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Subject: SWRCB - UNFFR Temperature Control Measures - Lake Almanor

Peter,

I am interested in this issue as I have traveled to this area for a majority of my life. I have also seen how important this issue is for nearby residents. As I am sure you are aware, Lake Almanor's visitors all but support the small town of Chester during the summer months. I have read through the UNFFR Hydrolic Project Draft Environmental Impact Report. Taking into account all of the money in construction costs and future mitigation costs/issues, is the board still considering / requiring this project? I do not see the construction and mitigation costs being worth the uncertain benefit.

The State Water Board must ensure that UNFFR Project operations, including any water quality measures designed to benefit the North Fork Feather River, will not unreasonably affect water quality in Lake Almanor.

I appreciate the time spent researching this project but it should stop, specifically with the current CA water supply conditions. The potential damage to Lake Almanor will affect nearby residents who rely on this lake for their income. Given the major drought we are facing, hopefully a majority of California's water issues are focused on increasing efficiencies. This project is anything but efficient as the results are pure speculation.

Section 6.5-4 of Env. Impact Report:

"Lake Almanor shows little or no evidence of long-term trends, except for a recent finding by Schneider et al. (2009) that the nighttime lake surface temperature appears to be warming at about $0.15 \pm 0.03^{\circ}\text{C}$ per year since 1992."

"Historical water temperature and DO data indicate that the suitable cold freshwater habitat volume (i.e., volume of water that equals or is less than 20°C and has DO of 5 mg/L or greater) in Lake Almanor is severely limited in the summer during critically dry water years."

These alternatives are not reasonable temperature control methods as they will unreasonably affect water quality in Lake Almanor. Then there will be money spent mitigating that damage and we are right back where we started, millions of dollars later. For the HOPES of a 1 degree drop in the Feather River....

New alternatives must be evaluated and implemented as the current ideas are not reasonable and I feel it has gone on too long. I appreciate the work of your organization and hope we can focus the board's energy in other areas.

Thanks,

Matt

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