

## Barnes, Peter@Waterboards

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**From:** Lee Leabman <almanorlovers@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 16, 2015 11:44 AM  
**To:** Barnes, Peter@Waterboards  
**Subject:** Fwd: removing cold water from Lake Almanor

Dear Mr Barnes:

I am writing concerning the installation of a thermal curtain in order to removed the coldest water from Lake Almanor and 2 other lakes in this area. Supposedly, this will lower the water temperature downstream. However this will only raise the water temperature at the Lake and will result in an increase in algae, impacting fish and humans who use the lake for recreation including boating, fishing and water sports. I do not see how releasing water will in any way, have any impact on lowering the water temperature downstream enough to help the "endangered fish".

In these times of climate changes including the current drought, taking cold water from Lake Almanor is completely contrary to sensible practice. Also drudging the lake bottom will disturb the Indian burial grounds near the West shore.

My children and now my Grandchildren spend much of the summer using the Lake for recreation and this would have a devastating effect on their health and their use of the lake.

Exporting most of Lake Almanor's cold water pool to achieve a marginal benefit downstream would be a ecological travesty. FOR WHAT PURPOSE IS THE PROJECT GOING FORWARD?

I AM OPPOSED TO THE WATER BOARD'S STAFF RECOMMENDING ANY REMOVAL OF COLD WATER FROM LAKE ALMANOR. The proposed plan no accountability to the people impacted by the WATER BOARD'S decision.

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## **Barnes, Peter@Waterboards**

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**From:** Joan Leabman <snorkel4seniors@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015 6:14 PM  
**To:** Barnes, Peter@Waterboards  
**Subject:** Fwd: Thermal Curtain Opposition to Alternatives I and 2

RE: Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFR Project NO 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

I thank you for providing me the opportunity to provide feedback on the above mentioned project. My concern is that Alternatives 1 and 2 will have a devastating negative impact on my community, the surrounding communities, the local economy, and the environment.

My main issue with the Draft EIR is that I find very little in the report regarding the impacts this project, and the proposed Alternatives, will have on the quality of my life. I strongly disagree with the statement that increasing the water temperatures of Lake Almanor will not have a "substantial impact". I live here and my personal experience has been contrary to your findings. With several years of drought I have seen firsthand the negative effects that an increase in water temperature has on the lake. We are experiencing more algae than in the past, which in turn reduces the clarity of the lake. I fear that any activity that further reduces cold water in the lake will greatly reduce the cold water fisheries that have made Lake Almanor one of the best fishing destinations in the State of California. My observations are supported by data in the final draft of the Lake Almanor Water Quality Report, 2015.

Increased water temperatures, increased algae, and reduced fisheries will have a devastating negative impact on the local economy, which is dependent upon tourism and already suffering. When I consider all of the negative impacts this project will have on the local economy and environment, I wonder what the impact will be on my quality of life and property value. Will more local businesses close? Will I lose needed services, such as our hospital, as a result of a worsening local economy? Will we lose the one thing that has brought us all here – the enjoyment of Lake Almanor?

In conclusion, I am OPPOSED to Alternatives 1 & 2, as described in the Draft EIR, and I believe that pursuing these Alternatives is unreasonable and reckless. I urge the State Water Board to only consider the PG&E project, as submitted and approved in the Settlement Agreement of April 22, 2004, without the additional release of cold water from Lake Almanor.

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