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Sent: Saturday, March 07, 2015 7:20 AM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: Thermal Curtain

THERMAL CURTAIN RESPONSE LETTER – We need your participation...

Hello LACC Members,

Below is the official LACC response letter that was sent to the State Water Board in response to the Draft EIR (which includes the Thermal Curtain proposals). This letter was created by the Long Range Planning Committee and a number of other concerned volunteers. It is being sent on behalf of the LACC Board of Directors, representing 1831 property owners, and it expresses the Association's concerns about the Draft EIR.

Our work is not done yet. We ask that you send this letter, with any additional comments you may have, to the State Water Board. The State Water Board needs to hear as much feedback as possible. If they get an overwhelming amount of opposition to this proposal we hope that they will do the right thing and change their course. If we provide them with overwhelming opposition to this proposal, and they ignore it, we may have other legal or political options to compel them to change their course. The deadline to respond is 12:00 pm on Thursday March 26th 2015.

The mailing address and email address for your response is below. Please forward this email to Mr. Barnes or print it and mail it to Mr. Barnes. This is important and your individual feedback will help to make a difference.

FYI- the letter below has been slightly altered from its original version so it can be sent by individual Members. The original version was from the LACC Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Peter Barnes, Engineering Geologist
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RE: Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFR Project NO 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

I thank you for providing me the opportunity to provide feedback on the above mentioned project. My concern is that Alternatives 1 and 2 will have a devastating negative impact on my community, the surrounding communities, the local economy, and the environment.

My main issue with the Draft EIR is that I find very little in the report regarding the impacts this project, and the proposed Alternatives, will have on the quality of my life. I strongly disagree with the statement that increasing the water temperatures of Lake Almanor will not have a “substantial impact”. I live here and my personal experience has been contrary to your findings. With several years of drought I have seen firsthand the negative effects that an increase in water temperature has on the lake. We are experiencing more algae than in the past, which in turn reduces the clarity of the lake. I fear that any activity that further reduces cold water in the lake will greatly reduce the cold water fisheries that have made Lake Almanor one of the best fishing destinations in the State of California. My observations are supported by data in the final draft of the Lake Almanor Water Quality Report, 2015.

Increased water temperatures, increased algae, and reduced fisheries will have a devastating negative impact on the local economy, which is dependent upon tourism and already suffering. When I consider all of the negative impacts this project will have on the local economy and environment, I wonder what the impact will be on my quality of life and property value. Will more local businesses close? Will I lose needed services, such as our hospital, as a result of a worsening local economy? Will we lose the one thing that has brought us all here – the enjoyment of Lake Almanor?

In conclusion, I am OPPOSED to Alternatives 1 & 2, as described in the Draft EIR, and I believe that pursuing these Alternatives is unreasonable and reckless. I urge the State Water Board to only consider the PG&E project, as submitted and approved in the Settlement Agreement of April 22, 2004, without the additional release of cold water from Lake Almanor.

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