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From: Evan Sebree <esebree84@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 12:53 PM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
Subject: Thermal Curtain Proposal

1/7/2015

Dear Mr. Barnes,

For the past 20 years, I have been able to enjoy the unique recreational opportunities afforded by Lake Almanor. Fishing, skiing, kayaking, camping, and vacationing in rental properties have left me with fond memories and an indescribable affinity for this very special place. These same activities would cease completely, if the government proposed thermal curtain is put into place. I know I am not alone in this feeling and believe the effect to the communities' economy would be devastating. Under no circumstances do I approve of the use of a thermal curtain to cool the Feather River system downstream of the lake. This unproven technology cannot be the best solution. Surely alternatives like the planting of shade trees along the banks of the river, and/or better water release procedures are worth consideration. Not only would these remedies be more cost efficient, their impact on an established and treasured fishery would be far less significant. In fact, I believe the implementation of a thermal curtain would absolutely destroy the lakes ecology and the recreational opportunities available to the local community and the many individuals like me who come from great distances to enjoy the lake and support the communities' economy. I am upset that our government has failed to take into account the concerns of the people who live and recreate at Lake Almanor and I will continue to fight this expensive, wasteful, and intrusive proposal. I ask you to please consider alternatives that have the support of the lake Almanor community who universally oppose the thermal curtain. Your attention to this matter is most appreciated.

Sincerely, Evan Sebree

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