

Thaler, Parker@Waterboards

From: Mike Mallory <mmallory@co.siskiyou.ca.us>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 4:00 PM
To: Thaler, Parker@Waterboards
Subject: Scoping Comments - Recertification of the Klamath Hydroelectric Project

Dear Mr. Thaler,

As the Siskiyou County Assessor-Recorder, I intended to speak at the Public Scoping Meeting held at the Miner's Inn Convention Center in Yreka, CA on Tuesday, January 26th. Unfortunately, I was called away to a local emergency in my capacity as a volunteer firefighter, and missed my opportunity to speak. As a result, I am submitting my concerns in writing via e-mail to meet today's comment deadline.

I am writing to request an objective analysis of the loss in property values in the event that the Klamath River Dams are removed, along with the corresponding effects to the Property Tax Rolls (Local and as Unitary Rolls). These items will be an intricate part of the Socioeconomic Analysis section of the impending EIR/EIS. You received similar requests during Tuesday night's scoping meeting from Siskiyou County residents Rick Costales and William (Bill) Duval.

Valuation studies to date at the Federal level have been woefully inadequate, as the Department of Interior has carefully crafted the scope of work to arrive at a predetermined outcome of minimal value impact in the event of dam removal. Appraisals have been based on the hypothetical assumption that the land underlying the lakes has been restored to its native condition with full access to a free-flowing river. In actuality, if the dams are removed mud flats will dominate the landscape for decades, and will have immediate and severe impact property values. I ask that you completely disregard any valuation study relating to Klamath Dam removal as commissioned by the Department of Interior.

Thank you for consideration of my requests as outlined above. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the number below or by return e-mail. Please acknowledge receipt by a timely reply to this transmission.

Sincerely,
Mike Mallory
Siskiyou County Assessor-Recorder
Yreka, CA 96097
(530) 842-8043 (work direct)