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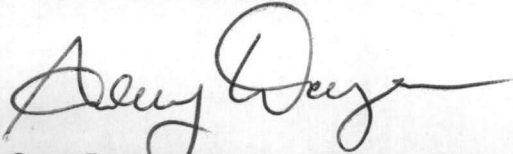
Re: Upper North Fork Feather River Hydroelectric Project, FERC #2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Water Board staff recommendation in the draft EIR regarding the Upper North Fork Feather River Hydroelectric Project, FERC #2105. Exporting any of Lake Almanor's cold water pool downstream will be an ecological travesty and detrimental to the fragile local economy. Further, the proposed plan provides no accountability to the people impacted by Water Board decisions.

Assuming "no significant impact" on Lake Almanor when its cold water fishery is dramatically reduced is at best absurd. Reducing the cold water pool in Lake Almanor will result in a warmer lake and increased algae blooms, impacting both fish and humans.

My family and community enjoys and relies on the current ecological and economy driven benefits of the Lake Almanor Basin, I urge you to abandon this likely disastrous plan.



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