

Barnes, Peter@Waterboards

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 9:25 AM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
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Subject: Save Lake Almanor - NOT In Favor of Proposed Changes

Dear Peter Barnes,

I am a 17 year resident of Lake Almanor. I first fell in love with the area when my husband and I took a camping trip with our children to Lake Almanor because it was a recommendation from a friend. We camped at a PG&E campground and fell in love instantly. After that trip, we were determined to have a home in the area.

As a 17 year resident, I feel I need to do my part for the area I love. The proposal for thermal curtains seems expensive, destructive and just wrong!

And it does not make sense that harming water quality of an important lake is a reasonable step to take to improve the water quality somewhere else.

Is it true that the investment would cost \$90 million per year, annually? Can't we find a better way of spending our money than this? Don't we need to improve education, add art and music programs to our schools, feed the homeless? Seriously, \$90 million per year? Now this is an unfathomable amount of money for potential increase in the growth of fish downstream, while killing many fish in the lake.

FERC said, "we do not recommend the thermal curtain given the adverse effects that these measures would have on the lake's environmental, cultural and recreational".

Why would you want to destroy one of the most beautiful places in California? And I've seen the nearby communities suffer during the recession and it's not right to destroy these people's livelihoods. The amount of benefit and the amount of cost that's going into this, compared to what we might or maybe achieve is very, very minimal and certainly no guarantees from you that I've seen.

I read this from the meeting minutes: "The State Water Board must also insure that the project operations including any water quality measures designed to protect the beneficial uses in the North Fork of the Feather River will not necessarily affect water quality in Lake Almanor."

Can you guarantee this?

"It's not like in Lake Shasta where you could draw water from a thousand feet down. You're drawing water from Lake Almanor which probably averages 35 feet overall", deepest part is around 50 feet.

It does not seem reasonable to me to destroy Lake Almanor and Butt Valley Reservoir for anything!!, and certainly not for something like this idiotic project. I personally can't believe we've spent this much time on this. It's such a waste.

Sincerely,
Julie Groves-Escalante

Resident of Lake Almanor Hamilton Branch