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

Dear Mr. Barnes,

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 live 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 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 the 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 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.

The above is a copy of the LACC letter that was sent to the State Water Board. We definitely agree with everything that is said in this letter. We have been coming to Lake Almanor since the late 60's and early 70's. We purchased our lot in 1974 and built our home in 2005. We now live here permanently and are very concerned about the negative impacts this project would have on the community and our lives as well.

Please consider what this would do to this beautiful community and to all the people like us who have made this our home.

Sincerely,

Cal & Carol Deurloo