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Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 4:37 PM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFRR Project No. 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to provide feedback on the above mentioned project. I am concerned that Alternatives 1 and 2 will have a devastatingly 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 about 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 affects 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 devastatingly negative impact on the local economy, which depends on tourism that is 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 brought us to the area – 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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