

Barnes, Peter@Waterboards

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Subject: Thermal Curtain

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Dear Mr. Peter Barnes:

I am writing you today to express my concern for the future of Lake Almanor. Lake Almanor has a delicate ecosystem and further water releases would surely impact the wildlife in a negative fashion. 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 disaster.

I am a salmon fisherman and I understand the need to protect this species. However, the thermal curtain is not the answer, nor is there a guarantee that it will significantly lower the water temperature to benefit the salmon. The thermal curtain is a bad idea.

On the contrary, reducing the cold water pool in Lake Almanor will result in a warmer lake increased algae blooms, lowering of the oxygen levels and impacting both fish and humans.

How can there be "no significant impact" on Lake Almanor when its cold water fishery is already 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.

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

I urge you to please reconsider the draft EIR plan and stop all plans for the thermal curtain. The thermal curtain is a disaster in the making.

Sincerely,

David Kraatz