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State Water Resources Control Board

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Mr. John Laird
Secretary
California Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
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Dear Secretary Laird:

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST ON BEHALF OF THE PARTIES OF THE KLAMATH
HYDROELECTRIC SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING ABEYANCE OF WATER
QUALITY CERTIFICATION PROCESS, FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
PROJECT NO. 2082**

Thank you for your letter dated May 7, 2012, regarding the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification (water quality certification) process for the Klamath Hydroelectric Project (KHP), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2082. On behalf of the parties to the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHPA), your letter advocates for a continuance of the abeyance of the water quality certification process until March 31, 2013, and requests that the State Water Board consider the request at its July 17, 2012 meeting.

The State Water Board plans to consider whether or not to extend the abeyance of the KHP's water quality certification process at its July 17 meeting.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Caren Trgovcich at (916) 341-5727 or via e-mail ctrgovcich@waterboards.ca.gov or Ms. Jennifer Watts, Ph.D. at (916) 341-5397 or via e-mail jwatts@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence or inquiries should be addressed to: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, and Attn: Jennifer Watts, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles R. Hoppin", written over a horizontal line.

Charles R. Hoppin
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cc: See next page.

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