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From: Joan Leabman <almanorlovers@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 10:23 AM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Cc: Lee Leabman
Subject: Draft EIR Thermal Curtain proposal DEATH OF FOND MEMORIES

February 11, 2015 I attended a Town Hall Meeting in Chester that discussed the Draft EIR (Thermal Curtain proposal). This meeting was held by Plumas Co. District 3 Supervisor Sherri Thrall, PG&E staff, and the State Water Board Staff.

This was an almost exact replay of what transpired 9 years ago at the last meeting to discuss this issue. The same objections were brought up to the water board, and yet it seems that no one took all these objection into consideration back then, and I fear that no one will listen now. It appears that your EIR has not addressed or investigated the effects of this project in light of the fact that our planet is going through a thermal warming and the state of California is in a drought. Does your board have no obligation to investigate how these condition will effect your project and Lake Almanor?

The water board is basing it's withdrawal of cold water from Lake Almanor based on someones **theory** that it will lower the temperature down stream by 1 degree.

What study or studies are you using to make the assumption that this will indeed work? **What if this theory proves to be wrong?** Is each member of the water board willing to be personally responsible for what may happen if the theory turns out to be just that, (a theory) and turns out to be a wrong assumption! Does each member realize the gravity of what their vote may cause? Each member must be made aware of all the objections that were eloquently presented to the two members present, and be made aware of the potential outcomes before they vote.

1. Their vote may kill Lake Almanor
2. Their vote may kill the fish in Lake Almanor
3. Their vote may kill the use of the Lake to humans, due to an increase in algae and unsafe water conditions.

NO ONE HAS PROVEN THE THEORY, YET THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING TAKING OUT COLD WATER AND POSSIBLY KILLING OUR PRECIOUS LAKE. FOR WHAT REAL PURPOSE, AND AT WHAT REAL COST is this being done?

I would like to address the issue of the death of:

FOND MEMORIES and creating more memories.

My family has been coming up to Lake Almanor for over 35 years. We fell in love with Lake Almanor and we built our house on the Lake in 1988. We have spent every summer up here since. When our two children where still in school we spent 2 months here, and after we retired, my husband and I spend 5 months from June through October and 2 months in the winter. We now have 4 Grandsons who have been visiting the lake since birth. Everyone last night talked about many issues however, no one addressed the death of the ability to create memories with family

members. There is no price that can be put on this issue, nor is anything worth causing this loss. There have been 4 generations in our family that have enjoyed the lake and all the activities it provides. My parents spent the summers with me. My children have fond memories of fishing, swimming, learning how to water ski, boating, riding the wave runner, catching crayfish, and best of all watching fireworks on July 4th. A tradition everyone looks forward to each year. Since we are from Southern California, everyone looked forward, in the winter months, to spending time playing in the snow, snowmobiling, etc.

If the Lake changes because of this proposal, any new memories will be a thing of the past. Our Grandkids will not be able to experience what their parents did. Their ability to experience nature will be just a distant memory at best. Please do not kill our ability to make new memories. Find another solution other than taking cold water out of the lake.

Please listen, Joan Leabman
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From: Joan Leabman <almanorlovers@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 6:12 PM
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Subject: Thermal Curtain Opposition to Alternatives I and 2

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. 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.

A concerned home owner at LACC

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