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Ref: Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFR Project No. 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

I am writing to express my feedback and concerns in regards to the proposals to release cold water flows into the Feather River from Lake Almanor. I find the alternatives 1 and 2 to be lacking in scientific merit and that the impact of such releases will be detrimental to the water quality, fishery, local communities and economy of the Chester/ Lake Almanor basin.

Everyone is suffering from the current conditions after 3 years of drought and long term, lower than average snowfall. The tributaries which deliver runoff from the surrounding mountains have seen low flows and much warmer conditions than is historically present for the basin. Water temperature and quality are already impacted and directly effects the viability of the wild trout population which is only maintained through the natural replenishment of cold water from spring runoff. Exporting this water to gain some perceived benefit downstream not only jeopardizes the viability of a top ten trout lake in the State, but it has no scientific rationale for making claim of a temperature reduction miles downstream.

I have enjoyed fishing in Lake Almanor for 31 years and am a family member of a property owner on the Lake for 27 years. I know from where I speak on this matter.

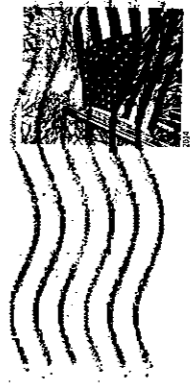
The WRCB needs to consider the environmental and economic impact to those people who call the Lake their home and consider it a local treasure. In conclusion, I am opposed to the alternatives 1 and 2 in the draft EIR and find these options potentially inflict more damage than any corresponding benefit to be gained downstream. Other mitigation measures notwithstanding, the release of cold water from Lake Almanor is bad idea and I urge the board to remove this alternative from consideration.

Sincerely,



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