

Wr401program

From: Jim Litts <jim@chiloquin.us>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 11:10 AM
To: Wr401program
Subject: Clean Water in the Klamath Depends on Dam Removal

Dear Staff and Members of the California State Water Board,

Dear Parker Thaler & Members of the CA Water Board:

I lived in the Klamath Basin for 7 years and still own property there. Water quality is the number one environmental problem there. There are two critically important ways to make progress toward a remedy.

First, remove these dams which serve only to pool up the water and warm it to cultivate gigantic blue-green algae driven toxin factories.

Second to restore our native wetlands and bring them back in the line of water flow through the basin to clean the water as it passes. We must rewater these wetlands and stop blocking the access of lake waters to the wetlands by removing the levees where possible. I've discussed this in detail on KWERI.org.

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. As you develop your EIR, we 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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