



To Lake County officials and Water Quality Board Members

I just received an e-mail regarding an article in the Lake County Bee about meeting tomorrow afternoon that may result in postponing actions to improve the quality of Clear Lake. I have a commitment that is impossible to break and cannot attend the meeting.

I am profoundly concerned that the lake can not be protected and that postponement of introducing any steps to correct run-off issues and that any action may possibly be postponed for 10-20 years. Why damage a tremendous asset to the area and the health of wildlife and people using the lake?

My family has been coming to lake county and owned property here since 1924. I have spent most of my summers  in Clearlake since I was born, which will be 70 years next month. I have owned my own lakefront property for 29 years. I spent 3 months a summer living at the lake and I feel that, although I do not live full time at the lake, I have a long term family connection and affection for the lake.

I have observed the lake, the algae and local birds for decades. I understand that the lake has algae! But, even understanding (and accepting) the fluctuations of water quality I am concerned that the lake is changing.....and not for the better. I no longer swim in the lake.

I have put below a picture taken about 2 weeks ago from my pier. It is of the most recent fish kill. Since the kill I have not seen one grebe or one duck. Nothing. The herons have returned and a few egrets, but nothing else. This is not a natural pattern for the area of the lake where I spend my summers.

I am sorry I have not had time to craft a cogent letter, but I do want to state that I expect my representatives to do the best for the lake. And, the best means to take the problems seriously and start an action plan now.

Thank you,

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