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**From:** Michael Hentz <michaelmaxhentz@mkwc.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 23, 2016 10:34 AM  
**To:** Wr401program  
**Subject:** Clean Water in the Klamath Depends on Dam Removal

Dear Staff and Members of the California State Water Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to support Clean Water Act compliance for the Klamath Hydroelectric Project.

I am a resident of the Mid-Klamath River Region and the Klamath River is a critical component of our regions health and economic viability. The diminished condition of water quality, as well as fisheries impacts directly affects my livelihood and that of future generations.

I encourage your consideration of dam removal, and wish you also to work to address persistent issues with wetland conversion in the upper Klamath Basin as well as the Scott and Shasta River's. Watershed scale restoration is key to any successful long term effort.

As you develop your EIR, I urge you to address the following:

- PacifiCorp has not demonstrated that it can achieve Clean Water Act compliance through their proposed mitigation measures. Therefore, we urge you to only issue a Clean Water certificate if it requires the retirement and removal of Iron Gate, Copco No. 1, CopCo No. 2, and J.C. Boyle dams from the Klamath River.
- We urge you to fully address your legal responsibility to protect California's water quality impairments from pollution originating in Oregon – particularly water quality impairments generated by J.C. Boyle and Keno dams and reservoirs.
- The EIR should address all water quality standards that have been developed for the Klamath River.
- Finally, it is unlawful to continue delaying mitigation of water quality impairments caused by PacifiCorp's facilities. We urge you to complete the EIR and issue a water quality certification requiring dam removal in a timely manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,  
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