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Dear Mr. Barnes:

This letter is in response to recommendations related to the PG&E Certification UNFFR Project Number 2105, generated by the State Water Resources Board staff.

We want to communicate our dismay that Alternatives 1 and 2 of the Project, as described in Chapter 4 of the draft EIR, still are being considered. We also want to comment on the statements in the recommendations indicating that the Board would monitor consequences of the releases of water, and that it would reserve the authority to install thermal curtains if it deemed these to be appropriate. The recommendations use the term "adaptive management."

Public hearings in the area, and invitations to submit written statements, have documented the overwhelming and consistent opposition of residents to the thermal curtain concept. That it still is part of the considerations undermines any trust, on the part of the public, that monitoring or adaptive management would lead the Board to any other alternative. Further, it reinforces the view that the curtains continue to be the alternative of choice for the staff in spite of local opposition.

We are aware of the letter the Lake Almanor Country Club Board of Directors has submitted, stating its opposition to Alternatives 1 and 2. The LACC Board also took issue with the staff's contention that the recommendations will not have a substantial impact on local resources and quality of life in the Almanor Basin. The Board's letter identified specific concerns.

That letter speaks to our concerns, as it does for the other LACC property owners. We also believe it represents the concerns of anyone who lives in the Almanor Basin, as well as those who operate businesses here and in surrounding communities. The economic well being of this area, including jobs and taxes, depends on maintaining the qualities and characteristics that bring people here to visit or to locate here as residents.

Yours truly,



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