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Peter Barnes, Engineering Geologist
State Water Board Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
P.O. Box 2000
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RE: Thermal Curtain at Lake Almanor

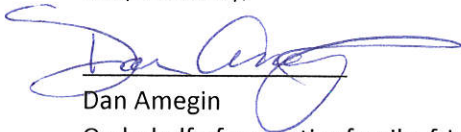
Dear Mr. Barnes,

Our family, extended family, relatives, friends and neighbors like so many others have experienced and appreciate the cold water recreation and benefits of Lake Almanor for more than 40 years. For hundreds of thousands of visitors across Northern California and Nevada, this lake has been a gem in the north state for decades and a life source for all the communities nearby. We truly value its cold water bounty of fresh water King Salmon and many species of trout. It troubles me that the Thermal Curtain is still being considered for this pristine lake. It is neither rational nor logical to significantly alter a proven cold water resource that makes Almanor what it is, in exchange for dubious and speculative benefits that few (including wildlife) would ever have the opportunity to experience.

Clearly there are better ways to cool downstream water for many more miles below that which would result from a thermal curtain. As many know firsthand, once cold water spreads over warm rocks under a hot sun it quickly warms and continues as if nothing changed. Yet with a thermal curtain the water quality of a lake is impacted irreparably and nothing we can do after that will prevent the damage set in motion; prompting clarity degradation, algae blooms, invasive weeds (along with it weed control), encourage invasive species and the list goes on.

I urge you to help us preserve the beautiful pristine water quality of Lake Almanor.

Very sincerely,



Dan Amegin

On behalf of my entire family, friends and dedicated conservationists.

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Jeff Wetzel, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer
State Water Board Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
P.O. Box 2000
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RE: Thermal Curtain at Lake Almanor

Dear Mr. Wetzel,

Our family, extended family, relatives, friends and neighbors like so many others, have experienced and appreciate the cold water recreation and benefits of Lake Almanor for generations. We took our daughter there on her first vacation 31 years ago. For hundreds of thousands of visitors across Northern California and Nevada, this lake has been a precious gem in the north state for decades and a life source for all the communities nearby. We truly value its cold water bounty of fresh water King Salmon and many species of big healthy beautiful trout. It troubles me that the Thermal Curtain is still being considered for this pristine lake. Particularly with California's many drought cycles, it is hardly a Sustainable Practice. It is neither rational nor logical to significantly alter a proven top tier cold water fishery and resource that makes Almanor what it is, in exchange for dubious and speculative benefits that very few (people or native fish) for that matter will have the opportunity to experience.

Clearly there are better ways to cool downstream water for many more miles, than that which would result from a thermal curtain. As many know firsthand, once cold water spreads downstream over warm rocks under a hot sun it quickly warms and flows as if nothing changed. Yet with a thermal curtain, the water quality of a lake is impacted irreparably and nothing we can do after that will prevent the damage set in motion; prompting clarity degradation, algae blooms, invasive weeds (along with it weed control), encourage invasive species and the list goes on. Not the least of which is the slow death and suffocation of tens of thousands of magnificent healthy trout and salmon that few places anywhere in California can match or produce like Lake Almanor consistently does.

What a terrible way to destroy a valuable bounty of such precious resources!

On behalf of our entire family, friends and dedicated conservationists across California, I urge you to help us preserve the beautiful pristine water quality of Lake Almanor for generations to come.

Very sincerely,



Dan Amegin



Louise Amegin and family.