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Peter Barnes
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RE: Upper North Fork Feather River Hydroelectric Project Draft EIR

To Whom It May Concern,

Prudent management of water resources is the paramount issue for the world, our country, the state of California and the Lake Almanor Basin. Our decisions historically have threatened the ecological balance of watersheds everywhere. My most local concerns have to do with the effect of removing the coolest water from Lake Almanor with the purpose of lowering the water temperature downstream.

I share the concerns of water temperatures in downstream watersheds. I also am concerned about the water temperature effect in Lake Almanor. Too many times, decisions are made that have a positive effect in one arena, but have a disastrous effect on another. Special interest groups on all sides of water issues battle to protect the use of their water needs. I urge you to make a decision that does not have a disastrous effect on the Lake Almanor Basin.

Water temperatures are an important component to quality water, which affects microorganisms, fish and wildlife; and in turn, boaters, tourism and the local economy. Alternative methods of lowering downstream water temperatures must be explored and developed to maintain the precious natural resources both at Lake Almanor and downstream. Let's not create another resource disaster.

I have been a Lake Almanor Basin resident for more than 40 years, and I urge you to preserve Lake Almanor as one of the most valuable resources in our state.

Sincerely,

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