

Regional Water Quality Control Board  
North Coast Region

Executive Officer's Summary Report  
Thursday, September 26, 2013  
River Lodge Conference Center  
Fortuna, California

ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: Update on Klamath Basin Watershed Stewardship Activities (*Clayton Creager*)

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

BACKGROUND: Regional Water Board staff are working throughout the Klamath Basin to improve water quality conditions using collaborative frameworks where goals and objectives are consistent with implementation of Klamath Basin TMDL Action Plans (i.e., Klamath River, Lost River, Shasta River, Scott River, Salmon River, and Trinity River). This comprehensive approach is necessary and desirable because: 1) the Klamath Basin is a unified ecosystem, and 2) there are many other organizations that share with the Regional Water Board an interest in common environmental outcomes and use similar or complementary environmental rehabilitation actions. The purpose of this update is to identify the various components of the collaborative framework and the status of many of the most important initiatives that are either currently or imminently underway and to discuss with the Board how the Klamath watershed stewardship pilot projects can inform our upcoming Nonpoint Source program watershed stewardship initiative. The presentation will provide a detailed description of the following Klamath Basin watershed stewardship activities:

- Klamath Basin Monitoring Program;
- Klamath Tracking and Accounting Program;
- Klamath Water Quality Improvement Projects Conceptual Feasibility Analysis – Final Report and Outreach;
- Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement Interim Measure 11 – Water Quality Pilot Projects;
- Status of Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement and Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement;
- Management Agency Watershed Stewardship Approach Agreement among the Regional Water Board, USBR, and USFWS; and
- Shasta Valley Watershed Stewardship Framework.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: None