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State Water Resources Control Board
Attn: Peter Barnes

Dear Mr. Barnes

I was in attendance at the public hearing in Chester on Feb. 11 2015 regarding the possible installation of thermal curtains at Lake Almanor, California.

I found it valuable to learn the following:

1. PG&E is not in favor of the implementation of the thermal curtains.
2. The elected state representatives from the areas adversely effected by this project are adamantly opposed to it.
3. The electrical rates of the residents near Lake Almanor will increase due to reduced flow through the PG&E hydroelectric facilities.
4. There seems to be much debate over the science and/or lack of enough science to encourage installing the thermal curtains in Lake Almanor.
5. The benefits downstream would be marginal and at a great risk and expense to Lake Almanor and its residents.
6. Several fisheries biologists, PG&E representatives, and commercial fishermen were all greatly convinced that the fishing in Lake Almanor would be very negatively effected.
7. The Maidu Indian tribe is adamantly against the project.
8. Plumas County Supervisor, Sherry Thrall, is concerned with the adverse economic effects of the project. There was additional testimony from business people with those same concerns.

The potential benefits of this plan do not come remotely close to offsetting the huge risks in the plan. If the plan doesn't work, then what? Take more water out of the lake? That would be reckless. I cannot imagine enough downstream benefit to justify the potential burden of such a risky venture to Lake Almanor residents and businesses.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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