

## **Barnes, Peter@Waterboards**

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**From:** lighthouse49@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 14, 2015 12:00 PM  
**To:** Barnes, Peter@Waterboards  
**Subject:** Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFR Project No. 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to this very important matter and realize the difficulty for you and your agency to figure out the best process to complete this task.

I'm a retired educator and site administrator, who has had to make difficult decisions and realize the importance to gathering as much information, as possible in making a finding. I know you and your department has spent wakeless hours attending to this project, and I appreciate your dedication to this matter.

I first came to the Chester community in 1969, while attending Chico State and fell in love with the beauty, the community and obviously the recreational opportunities. Having fished all my life since childhood, this was an ideal setting for me to enjoy our California's premier fisheries.

As I started my career teaching (1972) in Benicia California, I always headed back to Lake Almanor as if it were a magnet, pulling me back. As I returned to seek furthering education at Chico State (Administration), I was actually offered an Assistant Principal position at Chester High School. I thought I had struck Gold! However, my wife felt differently at the time and wanted to stay put. I was crushed, but you know the saying Happy Wife/ Happy Life! Anyway, this still became our destination place and have enjoyed this area with our children and grandchild for 46 years. Also bought property here in 1990 and have loved every minute that we are there. Now retired for almost 4 years, I'm blessed with more time on the water and just had one of my best days fishing here March 10th.

This fishery is very special, not just to me and all the years that I have been afforded, but is one of the best in our State. I pray that the opportunities that I have experienced will continue for not just my generation, but for the current and those to follow. This is a special place and hopefully, it will be given extreme vigilance in your decision. I have witnessed the total decline and economic devastation of these local communities (Chester, Westwood, Greenville, Taylorville, etc.) and their survival, is based on this lake which keeps them afloat. They are barely getting by, too tell you the truth I don't know how they do it. The prices for gas, food, propane and daily necessities are extremely higher, than just down the valley floor (Red Bluff, Chico, even Susanville), with the limited jobs chances.

Thank you again for this opportunity and please consider the total impact to the Lake and it's surrounding communities. I'd hope that your agency can preserve the integrity of Lake Almanor and maintain it's cold water, thus benefiting the fishery and survival of a wonderful community and gracious people.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Bill Light <lighthouse49@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2015 3:45 PM  
**To:** Barnes, Peter@Waterboards  
**Subject:** Re: Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFR Project No. 2105

*Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID*

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