

## **Barnes, Peter@Waterboards**

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**Subject:** Lake Almanor proposed changes

Mr. Barnes

I am a property owner at Lake Almanor and a property owner in Contra Costa County. The Lake Almanor property is my summer home and I have been an owner or renter in the area for the last 15 years.

My question for you and the water board is "When does something become part of the environment?" Lake Almanor has been there for 100 years. There is a thriving ecosystem in the lake of fish, birds, mammals and reptiles. The fact that the dam was built by man rather than being a result of a geological event, at this point, is irrelevant. So why are you proposing to mess with a beautiful natural environment. Where is the **Sierra Club** and all the environmental groups who purport to protect the "Natural Environment". Lake Almanor is part of that environment now, regardless of how it came about. Your proposal to drain its waters will negatively effect its ecosystem and all the creatures that have adapted and molded it to be their homes. The down stream environment, after 100 years, has adapted to its new environment, so why are you proposing change.

Further, you will be negatively effecting, economically, many people who live hand to mouth. Who rely on on the lake for putting food in their children's mouth, not to mention the effect on property values and the resulting effect on the people and financial institutions that hold mortgages and debt on the property and businesses there.

I just cannot understand why you, the water board, is the only government agency that has not agreed to the extension of PG&E's management of the lake. Governments are notorious for not being able to get anything done and the fact that several federal and state government agencies were able to reach an agreement on how to run the lake many, many years ago, and for the next 50 years, and your agency was not a party to that agreement is baffling other than to believe that your agency is unreasonable.

I plan to oppose your effort by contacting all the local, state and federal representatives in both my districts and by contributing money, where I am legally allowed, to the political process to stop your efforts. I further intend to muster as many voices as possible who support my opposition to your plan and its effects on the men, women and children of the Lake Almanor region.

Yours truly

Keith Wilton

Sent from my iPad