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Parker Thaler  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights - Water Quality Certification Program  
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Thaler,

I was in attendance during the January 25 Water Board meeting held in Arcata. I appreciate your time and commitment to hearing our ideas, recommendations and comments.

Volumes of advancements have been made in every category since 1956. Technology and science leading the way with critical advancements that continue. All data collected points in one direction, removal

of all dams possible to restore the river's health. When you look at water quality, your priority, is there any question that the river has deteriorated and not improved in any fashion since the dams were

installed? I believe the original permit required fish ladders, these were never built. With 60 years to mitigate this issue PacifiCorp has not. I cannot trust them to do so now if the new permit is granted.

Clearly California water is not their priority.

I fished and was present during the historic 2002 Klamath River fish kill. It is something I will never forget. Unnecessary death. With continued deterioration and struggle ever year for water flow and

quality is California willing to risk the possibility of a species becoming extinct because of lack of action? Salmonoids have a one and only home river, I'm sure you already understand.

California has a long history and legacy of being progressive about the environment with global influence. I plead with you to protect California from continued damage from these dams. The power

provided by the dams is horribly outdated and inefficient in our modern world. So very many years of fight, negotiations and compromise have been spent on this issue. Please carry California across the finish

line. For all of the river life, for California, for the planet I urge you to deny PacifiCorp's water quality certification.

Most sincerely,

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