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Re: FERC Project 2105, Upper North Fork Feather River Project

Dear Commissioners,

I'm sure you are aware the re-licensing of Project 2105 has gone on for quite some time. Although the majority of issues have been agreed to by all parties, there are still a few outstanding issues, the biggest of which involves the last-minute requirement by the State Water Resources Control Board to divert cold water from Lake Almanor to lower the downstream water temperature for the fish through the use of a thermal curtain.

My husband and I live at 929 Lassen View Drive in Lake Almanor and the proposed diversion of cold water from the lake would have a significant impact on us directly, the environment, and the community around Lake Almanor. While I understand the desire to lower the downstream water temperature, it's clear that the benefits of the cold-water diversion are outweighed by the damage done to the Lake Almanor ecosystem. Given Lake Almanor's large surface area and shallow depth, the lake water is already relatively warm in the summer. Further diversion will make the problem worse.

The algae bloom in Lake Almanor is a direct result of the warm water. We have seen similar blooms each summer for the past few years, and the issue is only getting worse. It is an obvious indication of declining health of the lake, which so many of us in the community enjoy and which is a major contributor to the local economy.

The thermal curtain would benefit downstream fisheries, but it would significantly harm the lake's fish populations, the recreational use of the lake, and the local economy. I ask that you reject the proposed thermal curtain for Lake Almanor.

Kindly,



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