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Lake Almanor Thermal Curtain

Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter concerning the issue of building a Thermal Curtain in Lake Almanor. After listening to several experts talk about the very real detriments of removing colder water from the bottom of Lake Almanor with little to no changes to downstream fisheries, I am strongly opposed to this program.

I am one of many citizens that have recently moved to Lake Almanor. We did so because to the beauty of the area and a desire to help grow the towns and businesses. Spending millions of dollars of taxpayer's money to build a device to remove cold water is just plain stupid! Further, it takes away money that is needed to support our schools, extend our home for the aged and expand our hospital.

The cold water extraction / thermal curtain approach being proposed is ineffective and damaging to the environment. It's time to move on to a better option and to put a stop to the waste of money in lobbying and legal fees. The politicians and water resource managers in this state that step up to the plate end this proposal will have my vote.

Sincerely,



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