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Mr. Parker Thaler  
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Dear Mr. Thaler,

I am a Humboldt County registered voter and I support removal of all five KHP dams on the Klamath River, via the Klamath Hydro Settlement Agreement (KHSA). You are charged to enforce the Clean Water Act standards, which cannot be met with the continued presence of these obsolete dams that do not even have fish ladders.

These dams create reservoirs where the water is warmed to temperatures that create toxic algae and oxygen deficiencies that contributed to an epic salmon kill a few years ago and current salmon monitoring at the mouth of the Klamath by the Yurok Tribe continues to find salmon rotten with "ich". The right of Native people to a subsistence salmon harvest is The Senior water user right. PacifiCorp, owner of the dams, has been profiting from the over-allocation of water rights to multiple stakeholders, who are then pitted against each other in competition for water.

The KHSA is a viable solution that provides some degree of resolution to various stakeholders, including the environment. KHSA provisions generously allow PacifiCorp to buffer their liability during the removal process of these obsolete structures and avoid the much higher cost of attempting to bring the dams up to current standards. While some of the dams are in Oregon, the water problems from these dams cause problems downstream in California that must be included in CEQA analysis. Clearly, the solution must be a holistic watershed solution across state lines to address environmental concerns.

Thank you for consideration of these issues within your authority and responsibility for Water Quality.

Sincerely,

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