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State Water Resources Control Board

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The Honorable James Dunlap, Chairman
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Honorable Chairman Dunlap:

YUROK TRIBE'S REQUEST FOR TRIBAL CONSULTATION REGARDING WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION OF THE KLAMATH HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT RELICENSING

On January 29, 2016, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) received the Yurok Tribe's request for consultation regarding the potential impacts to tribal cultural resources of the water quality certification for the proposed relicensing of the Klamath Hydroelectric Project.

The State Water Board recognizes and respects the Yurok Tribe's background and knowledge related to cultural, tribal cultural, fisheries, and environmental resources associated with the Klamath River ecosystem and the Klamath Hydroelectric Project. State Water Board staff greatly appreciates the Yurok Tribe's participation, with staff from the State Water Board and North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, in scientific forums such as the Klamath Fish Health Assessment Team, Klamath Basin Monitoring Program, and the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement's Interim Measures Implementation Committee.

The State Water Board understands the Yurok Tribe has designated Mr. Robert McConnell and Ms. Rebecca McMahon as representatives for consultation.

The State Water Board proposes to begin consultation as soon as possible, and State Water Board staff will be in contact with your representatives directly to discuss meeting logistics and to develop an agenda for the initial consultation meeting.

The State Water Board has designated the following representatives for consultation with the Yurok Tribe related to this matter:

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The State Water Board appreciates that the Yurok Tribe requested consultation soon after release of the notice of preparation of an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act, and looks forward to working with the Yurok Tribe on identification of potential impacts to tribal cultural resources, potential alternatives and mitigation measures, and other topics related to the water quality certification.

Sincerely,



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