

Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Executive Officer's Summary Report
8:30 A.M., Thursday, August 23, 2012
Santa Rosa

ITEM: 11

SUBJECT: Update for the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement Interim Measure 10 Water Quality Workshop (*Clayton Creager*)

BOARD ACTION: This is an informational item. No action will be taken by the Regional Board.

BACKGROUND: Staff is working with the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement Interim Measure 10 Steering Committee to conduct an invitation only workshop with approximately 100 water quality rehabilitation experts to evaluate several proposed large-scale pollutant reduction projects for the upper Klamath Basin. The purpose of the workshop is to identify technologies and strategies that will provide a clear working framework to reduce nutrient and organic matter loads to the Klamath River.

The workshop is part of a set of interim measures (IMs) implemented under the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA). Proposed projects will be described in a pre-workshop report provided a month in advance to workshop invitees. The workshop proceedings, including expert reviews of proposed project evaluations, will be made available to the public. Those projects receiving a favorable review by the technical experts will be included in a final project report that provides preliminary engineering design for these recommended projects. The final project report will be available for public review and will support the subsequent development of proposals for funding to complete full engineering feasibility analysis and design.

The large-scale projects to be evaluated at the workshop are intended to partially replace the lost ecosystem functions of wetlands and marshes that have been drained for agricultural purposes, and to address the legacy pollutant load residing in the sediments of Upper Klamath Lake. The anticipated water quality improvements from reducing these sources of pollution

will significantly enhance water quality conditions for beneficial uses in Klamath River waters.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Workshop save the date announcement sent to invited participants
2. Table listing invited participants
3. Pre-Workshop Report Outline

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