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

Dear Mr. Barnes,

As an owner of a residence, located on the shore of Lake Almanor, I have grave concerns about the State Water Board's EIR, its conclusions and its impact on Lake Almanor. Alternatives 1 and 2 will have a devastating negative impact on the community, the surrounding communities, the local economy, and the especially the environment.

The real issue with the Draft EIR is that there is very little in the report regarding the impacts this project and the proposed Alternatives will have on the quality of life at my Lake Almanor residence and surrounding area. I strongly disagree with the statement that increasing the water temperatures of Lake Almanor will not have a "substantial impact". My personal experience is contrary to your findings. With several years of drought I have observed 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. I fear that any activity that further removes additional cold water from 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. My observations are supported by data in the final draft of the Lake Almanor Water Quality Report, 2015. In an attempt to accomplish one thing, the EIR alternatives destroy another environmentally sensitive area. The primary purpose of an EIR is to make sure a planned action does not have any negative impacts. Alternatives 1 and 2 have a substantial negative impact on the lake's water environment. Increased water temperatures, increased algae, and reduced fisheries will also have a devastating negative impact on the local economy, which is dependent upon tourism and is still suffering from the last major recession.

When I consider all of the negative impacts this project will have on the local economy and environment, I also wonder what the impact will be on my quality of life and property value. Will more local businesses close? Will I 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 a pristine lake?

In conclusion, I am opposed to Alternatives 1 & 2, as described in the Draft EIR, and believe that pursuing these alternatives is unreasonable, reckless and environmentally damaging. I 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.

Very truly yours,



Susan J. Hansen