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Subject:	Please don't

 A thermal curtain on the Lake Almanor would have a greater impact to our Lake Almanor basin than the state water control board will acknowledge. Public opinion and economic impact are being overlooked.
  I can't make sense of it. I am an owner and manager of Lakehaven resort near the Hamilton branch. The price for us to replace our boat launch is not economically viable because of the bureaucracy surrounding it. I am resigned to this fact because of both the economic laws that govern the basin and the cost of permitting the construction to replace my boat launch. Now part of the same bureaucracy that is limiting me here is proposing to cause me even more economic distress.
  The Lake Almanor basin relies heavily upon tourism. If you're able to proceed with a thermal curtain this will persuade public opinion regardless of what your finest scientist may say. Public opinion and tourism are directly correlated.
  This double standard amongst our government bureaucracy is almost intolerable. My wife and I work hard to provide aseasonal recreational RV resort to the public. We were fortunate enough to edge out a small profit of less than $10,000 for the first time in the last seven years. Our permit fees to repair our existing boat launch are over $900 to the state water control board alone. Include this with the rest of the government bureaucracy and the engineering and biology reports required it becomes economically unfeasible. This is all required under the pretense of protecting our environment. Now compare this to a thermal curtains and you're off your rocker.
  There is no way your proposal will be seen as environmentally responsible. Like me much of the public will consider this to only be another failed representation of our efforts to be environmentally responsible. Please do not continue with this project.

Dave and Judi Finkbeiner
Lakehaven resort
Sent from my iPhone