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From: Mark Crager <mark.crager@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 11:25 AM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: Strong Opposition to the Proposed Thermal Curtain

Hello Mr. Barnes:

I sure you have received many emails with the verbiage below. I am a property owner in the Lake Almanor Country Club and my family has been enjoying Lake Almanor since my grandfather bought a cabin by Plumas Pines in the late 1940's. Lake Almanor is a pristine lake and we need to keep it that way. We have seen what happens when water temperatures are altered - it's called "Clear Lake" and we want nothing like that.

The expense of this project and the overall affect are very suspect. We don't need to damage the current lake conditions and cause additional reasons for local businesses to struggle.

PLEASE STOP ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE THERMAL CURTAIN INITIATIVE. WE PROTESTED THIS SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND IT KEEPS COMING BACK. THANK YOU.

I thank you for providing me the opportunity to provide feedback on the above mentioned project. My concern is that Alternatives 1 and 2 will have a devastating negative impact on my community, the surrounding communities, the local economy, and the environment.

My main issue with the Draft EIR is that I find very little in the report regarding the impacts this project, and the proposed Alternatives, will have on the quality of my life. I strongly disagree with the statement that increasing the water temperatures of Lake Almanor will not have a "substantial impact". I live here and my personal experience has been contrary to your findings. 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. My observations are supported by data in the final draft of the Lake Almanor Water Quality Report, 2015.

Increased water temperatures, increased algae, and reduced fisheries will have a devastating negative impact on the local economy, which is dependent upon tourism and already suffering. When I consider all of the negative impacts this project will have on the local economy and environment, I wonder what the impact will be on my quality of life and property value. Will more local businesses close? Will I lose needed services, such as our hospital, as a result of a worsening local economy? Will we lose the one thing that has brought us all here – the enjoyment of Lake Almanor?

In conclusion, 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.

Sincerely,

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