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Lake Almanor Watershed Project

Lake Almanor provides water to Southern California, hydropower for Pacific Gas & Electric and is the basis of the region's economy. Ensuring proper protection of this headwater system is vital to both local communities and to ensuring that California has a dependable supply of water and electricity.

The Sierra Institute's work in the Almanor watershed was formally launched in 2003 after two years of seeking stakeholder interest. The Plumas County Board of Supervisors then worked with the Sierra Institute to create the Almanor Basin Watershed Basin Advisory Committee (ABWAC). Since then, Sierra Institute has staffed the ABWAC and coordinated its work.

The Sierra Institute watershed coordinator facilitates all ABWAC activities and develops and implements a yearly work plan to provide stewardship of the Lake Almanor basin. The watershed coordinator improves the institutional coordination of all projects by involving both citizens and agency representatives in stewardship activities, as investment in the watershed is a shared responsibility.

The Sierra Institute also maintains up-to-date information about activities that might affect the health of the watershed.

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