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Mr. Barnes,

Our family has had a house on Lake Almanor for over 40 years.

We are writing you to express our opinion that we are very much opposed to the Water Boards staff recommendations in the Draft EIR.

Scientists say the entire planet is warming, not just the Feather River. Depleting Lake Almanor to "hopefully" decrease the downstream water temperature by 1-2 degrees seems ill conceived, pointless and risky.

Your proposed alternatives – from adding "significantly" unsightly structures, to closed public beach areas to diminished cold water fishes, to the risk of increased algae blooms and other *unforeseen* changes are neither "reasonable", *as required*, nor necessary.

The economy of the surrounding area is highly dependent on the recreational aspects of Lake Almanor. Both your proposed alternatives put thousands of families at economic risk. All based on the faulty premise that this will reverse ongoing climate change.

If someone has somehow convinced the state that they must have cold-water fish species miles downstream, why not just plant them downstream? Damaging an entire ecosystem and the economy that holds together a community just to *hopefully* benefit some other downstream area is not only dumb, it's wrong.

Our position is that these recommendations are neither reasonable nor smart and that no cold water should be removed from Lake Almanor.

Sincerely,



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