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From: John Griswold <cagjdg83@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 7:22 AM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: 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.

Sincerely,

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From: John Griswold <cagjdg83@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 12:59 PM
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Subject: Thermal Curtain at Lake Almanor

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Dear Mr. Barnes,

Regarding the proposed thermal curtain at Lake Almanor, it makes no sense to ruin a lake in order to allegedly “fix a river”. Its combined effect on Lake Almanor’s housing market, fishery and related ecosystems would be highly detrimental. Our local public’s many concerns have been distinctly voiced to you, but I am not writing to just echo those interests.

I believe you are approaching this particular problem with the wrong technology. Instead, you should explore solar-powered refrigeration lines for the existing river water to pass through. Think about it. The Feather River’s “temperature problem” is obviously not an issue during the winter. And in summer you have plenty of hot sun to energize such a cooling system. This solution would also not impose on the Maidu Indian burial grounds. In contrast, the Maidu will likely (successfully) challenge your thermal curtains in Washington.

In closing, if there are also hidden agendas involved here to just bleed more water out of Lake Almanor (for whatever individual selfish reasoning), shame on trying to disguise such intent while potentially undermining our community.

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion.

Respectfully submitted,

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