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

Dear Mr. Barnes,

Increased water temperatures of Lake Almanor will have a substantial impact on the lake, the creatures that live in the lake and the Chester/Almanor community. Several years of drought have had negative impacts which are related to the increase in water temperature. The water is green with algae blooms not seen in the many years we have lived in Lake Almanor. Removing cold water from the lake will greatly reduce the cold water for the fishes that have made Lake Almanor one of the best fishing destinations in the State of California. Our 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.

Please consider the negative impacts this project will have on the local economy and environment and the lake.

We are opposed to Alternatives 1 & 2, as described in the Draft EIR. We ask 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.

Thank you for reading and considering our comments.

Sincerely,

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