

## **Barnes, Peter@Waterboards**

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**From:** barbnalans@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 08, 2015 11:26 AM  
**To:** Barnes, Peter@Waterboards  
**Subject:** Lake Almanor Thermal Curtains

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

My parents started bring us to Lake Almanor in 1946, and continued to do so for at least 10 years, as the only vacation we ever had. The pristine waters allowed wonderful fishing, swimming, and water skiing. They loved it so much that they built their only retirement home on the lake and lived there into their 80's. My brothers and I used the proceeds from the sale of their home to purchase a smaller lakeside home on the Peninsula, where we have raised our children, and now our grandchildren. We would hate to see this wonderful part of our family's life damaged with warmer waters and the resulting algae.

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.

With respect, and sincerely,  
Alan B. Steiner and Barbara W. Steiner