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**Subject:** Draft EIR and State Water Resources Control Board Plan

Mr. Barnes

My comments concern the Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFR Project No 2105

I would like to voice my opposition to the draft EIR concerning the proposal to remove cold water from Lake Almanor in the hope this will enhance the downstream wildlife habitat. I seriously question the advisability of harming one beautiful environmental ecosystem in the hope of marginally improving another. With the effects of the drought and poor snow pack we are already seeing increased algae in Lake Almanor, observations supported by the Lake Almanor Water Quality Report, 2015. The proposal can only worsen the algae bloom harming the lake and impacting the recreational use and support of the economy of the area.

The EIR which took 10 years to complete is no longer current and does not accurately represent the current situation. The proposal lacks sound cost/benefit analysis. As with any project the devil is in the details and this plan is short of those details. The law of unintended consequences would suggest that some of those details will impact the lake and surrounding communities in ways that were not addressed in the proposal nor the EIR. To risk damage to the lake in the hope of an impact elsewhere that has not been scientifically proven just does not make sense.

In brief I am strongly opposed to alternatives 1 & 2 as described in the Draft EIR. I believe adoption of those proposals will have major negative impacts on my community and potentially will destroy a beautiful resource. I support the PG&E project as submitted and approved in the settlement Agreement of 22 April, 2004 without the release of additional cold water from Lake Almanor.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely

William Gray MD