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From: Jeffrey Fara <jeffrey.fara@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 8:44 PM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Cc: Andrew Fara
Subject: RE: Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFR Project NO 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes-

My brother and I have owned a home on Lake Almanor for the past 15 years; between us we have six children from newborn to age 18. Every summer our families enjoy the lake and everything it has to offer - fishing, sailing, water skiing, canoeing, swimming, and generally enjoying the lake and beaches it has to offer. We have noticed that in August, as the lake water temperature warms, the algae around the lake, especially in the warm coves and near the beaches, increases and the clarity of the water decreases. Nobody wants to swim in water that is not clear and full of algae. In addition, we spend a lot of time (and money on gear and guides) fishing on the lake. Trout are cold-water (and clear-water) species that thrive in streams and lakes with lower water temperatures; the fish are already living at the upper end of their thermal range in Lake Almanor, and I fear if the lake were to warm further, it could render the lake uninhabitable for the fish.

I am strongly opposed to actions that will increase lake water temperatures, which will mean increased algae, and reduced fisheries.

Therefore, 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.

Thank you,
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