

Dear Mr. Barnes,

I am adamantly opposed to the Water Board staff recommendation in the draft EIR. Those of us who have spent any length of time near Lake Almanor are already aware that the lake temperatures have increased over the past few years, with noticeable changes to the fishery and ecosystem. The idea of draining away any of Almanor's cold water to produce a marginal benefit downstream is nonsensical. Lake Almanor, the communities surrounding it, and the people who make their livings there would all be directly—and significantly—impacted by this proposal.

The SWRCB is proposing the Canyon Dam tower and Prattville tower be repaired and altered to take the coldest water from Lake Almanor. They are proposing that flows of the cold water be increased from June 15 through September 15th at a rate of 250cfs, which is a higher flow than is customary. Furthermore, it is at the SWRCB's own discretion whether or not to install THERMAL CURTAINS.

SWRCB own science shows that the cold water they plan to remove from Lake Almanor is not sufficient to lower the water downstream to desired temperature in normal or dry years—and we are in the third year of a major drought with no end in sight. Therefore, neither the changes to the flows from the towers nor the thermal curtain itself is likely to achieve the goal. Our lake, our fish, our community needs Lake Almanor's cold water.

Reducing the cold water pool in Lake Almanor will result in a warmer lake and increased algae blooms, impacting both fish and humans.

In an era of climate change concerns, intentionally increasing the temperature of Lake Almanor is completely contrary to sensible practice.

Sincerely,

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