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From: MickiBob <wings64mm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2015 12:48 PM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: Re: Lake Almanor Thermal Curtain Comments DEADLINE MARCH 26, 2015

our name

Robert and Marguerite Miller
3350 Cedar Lane
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Sent from my iPad

On Mar 23, 2015, at 12:05 PM, "Barnes, Peter@Waterboards" <Peter.Barnes@waterboards.ca.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your comments. I will make sure that they are added to the record and taken into consideration. Can you please provide me with a name so I can ensure that they are attributed to the correct person? After the comment period has closed, the State Water Board will provide written responses to all comments received.

Sincerely,

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From: MickiBob [<mailto:wings64mm@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2015 4:43 PM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: Fwd: Lake Almanor Thermal Curtain Comments DEADLINE MARCH 26, 2015

My husband and I are very concerned about the proposed changes to Lake Almanor. As 20 year residents we want you to consider the following attached documents.

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FINAL DAYS – THE CLOCK IS TICKING

[March 18, 2015 almanorpost](#)

The final countdown has begun! Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report are due to the State Water Resources Control Board no later than noon on 26 March 2015.

Many of you have said that you do not feel technically qualified to make comments. In order to assist you in this process I asked our attorney to draft a letter that you can print and send or cut and paste into an email. Clicking on this link ([Water Board Comments](#)) will take you to the letter. Or you can Click on the almanorpost below and click on the Water Board comments. If you like just add your name and comments save the letter and email or mail to Peter Barnes at the address or his email address listed below. For your convenience I have also included the sample letter as an attachment in this email.

If you have not as yet sent comments I urge you to take this opportunity to assist in our effort to Save Lake Almanor!

You can make a difference!!!

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March 26, 2015

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Re: **Upper North Fork Feather River Hydroelectric Project Draft EIR**

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a resident of Plumas County, writing to express my concerns regarding the State Water Resources Control Board's Upper North Fork Feather River Hydroelectric Project Draft Environmental Impact Report ("EIR").¹ In general, I find the EIR confusing and unclear. Lake Almanor has been operated for the last 50-some years as a hydroproject. The environment and community has adjusted to this. Now significant changes are being proposed. As I understand it, PG&E, the county, and other stakeholders held extensive negotiations and developed a settlement agreement in 2004. That settlement provided more cold water flows down the river while maintaining enough cold water and suitable lake levels at Lake Almanor so that its recreational benefits would be preserved. For some reason the EIR includes two project "alternatives" that involve thermal curtains and even more water releases that would significantly impact Lake Almanor. Why are *any* alternatives necessary when the proposal to operate per the settlement already provides beneficial changes that will cool the river downstream?

Those that live in and visit Plumas County value the natural resources of Lake Almanor. The EIR's thermal curtain and increased cold water outflow alternatives will significantly impact the fisheries and visual beauty of Lake Almanor. The EIR admits that these alternatives will significantly impact Lake Almanor's fisheries and potentially cause a massive fish kill. Why would the State Water Board consider alternatives that will harm Lake Almanor's beneficial uses by draining the lake of its cold water? I thought CEQA prevented public agencies from harming the environment. This is bad policy.

The EIR also fails to evaluate the recreational economy that is tied to the Lake Almanor fisheries – an important economic driver in this region. Harm to the fish means harm to the community because fewer people will visit and fish the lake. This will probably result in closed and abandoned businesses and homes, and declining funds for public services. The EIR should not ignore this issue.

I request that you reject the thermal curtain / increased release alternatives and ensure protection of Lake Almanor and the surrounding community.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Complete mailing Address]

¹ The EIR is available online at:

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/unffr_ferc2105_eir.shtml