

Barnes, Peter@Waterboards

From: AllRaggedys <allraggedys@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 5:53 PM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: Thermal Curtains in Lake Almanor

Dear Mr. Barnes;

I have owned a home in a cove in Lake Almanor for 18 years. I have just heard of the foolish and inconsiderate Water Board staff recommendations in the draft EIR that was released December 2014, involving the construction of thermal curtains in Lake Almanor and Caribou intake at Butte Valley. I had thought that this non-sensible idea of increasing the temperature of Lake Almanor had been put to rest. I am opposed to this EIR draft. What environmental justice are you serving to Lake Almanor residents in damaging our lovely lake area to achieve a marginal benefit far downstream? Reducing the cold water pool in Lake Almanor will result in warmer lake water and increased algae blooms. Both wildlife and humans will be impacted by this. I currently own other property on a man made lake in Chico, of which several water ponds flow into. This past year the water ponds and the lake they flow into has experienced toxic algae blooms to pets and some wildlife. The blooms have not been able to be controlled with the limited chemicals now allowed to be used for water treatment. Your board has no right to "fool with Mother Nature". In this period of global warming that we are all experiencing, our Lake Almanor environment is being impacted enough, without additional help from a foolish water board decision to impact it even more, and increase Lake Almanor's water temperature. I ask that you strongly reconsider what your EIR draft is recommending. Please be informed that I will support any legal action to protect the cold water pool of Lake Almanor.

Sincerely,
Sharon Merrill
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Lake Almanor, California