

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.

- 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. The ramifications on the major environmental habitat that is Lake Almanor would be devastating.

The SWRCB is proposing the Canyon Dam tower and Prattville tower be repaired and altered to take the coldest water from Lake Almanor. They are proposing that flows of the cold water be increased from June 15 through September 15th at a rate of 250cfs, which is a higher flow than is customary. Further more, it is at the SWRCB own discretion whether or not to install THERMAL CURTAINS.

SWRCB own science shows that the cold water they plan to remove from Lake Almanor is not sufficient to lower the water downstream to desired temperature in normal or dry years. Therefore, the changes to the flows from the towers is not likely to achieve the impossible goal. The Thermal Curtain will also not obtain their temperature goals.

Our lake, our fish, our community needs Lake Almanor's cold water.

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.

Sincerely,

Lisa Rupert