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Peter Barnes, Engineering Geologist State Water Board Resources Control Board Division of Water Quality P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Dear Mr. Barnes,

Re: Stop draining cold water from Lake Almanor.

My family and I have been vacationing at Lake Almanor for over 40 years and are avid fishermen. This is a trophy fishery for many trout species as well as Land Locked King Salmon, which require the cold water of Lake Almanor to survive.

Please stop the actions to drain cold water from Lake Almanor. The lake cannot survive as it has in the past if cold water is sent down stream. It should be noted that only 6% of the lake is 60 plus feet deep, which provides the cold water for the native trout and salmon. The underground springs alone cannot cool the water sufficiently to sustain their habitat.

There are other ways to cool the downstream river such as trees and river architecture. Also, any cold water from Lake Almanor will not stay cold long enough to make any difference in the downstream ecosystem.

The economy of Chester, Westwood, and other local towns could be damaged if this fishery is ruined.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important <u>econometric and</u> <u>environmental issue.</u>

Sincerely,

Charles and Janet Haubrich