

**Dear Peter Barnes, Engineering Geologist,
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights, Water Quality Certification Program
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I am opposed to the Water Board staff recommendation in the draft EIR.

Exporting most or all of Lake Almanor's cold water pool to achieve a marginal benefit far downstream would be an ecological travesty.

100 years ago, before Lake Almanor existed, there was a river flowing through Big Meadow and the water was logically warmer. There was no cold water being held or released.

Where is the environmental justice in damaging one area, Lake Almanor, for a questionable improvement elsewhere?

How can there be "no significant impact" on Lake Almanor when its cold water fishery is dramatically reduced? This area has been economically devastated by drought and fire. Businesses struggle to make it.

How can the State Water Board justify such a sweeping proposal without providing a cost estimate and a cost-benefit analysis? Complete a cost benefit analysis now!

Reducing the cold water pool in Lake Almanor will result in a warmer lake and increased algae blooms, impacting both fish and humans. I grew up spending summers camping at Lake Almanor and Butt Lake. When we retired last year we moved to the Lake full time. Don't ruin our Lake.

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**In an era of climate change concerns, intentionally
increasing the temperature of Lake Almanor is completely
contrary to sensible practice. Stop the madness!**

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana L. Jones". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Best regards," text.

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