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From: Robert.E.Gallagher@wellsfargoadvisors.com
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 12:31 PM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: Cold Water Diversion Lake Almanor

Good afternoon Mr. Barnes,

I have enjoyed the Lake Almanor basin my entire life (some 54 years and counting) and I'm now a proud property owner as well.

I echo the sentiments expressed by my brother Duff below. My wife Cindy and I strongly oppose any proposed cold water diversion from Lake Almanor.

Best regards,

Bob

Dear Mr. Barnes,

As a resident of beautiful Lake Almanor I was distressed and concerned when I learned of the Water Boards recommendation in the draft EIR.

Taking what little cold water Lake Almanor possesses in the summer months would be catastrophic to the lake's habitat and its residents (the fish)

We already have major issues with algae bloom during warm water summers. If the SWRCB recommendations were ever implemented, we'd soon be another Lake Berryessa.

As I'm sure you are aware, Plumas County has one of the smallest and poorest populations in the State. Many residents are dependent on summer tourism June-September to survive economically. Lake Almanor **IS** the major tourist attraction for the county. I saw nowhere in the draft where there was any accountability to the county's residents impacted most by the Board's decisions. Decisions by the way which SWRCB even admits may not even work. Why spend the money on a plan fraught with such doubt as to its effectiveness? How much money is the SWRCB proposing to be spent? What is the risk reward? Is this really a prudent business decision to make such a recommendation without having a cost estimate?

Mr. Barnes, Lake Almanor residents, inhabitants and the county at large need the little bit of cold water we have June-September. I beg the Board to reconsider and thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

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