

Wr401program

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Subject: Clean Water in the Klamath Depends on Dam Removal

Dear Staff and Members of the California State Water Board,

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Please address the following in preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to support Clean Water Act compliance for the Klamath Hydroelectric Project.:

- PacifiCorp has not demonstrated that it can achieve Clean Water Act compliance through their proposed mitigation measures. These mitigation measures will not be enough to contend with the threat of climate change and preserve our dwindling wild salmon runs. Therefore, we urge you to prepare to issue a Clean Water certificate that requires complete dam removal.

-Please fulfill your legal responsibility to protect California's water quality impairments from pollution originating in Oregon.

-Maintaining the dams on the Klamath River has cumulative impacts beyond poor water quality. The toxicity of the water threatens the health and psychological well-being of disadvantaged native communities by exposing them to illness and degrading their cultural resources and food security (i.e. ceremonial waters, subsistence fishing). It is important to consider these cascading impacts in addition to the direct impact of unacceptable water quality.

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