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To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: Lake Almanor Thermal Curtain Project

Mr. Barnes,

I am a resident of the Lake Almanor Peninsula and would like to send you my thoughts on the Project that I believe could change our lake and communities in ways that could have long lasting negative impact. I am sure you have received many of these emails so I will try to be brief but succinct:

- I have researched several of the state archives for similar thermal curtain projects that can be considered “successful” in terms of achieving desired objectives and cannot find any.
- A project of this scope can have long term risks that are not known at this time and have unintended consequences.
- Economic conditions in our communities are on a downward spiral but one of the few attractions in our county is fishing, drawing fisherman from all over the state to enjoy the chance to catch a large trout in Lake Almanor, or one of our other lakes that have been drawing tourists, filling hotels and grocery and tackle stores for decades.
- A quick tour of our county will provide evidence of shrinking business activity, high rates of closed businesses and vacant buildings, schools in need of repair, lost timber dollars from the federal government and excessive real estate for sale.
- Most citizens now have the opinion that environmental and natural science projects are motivated by political reasons, not honest concern for the environment.
- We are currently in the 3rd year of a 7 year dry cycle that will continue to lower lake levels and warm the water of Lake Almanor and surrounding waters.
- Some good alternatives have been recommended to your board that would not have all of the risks listed above because they would be much more localized to the Feather River.
- P.G.&E will pass these project costs on to its customers and to most of us this is simply adding insult to injury.

Please consider these facts and render this project much too risky for a 2 * water temperature change in an area that has no benefit to the citizens that live around it.

Sincerely,

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