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Peter,

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 do we justify removing the cold water from this lake so that PGE can continue to over charge consumers.

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.

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.

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