

Barnes, Peter@Waterboards

From: Deanna Lares <drlares@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 1:30 PM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: I am opposed to the Water Board staff recommendation in the draft EIR

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I own a home at Lake Almanor which I rent to vacationers during the summer. My rental brings 150 to 200 people a year to the area to vacation. They come because of the lake and because they enjoy all types of water sports including fishing. I am one of MANY who rent their homes to vacationers. If the lake is impacted by this plan they will find another place to vacation. This would have severe economic impact on the local community.

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.

Kind Regards,
Deanna Lares
Vacation Home Owner at Lake Almanor