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From: Tracey Delaplain, MD <tdelaplainmd@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 9:51 PM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards; Mark Miller
Subject: Thermal Curtain is bad for Almanor.

Dear Mr. Barnes,

Please follow the money. Who stands to make a big profit on this thermal curtain? Contractors? Who will actually benefit? The fish at Almanor will not benefit. The property owners will not. Tourism will not.

This email expresses my concern with the Draft EIR and proposed thermal curtain on Lake Almanor and urges you to terminate the installation plans. As a tax paying lakefront home owner on Lake Almanor for over ten years, and the location used for our family vacations for over 25 years, we enjoy waterskiing, swimming, appreciate the wildlife that the lake sustains, and love to fish the lake. Installing the curtain will be toxic for wildlife, including the fish that we consume. It will also have detrimental effects to tourism business at Lake Almanor, and decrease home owner property values.

In addition to the health concerns the thermal curtain will degrade the aesthetics of the natural beauty of the lake. The eye sore will discourage people from visiting the lake, resulting in them visiting other lakes nearby that have more natural beauty, and ultimately harming the many small businesses that thrive off of the local tourism economy.

For similar reasons, the curtain will degrade property.

For these reasons, please reconsider the installation of the thermal curtain, which would have so many negative costs for Lake Alamanor in exchange for unproven claims of improvement downstream. The thermal curtain construction and maintenance is extremely costly for California taxpayers, in a State that can't currently pay the bills it already owes. Installing the thermal curtain is costly and foolish at best, with HUGE potential downsides, for a likely minimal and uncertain outcome.

Thank you for taking the time to rethink this travesty.

Sincerely,

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