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RE: EIR draft, PG&E Certification UNFFR No 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

Thank you in advance for taking a moment to read my letter to you. As a resident of the Lake Almanor area I have growing concerns over channeling cold water from Lake Almanor to, as I understand it, enhance fisheries down stream in the Feather River.

From my standpoint it appears the benefits (which frankly seem few) compared to known and yet to be discovered negatives do not justify taking cold water from our lake.

Given the on going drought & virtually no snow pack this season it seems the taking our limited volume of cold water is a drop in the bucket....for what? Science and the need of the greater good (Almanor Basin citizens) appears to support **your recommending against removing cold water from Lake Almanor**. We have precious little water as it is. Basin residents rely heavily on tourism, lake water quality (drinking) and over all aquatic recreation, please do not risk damaging this.

Perhaps in the future as the California water supply improves, lakes and reservoirs fill with ample water the state should revisit channeling cold water, not now please.

In closing I know there are many sides to each story. Also that various agencies, political groups, special interest folks pressure you and others directly or indirectly to make a decision either in favor of or against cold water removal. I as an individual ask you consider Almanor Basin residents at this time. Think of people, families & children who will be the first to be damaged. Say "no" at this time and wait until our state's water situation improves.

Respectfully submitted,



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