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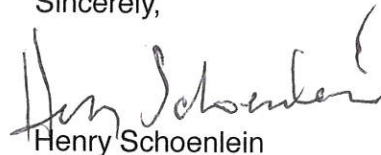
Dear Mr. Barnes:

I am sharing my concern regarding the Draft EIR report issued last December by your department, which recommended the installation of a thermal curtain in the Prattville area of Lake Almanor in order to reduce the temperature of the Feather River downstream perhaps as much as two or three degrees.

When my wife and I first heard about it, the idea sounded like science fiction. More realistically, it is not absolutely clear if it would achieve the intended results. Lowering the temperature of Lake Almanor would be an environmental and esthetic imposition for the lake and the surrounding area. I'm sure you are familiar with Clear Lake. Who would end up paying the cost for this proposed environmental change? The cost would probably start in the vicinity of fifty million. PG and E would pass their costs to their consumers. And it is not clear what would be passed onto tax payers.

I would hope that the Water Resources Control Board would take another look at these issues before moving ahead with the Draft EIR report.

Sincerely,



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