

Barnes, Peter@Waterboards

From: Shari Meyer <shari@azmeyer.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 9:12 AM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: Lake Almanor Thermal Curtain

Dear Mr. Barnes:

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. Only 7% of Lake Almanor is considered cold water and there isn't enough to send downstream!

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.

Not only will the area be impacted environmentally, think of the economic travesty the area will suffer from when the lake temperature has risen and we no longer have a fresh, clean, clear lake?

Please join our community in opposing such a drastic change to our area.

Sincerely,

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