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Re: Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFAR
Project No. 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

I am very concerned that Alternatives 1 and 2 will have a devastating effect on the Lake Almanor Basin. We are a very small area that depends heavily on tourism due to Lake Almanor. Any actions that would change the lake would have long lasting negative effects.

My biggest concern is that there has been no scientific evidence put forth that shows that there is enough cold water in Lake Almanor to change the water temperature downstream. There has been no scientific evidence shown that the cold water from Lake Almanor will actually change the temperature downstream either. There has also been no evidence shown that taking the cold water out of Lake Almanor will not disturb the delicate balance of the lake. What about the mandate to "do no harm"?


How can you possibly proceed with either of these alternatives without having to prove that this project will actually work? If you actually go forward with this project and it fails, who will pay for the damage done to Lake Almanor? What about the residents of the Almanor Basin who lose their businesses, jobs, homes and life savings due to the damage done to the lake? Just because someone says this is a good idea does not make it so. What about global warming? We are in the middle of a 4-year drought that shows no evidence of changing.

I strongly disagree with the statement that the increase of water temperature in Lake Almanor will have no "substantial impact". You have produced no evidence

that there would be no harm. Increased water temperatures, increased algae and reduced fisheries will have a devastating negative effect on the local economy. We have had several years of drought now and are already seeing negative effects. We don't need your help in destroying our lake and community.

I believe that continuing with Alternatives 1 and or 2 is unreasonable and fraught with danger. I urge the State Water Board to only consider the PG&E project, as submitted and approved in the Settlement Agreement of April 22, 2004 without the additional release of cold water from Lake Almanor.

Sincerely,


Marilyn Selk
Lake Almanor Resident