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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2015 5:01 PM
To: Barnes, Peter@Waterboards
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Subject: SAVE LAKE ALMANOR - DO NOT REDUCE THE WATER TEMPERATURE OF LAKE ALMANOR!

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Barnes:

My wife and I have been residents in the Lake Almanor Country Club for nearly 10 years.

We vacationed and visited the Lake and surrounding area for nearly 15 years before making the decision finally buy our home. In addition to owning our home on the Lake, we own several other properties in Plumas County, including one parcel of 160 acres. The beauty of the Lake and the fantastic people in our area is what prompted us to select Lake Almanor the area we wish to retire in.

During the time we have owned our home in the Country Club, we have seen first hand how a warming trend of our Lake Almanor water temperature, even without any extraction of the cold water from our Lake, has caused an increased algae bloom. You, more than most, as an engineering geologist and on the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Right, should recognize the negative impact of climate change. To increase the temperature of Lake Almanor is completely contrary to sensible, rational, and reasonable practice and thought.

We are 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 and likely economic travesty to our Lake and the surrounding businesses.

There is no environmental justice in damaging one area, Lake Almanor, for a questionable improvement elsewhere.

There would be a significant impact on Lake Alamnor when its cold water fishery is dramatically reduced.

It appears that the State Water Board is trying to justify a sweeping proposal without providing a cost estimate and a cost-benefit analysis.

The proposed plan provides no accountability to the people and community impacted by Water Board decisions.

As indicated, even without cold water withdrawal, in the last few years we have recognized a warmer lake and increased algae blooms.

If our lake's cold water is taken it will negatively impact fish, humans, and our surrounding business community.

The words "Less Than Significant Impact" is an oxymoron. Any negative impact to our beautiful area is extremely significant! Any negative impact to our air quality, cultural resources, fisheries, geology, noise, recreation, transportation, wildlife, and water quality is not warranted; wanted; and not acceptable.

Please Save Lake Almanor, the fish within, the humans from the aftermath, and the economic devastation that could occur by using Lake Almanor's cold water to lower the water temperature of the Feather River downstream by 3 degrees Celsius. .

Respectfully,

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