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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E. Room 1A
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Ms Bose,

We own a home at 905 Golf Club Road, Lake Almanor, Plumas County, California. I am writing to express my deep concerns over the Project 2105 and the devastating impact it will have on Lake Almanor. Project 2105 will release cold water from Lake Almanor, drawing it down lower than current levels, in an attempt to reduce water temperatures in the Feather River Basin. The three alternatives proposed: 1) install a thermal curtain; 2) stand alone supplemental flows; and 3) a combination of both 1 and 2. Unfortunately each option will have devastating environmental and economic impact on Lake Almanor and the surrounding communities.

A major false assumption used in the Project 2105 is to model the effects using data that is 20 to 40 years old. The model does not take into account rising temperatures, decreased snowpack and several drought years. The data does not reflect the current condition of Lake Almanor. There is not enough cold water storage in Lake Almanor to cool a river in a warming climate.

Removing water from Lake Almanor will be devastating to the existing excellent fishery. The community economic survival depends on a healthy Lake Almanor for fishing, recreation, and native wildlife. Already, the lake has developed dangerous algae blooms due to the low lake levels which have increased the water temperature.

The Clean Water Act states that one cannot adversely affect the beneficial uses of waters. The existing beneficial uses for Lake Almanor identified in the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Plan include: hydroelectric power generation, contact recreation, warm and cold water fish habitat, warm spawning habitat, and wildlife habitat. The models using old data predict increasing lake temperatures, this will be significantly magnified given Lake Almanor's current condition.

It is my understanding that the stake holders came to an agreement in 2004 for Lake Almanor. That settlement provided cold water releases while maintaining suitable lake levels so that

habitat and recreation would be preserved. This settlement agreement should be honored and implemented.

Reject Alternatives one and two of the 2014 SWRCB's draft and Alternative three of the SWRCB's 2020 draft. Implement the agreement from April 22, 2004. Let's do the right thing to protect Lake Almanor and the surrounding communities.

Sincerely,



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