

Barnes, Peter@Waterboards

From: Tom Kiesler <tomkiesler@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 3:22 PM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Cc: Valerie Silva
Subject: Lake Almanor

Dear Mr. Barnes:

This is to notify you of my opposition to the proposed plan of the State Water Resources Control Board to remove cold water from Lake Almanor for the purpose of transporting it to the Feather River downstream. As I understand it, the plan would involve the construction of thermal curtains at Prattville in Lake Almanor for the purpose of decreasing the water temperature of the Feather River.

As the owner of the residence at 7080 Highway 47 on the east shore of Lake Almanor, my family and I would be gravely impacted by such a plan, along with all of the other members of the Lake Almanor community, for obvious reasons. This community has suffered enough already from the economic downturn of the great recession, and has witnessed the bankruptcy or departure of several businesses. The one thing this community has always been able to hold on to is its natural resources and natural beauty, and now the SWRCB has come up with a plan that will deliver yet another body blow to the one thing we could count on - the beauty of Lake Almanor, and its popularity as a highly regarded locale for fishermen all over the state.

The SWRCB's proposal would increase the temperature of Lake Almanor, and likely result in a increased algae, which will have a negative impact on both fish and humans. As if the drought wasn't already doing enough damage to the lake and the local environment, now the SWRCB has decided to kick us all while we're down? This is just another example of inadequately researched and poorly conceived government intervention with very little regard for its impact on the local environment or its denizens. Please consider this letter my formal notice of opposition to the plan to remove cold water from Lake Almanor, be it from the construction of thermal curtains, or any other methodology the SWRCB might propose. It's a terrible idea that must be discarded immediately.

Sincerely,

Tom Kiesler