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I am 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 addition to the above comments my family and I have been vacationing and fishing Lake Almanor for the past 20 years. Over the past 8 years we make this area our summer home and this action would impact not only my decision to come to the area but also many other families that come to the area for vacations, thus significantly impacting the local economy.

Regards,

Mark P. Kotsios