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**From:** Brack Green <brack46@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2015 9:22 PM  
**To:** Barnes, Peter@Waterboards  
**Subject:** Lake Almanor and The Draft EIR

Dear Peter Barnes and The State Water Resources Control Board:

I am opposed to the Water Resources Control Board staff recommendation presented in the draft EIR.

The draft EIR is based on data that is 10 years old. Conditions have changed dramatically since that time due to the drought. The draft EIR also claims that the impact to our area would be "less than significant". Yet this study did not take into account the economic impact to the Chester Lake Almanor area. The draft EIR also claims there will no significant impact to our air quality, cultural resources, fisheries, geology, noise, recreation, transportation, wildlife and water quality. There will definitely be significant impact to our cultural resources, fisheries, recreation, and certainly to the economy of our area. The draft EIR just has chosen to ignore those impacts. In fact, their study didn't even evaluate the economic impact.

Lake Almanor already suffers from water temperatures that endanger the trout population in years like 2014 when water levels are low. Pulling cold water off the lake in that kind of environment would certainly have significant damage to the trout waters in Lake Almanor.

Most importantly, the thermal curtains won't work. It is a flawed strategy. Nothing that I've been able to find indicates at what point the Department of water resources is willing to admit that this strategy has failed and that they're willing to remove the thermal curtains.

The thermal curtains at Whiskeytown reservoir have been used as a example of what the Water Resources Control Board would like to do. They are a failure.

The draft EIR ignores the impact to the Maidu burial areas and other areas of cultural significance. That is a violation of federal law.

I would be embarrassed to have any part in putting together a document and plan that is so flawed. There is no environmental justification for damaging one environmental area, Lake Almanor, for what is at best marginal improvement to another area. There is no justification for the State Water Control Board to pass such a sweeping proposal with no cost estimate and no cost-benefit analysis. There is no provision for accountability to the people who are impacted by this decision on the part of the Waterboard. In an era when people claim to have climate change concerns, intentionally increasing the temperature of Lake Almanor which will increase the algae blooms and negatively impact both fish and humans, is completely contrary to sensible practice.

I ask you to reconsider this ill-conceived, ineffective and probably illegal proposed solution to a problem that doesn't really exist.

Thank you,  
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