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Mr. Peter Barnes, Engineering Geologist  
State Water Board Resource Control Board, Division of Water Rights  
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Dear Mr. Barnes,

As a long time resident of Lake Almanor, I am writing you to express my deep opposition to Alternatives 1 & 2 as described in the Draft EIR. Having lived in the lake basin for many years, I have already witnessed a significant change to the water quality due to climate change. Lake temperatures have risen and algae levels have steadily increased. If substantial amounts of cold water are further extracted from the lake, this process will accelerate dramatically -- making it resemble what is now Clear Lake.

Our fragile lake basin economy depends upon the maintaining of good water clarity as needed for recreational boaters, fisherman, and vacationers. Surely, the extreme drought conditions in Plumas county should necessitate a least a postponement of any immediate decisions or actions concerning the Draft EIR.

Thank you for your consideration. I am hopeful that the decision makers will be mindful that our lake ecology and community are under serious threat.

Sincerely,



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