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RE: Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFR Project NO 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

I thank you for providing me the opportunity to provide feedback on the above mentioned project. I am a Fly-Fisherman and fish for over 250 days a year. I have owned a home at the Lake Almanor Country Club for over 25 years. My concern is that Alternatives 1 and 2 will have a devastating negative impact on my community, the surrounding communities, the local economy, and the environment.

My main issue with the Draft EIR is that I find very little in the report regarding the impacts this project, and the proposed Alternatives, will have on the quality of my life. I strongly disagree with the statement that increasing the water temperatures of Lake Almanor will not have a “substantial impact”. I live here and my personal experience has been contrary to your findings. With several years of drought I have seen firsthand the negative effects that an increase in water temperature has on the lake. We are experiencing more algae than in the past, which in turn reduces the clarity of the lake. I fear that any activity that further reduces cold water in the lake will greatly reduce the cold water fisheries that have made Lake Almanor one of the best fishing destinations in the State of California. My observations are supported by data in the final draft of the Lake Almanor Water Quality Report, 2015.

Increased water temperatures, increased algae, and reduced fisheries will have a devastating negative impact on the local economy, which is dependent upon tourism and already suffering. When I consider all of the negative impacts this project will have on the local economy and environment, I wonder what the impact will be on my quality of life and property value. Will more local businesses close? Will I lose needed services, such as our hospital, as a result of a worsening local economy? Will we lose the one thing that has brought us all here – the enjoyment of Lake

Almanor?

In conclusion, I am OPPOSED to Alternatives 1 & 2, as described in the Draft EIR, and I believe that pursuing these Alternatives is unreasonable and reckless. I urge the State Water Board to only consider the PG&E project, as submitted and approved in the Settlement Agreement of April 22, 2004, without the additional release of cold water from Lake Almanor.

Respectfully Yours
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To Mr. Barnes:

I am a professional fly fisherman, I am not a guide, I am an instructor. Lake Almanor is large part of my livelihood. I have about 100 visitors a year to Lake Almanor, 100% of my quests come for the purpose of fishing Lake Almanor, Butte Valley Reservoir and the surrounding areas. Many of the people I instruct rent homes, camp sites or hotel rooms, they shop at the grocery stores, gift shops, eat at the local restaurants. Frequently I see them return to the lake with additional friends or family members. The town of Chester's economy thrives on tourism. Lake Almanor is the major factor in bringing visitors to the area. Without the cool clear water, the algae bloom would destroy the organisms in the lake, most of the fish species would die as a result. The town of Chester and the surrounding areas will then suffer a huge economic loss.

Thank You for your attention to the health of our Lake
Hal Janssen

