Dear State Water Resources Control Board,

I strongly support the full removal of the lower four Klamath River dams. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) affirms that dam removal is the best alternative and would comply with water quality requirements.

I have toured the dams on the Klamath in person and believe that removal satisfies the interests of all the communities on and around the river: tribes, farmers, fisherpeople, and local residents.

Dam removal is the only project alternative that achieves the project purpose of restoring a free-flowing river. Dam removal improves water quality and complies with Clean Water Act water quality objectives.

Dam removal improves water quality. This includes getting rid of the blue green algae blooms and fish disease problems below the dams. While the dam removal process will create temporary sediment impacts, the long-term benefits of dam removal include stronger salmon runs and better water quality.

Dam removal will not affect irrigated agriculture: none of the dams slated for removal provide agricultural diversions.

Please support this proposal.

Sincerely,

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