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Peter Barnes, Engineering Geologist

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Dear Mr. Barnes,

I am writing concerning the proposal from the State Water Resources Control Board regarding Lake Almanor and potential diversions of cold water in an attempt to lower water temperatures downstream in the Feather River.

I am extremely opposed to the Water Board's staff recommendation in the draft EIR. Taking cold water from Lake Almanor to move downstream will achieve "at best" an only marginal benefit to the water temperatures of the Feather River. Why is it acceptable to cause environmental damage to Lake Almanor by taking the cold water? How can it be said that there is "no significant impact" on Lake Almanor when it's cold water fishery is being negatively affected? Is the cold water taken out to be replaced by another source? How come there is no cost benefit analysis done on this project to justify the massive expense of this project?

I believe the recommendations from the State Water board in the draft EIR are completely without merit. Any diversions of cold water will potentially ruin Lake Almano. Not only the

fishery, but also the local economy! This may be the result, without ANY guarantee that the downstream temperatures will be reduced to the desired range!

In closing, I strongly oppose ANY diversion of cold water from Lake Almanor, whether it is achieved with or without the use of "thermal curtains".

Signed,

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