

**Barnes, Peter@Waterboards**

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**From:** Timothy Young <canyonview100@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2015 11:38 AM  
**To:** Barnes, Peter@Waterboards  
**Subject:** RE: Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFR Project NO 2105 - Concerned Citizens of Lake Almanor

Dear Mr. Peter Barnes,

Cindy and I have owned our home at Lake Almanor since 1989. We love the LACC club and the Lake Almanor for the recreation. We have concerns about the Alternatives 1 and 2 of the Draft EIR and their potential and likely impact on my community, the surrounding communities, the local economy, and the environment.

We strongly disagree with the statement that increasing the water temperatures of Lake Almanor will not have a "substantial impact". We spend a lot of time 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.

We do rent out cabin for eight weeks during the summer and know that most of our renters use the lake extensively. If the water temperatures, increased algae, and reduced fisheries increase it will have a devastating negative impact on the local economy, which is dependent upon tourism and already suffering. Cindy and I have seen other lakes in California become negatively impacted by drought and warmer water. Will our local businesses close? We will 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, we are OPPOSED to Alternatives 1 & 2, as described in the Draft EIR, and I believe that pursuing these Alternatives is unreasonable and reckless. We 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.

Sincerely,

Timothy & Cindy Young