

March 19, 2015

Mr. Peter Barnes, Engineering Geologist  
State Water Board Resource Board, Division of Water Rights  
Water Quality Certification Program  
P. O. Box 2000  
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RE: Draft EIR, PG & E Certification UNFFR Project NO 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

I was forwarded the Draft EIR for the UNFFR by the Lake Almanor Country Club and am very concerned about the unknown consequences of a thermal curtain and what warmer water in Lake Almanor would do to both the fishery and water quality.

Both of these issues are listed as insignificant impacts on the EIR. I find this very hard to believe. The drought of the past three plus years has caused more algae than I can ever remember in the lake. I grew up in Chester on the north shore and was around when PG&E expanded the water capacity of the lake to 4,450' elevation in the early 60's. The lake is very pristine when it's full of water and supports a wide variety of wildlife and an excellent fishery. Warm water temperatures would have to have a negative impact on it!

The local economy has been damaged by the downturn experienced by the lumber industry and I'm afraid that negatively impacting the fishery and water quality of Lake Almanor would add terribly to this dilemma.

I am opposed to Alternatives 1 & 2 as described in the Draft EIR. And would urge the State Water Board to consider the PG&E project only without the additional release of cold water from Lake Almanor.

Thank you for taking time to hear my concerns. I hope you will consider these in your decision regarding the certification process.

Sincerely;

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