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Project 2105, North Fork Feather River

Dear Commissioners,

I have deep concerns that Conditions 1(B) and 6 included in the California State Water Resources Control Board's Section 401 water quality certification will have a devastating negative impact on our community. The supplemental cold-water withdrawals from Lake Almanor envisioned during summer months to reduce water temperatures in the North Fork Feather River will be especially harmful, should those conditions be included in the new license.

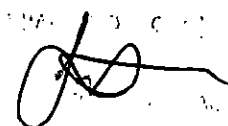
I live and work in the Lake Almanor Basin, Plumas County, California. Our local economy has two primary drivers, forestry and tourism. The Collins Company, and Sierra Pacific Industries, both manage forests here. The Collins Company also operates a lumber mill here, shipping finished lumber products by truck and rail all over the United States. Lake Almanor is a world-renown cold water fishery, producing record setting Rainbow and German Brown Trout, drawing sportsmen and fishermen from all across the Western US. The lake also attracts thousands of vacationers every summer, many spending their entire summer here to enjoy the boating, water sports, and cooler summer temps offered here.

The Dixie fire of 2021, a Presidentially Declared Disaster, damaged half of Collins' 95,000 acres of managed timber, destroying 30,000 acres of it. This is a future product that is forever lost to the Collins Company, their employees, and to our local economy. The residue of millions of gallons of fire retardant is now making its way to the lake, supercharging the lake water with nitrogen. These elements have set the stage for toxic algae blooms and lower oxygen levels. Taking additional cold water from the lake will only amplify these effects, leading to the further destruction of our local cold water fishery.

I am frightened by the prospect that Pacific Gas and Electric may be forced to exacerbate this situation by releasing additional cold water from Lake Almanor to placate a few special interests. Our economy and livelihoods are already in jeopardy. Please do not make a decision that could seal our fate. Please agree to maintain the original settlement agreement of 2004, with NO ADDITIONAL COLD WATER OUTFLOWS.

Thank you


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Lake Almanor, Plumas County, Ca.



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