stringers of trout and bass, boating and swimming in Rec 1. Now I can't even take my grandkids to Rec 1 because there are warnings of skin infections from the water. The lake is clearly under stress and cannot tolerate a further increase in temperature from removing cold water from its depths.

We are avid kayakers, boaters, and fisherman and can personally attest to the significant increase in the algae present in the water. By August it is very disconcerting to paddle through a green film. We see tiny dead fish floating on the surface. The lake is relatively low and warm. It continues to move in the direction of being more and more distressed and unhealthy. We need to be doing everything possible, including increasing our monitoring of septic tanks and run off or we'll end up with waters that look like Clear Lake even if for different reasons. We certainly do not need to be adding further stress by removing cold water from the lake's limited depths.

Each year between May and the end of November we have on average 20 guests per month and over 75% or those come to fish at the lake.

Regardless of being a man made lake it is one of the few large bodies of water in California that provides habitat for fish, fresh water otters, geese, grebes, osprey and eagles to name but a few of our local wildlife. With the deterioration of the water the fish and the wild life they support are at risk.

In addition to providing support for California's wildlife the enjoyment of fishing, kayaking and boating is already in jeopardy from the drought. Pulling what little cold water we have is going to exacerbate the situation. Doing any of these activities in green water with algae bloom is a huge detriment to wanting to go to the lake. If people are not drawn to coming to Lake Almanor the surrounding communities of Chester, Westwood and Clear Creek who rely on the seasonal activities will continue to shrink. These towns are clearly

under stress now from the recent poor economical downturn. In turn the seasonal homeowners need those communities to have necessary services such as stores, repairs and restaurants. It is a symbiotic relationship and the driving factor is a healthy environment. Although the lake is man made it is the most vital asset to the local community, the wild life and the visitors to the area . It is in fact a valuable asset to California and needs to be appreciated and protected.

The Draft EIR and the proposed alternatives do not offer significant impact to help the water temperatures downstream and the fish population. It will have a significant detrimental effect on our personal use and enjoyment of the lake, our property value and our local communities. We are opposed to Alternatives 1 and 2 as described in the Draft EIR. We 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 .

We strongly hope , pray and encourage you to protect Lake Almanor. It is a gem.

Sincerely,
Linda and Dave Burger
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