



I write to urge the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) to reconsider action under the Section 401 certification process for the Klamath Hydroelectric Project -- KHP (P-2082).

The Clean Water Act is one of our nation's premier environmental laws, and it has been six years that the permitting process for the KHP has been held in abeyance.

I urge the Board to reconsider the terms of its Resolution No. 2011-0038, and to restart the 401 certification process to support a healthy Klamath River ecosystem. This is an opportunity to assert the State's authority over public trust resources, and to move clean water in the Klamath Basin ahead through the 401 process while the KBRA-KHSA political fight and legislative package remains uncertain. Continued postponement of this process will only result in sustained poor water quality and habitat for the fish and wildlife of the Klamath Basin.

It is my opinion that, by the Board restarting the certification process now held in abeyance, there will be a high degree of re-engagement by stakeholders to achieve the commonly held goal of improving water quality in the Klamath River, as well as make stronger progress towards dam removal.

Thank you for considering this message.

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