STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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DIV OF WATER RIGHTS
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Re: Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFR Project NO 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

We attended the Community Meeting held in Chester, Ca on February 11, 2015. The attendance that evening, and the articulate and well-informed speakers should be a strong indication to you of how much this proposal will hurt our small community.

Taking cold water out of Lake Almanor and Butt Lake, by any means, will have a drastic negative impact on our community, its economy and its quality of life. We retired here in 1992 to enjoy the wildlife and pristine mountain lake that supports it. Tourism is based on Lake Almanor and the recreational opportunities it affords. Ruining Lake Almanor by reducing the cold water, and thus the fish population, will also ruin tourism, our way of life and the value of our property.

Other means of reducing the water temperature of the Feather River have been suggested, and been ignored. Planting trees to shade the river or building a solar-powered cooling system at a hydro-electric generating plant on the river are alternatives that should be considered. Neither would harm the environment, neither would disturb the ecology, neither would have a negative economic impact, and neither would cost millions that the impacted residents would pay for.

Please listen to our concerns. Please consider the scientific facts presented to you. Please consider alternative means to cool the Feather River. Do not ruin our community, our economy, and our way of life for one degree Celsius!

Sincerely,

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