

Barnes, Peter@Waterboards

From: vickie&co <hiner1@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 7:22 AM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: THERMAL CURTAIN!

Dear Mr. Barnes,

It is incredible to me that the Thermal Curtain plan is even still being considered for implementation. There are SO MANY reasons that this should have been scraped a long time ago. To say there would be no environmental impact on the area is absurd. Of course there will be an impact! You can't take the cold water out of the lake and expect there will be no effect on the water itself--can you say "algae". Have you not seen what the algae has done to Clear Lake? How about the fact that we've had no snow to speak of in a few years? I'm pretty sure that the average temperature of the lake water is already warmer than when the study was done--this would only compound the algae problem if the thermal curtain were built. The grebe population would also likely decrease as they need a certain water level before they build their nests.

The eye sore that the curtain would be a terrible reminder of how much money was wasted on a very questionable objective! In our global warming, how much of that cold water is actually going to be cold by the time it gets 26 miles down stream?

It's hard to imagine how the Lake Almanor region would survive if the Thermal Curtain is built.

Where in this economic climate are you going to get the money to pay for this monstrosity?

How is it that it's okay to ruin one area, (economically, environmentally and aesthetically), for the possible (most likely, improbable) result in another area?

I AM VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO THE WATER BOARD STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE DRAFT EIR!

Seriously concerned,

Vickie Hiner
Lake Almanor resident for nearly 10 years