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From: Lake Almanor Fitness Center <lakealmanorfitness@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2015 11:09 AM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: Lake Almanor Thermal Curtains

Dear Sir,

As both a resident and business owner in the Lake Almanor Basin, I am deeply concerned and frustrated by the recent announcement that thermal curtains will be installed on both Lake Almanor and Butte Lake Reservoir. This is not the "solution" to the downstream concerns, but will have a major negative impact on our lake and surrounding economic environment.

Your lake temperature data is flawed and outdated! The thermal curtain solution WILL NOT achieve the results downstream that are expected. Choosing to create a significant negative condition in a pristine mountain lake while attempting to address a downstream issue is not the answer. Our Lake Almanor Basin economy has suffered enough without a public utility company adding to our problems.

The attraction of great fishing in Lake Almanor, in addition to our fresh clean water is our primary tourism draw to this area. Don't create a problem while addressing another!

There are other solutions that have yet to be considered.....lower level outflow via existing gates, addressing the tributaries on the Feather River that have been closed off by the railroad that prevent fish from seeking out cooler shaded areas along the river. Thermal curtains is NOT the answer.

Respectively yours,

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