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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. 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.
- Without clean water to sustain life, there will be no life. Not acting in the best interest of people would be failing future generations. We need to lead by positive example that we can work together to make this region a better place. People get sick from unclean water. Not only from drinking it but from swimming/bathing in it.
- As a Karuk Indian, I am concerned that when we are swimming or fishing or gathering basketry materials from the banks of the Klamath River, we are in contact with whatever filth that it contains from algae, etc., from upstream of the river. Since the dams are in place , we have had poor water flow and poor quality of life. Dying fish, poor quality basketry material, etc. We want to be able to practice time immemorial practices but how can we do this with sickly waters? I am concerned that this will lead to cancerous effects as well.
- I have never understood why people would think it ok to alter the course of nature??? To build dams, irrigation systems that displace waer, etc...Dont you think that if the creator meant for water to be in a different place watering potatoes that he would have created a place in the ecosystem to support that? I just dont understand. Mining as well. That people have dredged and displaced and moved mountians to look for "precious Metals" for what? earrings? now what...The dams provide electricity to homes yes, but do we really need that??? or so much of it??? Why could [people not find a way to use the power of the sun? and use solar panels...because the power companies get rich off poor people. we go to work everyday to support our families and make a tiny amount of money that we have to turn around and pay for a touch of electricity to keep our family warm, etc.??? When they are making millions, billions of dollars??? I just dont understand the greed and need for so much wealth at the expense of others. I try my best each day to push hard to be able to help people. Why cant people want to be good to each other and do what is in the best interest for everyone??? Please use your best judgement and do the best you can to be a good person and do the right thing. Thank you for listening and taking the time to hear what the little people have to say.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Respectfully,
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