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RE: Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFR Project NO 2105

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig N. Bash" with a flourish at the end.

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March 5, 2015

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Re; **OBJECTION to Proposed LAKE ALMANOR THERMAL CURTAIN**

Dear Mr. Barnes;

It does not take much thought to realize the very marginal benefits (to the State and respective area) of such a plan. AND, it doesn't take much thought to envision the negative "down side" of the affects on beautiful Lake Almanor. In addition to all the adverse affects on the lake, we've seen nothing written of the secondary impact vis-a-vis the tens of thousands of local and migratory birds that roost and feed from the lake, which devastation the plan will certainly bring. Nor have we read any positive measures proposed by the State, to protect and save the plentiful 30" long (I'm not kidding) Brown trout in the lake that we will no longer have, among other things. And, you personally know the end result is likely and quite possibly A DEAD LAKE ALMANOR!

The State, through its initial PG&E license affected the Feather River and respective reaches long ago. The State permitted tampering with nature back then. It now wants to do it again, even after equilibrium has been re-established within the natural eco-systems of the downstream river and reach areas. And now it wants to do it again, this time to Lake Almanor???

And who is going to control the lake level with this "siphoning" of water? (Please personally come up this fall and see how far out the shore line is, at the loss of much wet land too.) We can see this program pretty well destroying the lake. Are we now going to look like a typical CA reservoir? Does the government want another destroyed lake, this time man-made by sheer over-sight? Simply there is not enough water coming into the lake as it is.

Lake Almanor is a TREASURE to Californians, one of the few places over population hasn't yet destroyed. But, I'm certain the government will destroy it anyways with the implementation of this arguably stupid measure.

WE PROFUSLY OBJECT TO THE IMPLIMENTATION OF THE LAKE ALMANOR THERMAL CURTAIN.


Patricia Devine, Realtor, Ret'd


Mervyn Devine, PE, Ret'd

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Sincerely,



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March 7, 2015

RE: DRAFT EIR, PG&E CERTIFICATION UNFFR Project No 2105

Mr. Barnes,

I am writing you to express my opinion that I am opposed to the Water Boards staff recommendations in the Draft EIR.

The Draft EIR clearly didn't understand the potential devastation to Lake Almanor by removing cold water. Where is environment justice in damaging one area for the very questionable potential benefit of another?

There is no doubt the recommendations would clearly effect our fisheries and to suggest planting fish as a solution is unacceptable. Why not just plant the fish downstream? Isn't that the fishery in question now?

None of the recommendations pass any type of "reasonable" that the State Water Resources Control Board was asked to determine. Therefore, none should be utilized. Lake Almanor does not have enough cold water to share. Not a drop should be removed.

Sincerely,



MaryAnne Retzloff
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RE: Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFR **Project NO 2105**

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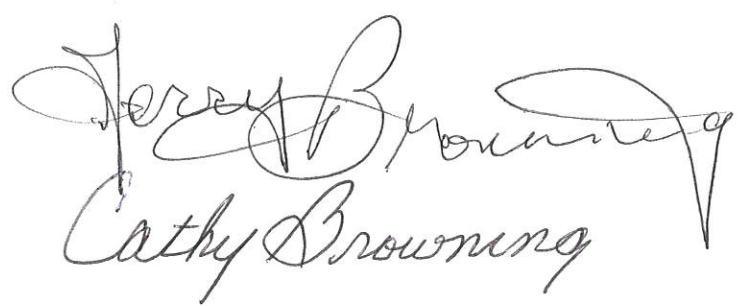
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March 3, 2015

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RE: Draft EIR, PG &E Certification UNFFR Project NO 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

We are full time residents of Lake Almanor, CA and have been here for 18 years. One of us came to Chester in 1943 and so has witnessed the lake through it's many ups and downs.

Our main issue with the Draft EIR is that we find very little in the report regarding the impacts this project, and the proposed Alternatives, will have on the quality of our life. We strongly disagree with the statement that increasing the water temperatures of Lake Almanor will not have a "substantial impact". How can there be "no significant impact" on Lake Almanor when it's cold water fishery is dramatically reduced? Our personal experience has been contrary to your findings. With several years of drought we 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. We fear that any activity that furthers 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. Where is the environmental justice in damaging one area, Lake Almanor, for a questionable improvement elsewhere?

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Sincerely,


Bill Yoskowitz and Peggy Gray
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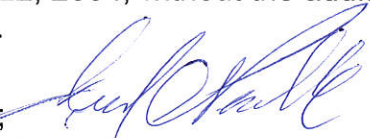
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This Lake is great just as it is.

Please DO NOT MESS WITH IT.

Do Not take any cold water out of it.

The lake will warm up and will be left with a DEAD lake like Clear Lake. This is documented in your environmental impact statements that state that fishing would be decreased.

As the lake warms the BOD will increase-- the oxygen levels will decrease and the fish will die as the algae flourishes (section 6.8).

REQUESTS:

Do not touch the lake.

Thank You



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