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February 12, 2015

Dear Peter Barnes,

We are very opposed to the Water Board recommendation in the draft concerning Lake Almanor. It does not make sense to remove and export the majority of the cold water from Lake Almanor to possibly lower the temperature downstream in the north Fork of the Feather River. There is no proof that this outcome will be achieved. The only certainty is that it will have an adverse effect on the health of Lake Almanor's ecological system. In this era of climate uncertainty it seems completely contrary to sensible practice.

Some added concerns are the monetary cost to implement this project as well as the possible loss of revenue to local businesses from the deterioration of Lake Almanor as a prime recreational destination. It would seem that the perceived benefits would not offset these costs.

Hoping for your thoughtful consideration of our concerns for Lake Almanor.

Sincerely,



Dave and Sue Colby: Property owners Lake Almanor, California

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

Dear Mr. Barnes,

DIV OF WATER RIGHTS
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We thank you for providing us the opportunity to provide feedback on the above mentioned project. Our concern is that Alternatives 1 and 2 will have a devastating negative impact on our community, the surrounding communities, the local economy, and the environment.

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". We own a cabin here and 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 had 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 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. 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 and already suffering. When we consider all of the negative impacts this project will have on the local economy and environment, we wonder what the impact will be on our quality of life and property value. Will more local businesses close? Will we 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 we believe that pursuing these Alternatives is unreasonable and reckless. We would implore 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,

Sue Colby *Dave Colby*

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