

March 1, 2015

Peter Barnes  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights  
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Dear Mr. Barnes:

As an avid outdoorsman and fisherman, I am appalled about the adverse ecological, biological, and economic effects that the proposed "Thermal Curtain" will have on Lake Almanor and, quite frankly, my own personal well-being. I have fished Lake Almanor since 1960 as a child and have returned year-after-year to reconnect with this wonderful fishery and area. Scientific evidence does not conclusively support the notion that draining off a large portion of its deeper cold water will effectively benefit downstream water temperature conditions. What is being proposed simply shifts the burden onto a lake that already is feeling the stress of a 4-year drought with more global warming issues looming indefinitely. Lake Almanor is a cold water fishery, one of the best in the state! However, if the State's desire is to create another warm water fishery, then the thermal curtain proposal will do just that, complete with growing and choking algae bloom!

Finally, the economic viability of resorts and businesses that I utilize and which depend on the outstanding fishing and recreational activities afforded by Lake Almanor will seriously suffer or disappear. A downturn in that lake's viability would create a local real estate crisis, which in the long term would devastate Plumas County, given their reliance on the Lake Almanor/Chester economy.

I hope you and the California State Water Resources Control Board will consider my input and seek to table the proposed thermal curtain water release in lieu of other options. A "curtain" will not fix global issues and this valuable reservoir should not suffer by this band aid approach.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

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