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Subject: Letter in Ref: to Draft EIR for Project 2105 for Curtain Wall

Dear Mr. Barnes (Engineering Geologist for SWRCB), please accept as record, our below response to your Draft EIR for Project 2105 of the proposed Thermal Curtain walls on Lake Almanor.

The following items are issues that not only we (property owners of 188 Lake Almanor West Drive, Lake Almanor, CA) but the entire Almanor Basin Businesses & Residential Community, Plumas Co. Supervisors, local Senators and Assemblymen whom are against your recommendations of the Draft EIR as witnessed at the February 11, 2015 Chester Town Hall Meeting. The already slow economy in the Lake Almanor Basin will be completely wiped out, forcing businesses to close and families to move out of the area.

We (Dave Kimbrell & Mary Foard) are opposed to the Water Board staff recommendation in the Draft EIR. Exporting most or all of Lake Almanor's cold water pool to achieve a marginal benefit far downstream would be an ecological travesty.

Where is the environmental justice in damaging one area, Lake Almanor, for a questionable improvement elsewhere?

How can there be "no significant impact" on Lake Almanor when its cold water fishery is dramatically reduced?

How can the State Water Board justify such a sweeping proposal without providing a cost estimate and a cost-benefit analysis?

The proposed plan provides no accountability to the people impacted by Water Board decisions.

Reducing the cold water pool in Lake Almanor will result in a warmer lake and increased algae blooms, impacting both fish and humans.

In an era of climate change concerns, intentionally increasing the temperature of Lake Almanor is completely contrary to sensible practice.

In summary, the SWRCB recommendations do not mirror the Draft EIR, so we are all confused! The SWRCB is proposing the Canyon Dam tower and Prattville tower be repaired and altered to take the coldest water from Lake Almanor. They are proposing that flows of the cold water be increased from June 15 through September 15th at a rate of 250cfs, which is a higher flow then is customary. Further more, it is at the SWRCB own discretion whether or not to install THERMAL CURTAINS.

SWRCB own science shows that the cold water they plan to remove from Lake Almanor is not sufficient to lower the water downstream to desired temperature in normal or dry years. Therefore, the changes to the flows from the towers is not likely to achieve the impossible goal. The Thermal Curtain will also not obtain their temperature goals.

We purchased our LAW property back in June 2002 in hopes to full fill our dream of building our retirement home and enjoy what the Almanor Basin has to offer with our kids and grand children. If the Thermal Curtains are installed we on the West Side will not have the clean and clear Almanor water that we all have enjoyed for many years. Also, our property values will completely be desecrated by green algae growth on the shallow side of this Lake as the Matrix program told us back in 2010 by your professional teams. Please do not approve this Project 2105 with Thermal Curtains for the sake of this beautiful Basin.

Thank You for this opportunity.

Dave Kimbrell & Mary Foard

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