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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY, CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 GENERAL WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR THE KLAMATH RIVER RENEWAL CORPORATION'S KLAMATH RIVER RENEWAL PROJECT – GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS, SISKIYOU COUNTY

On August 29, 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) received an application from the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC)¹ requesting coverage under the State Water Board's March 17, 2017, General Water Quality Certification and Order² for the Klamath River Renewal Project – Geotechnical Investigations (Project). The KRRC's Project proposes to conduct preliminary geotechnical investigations and collect sediment samples from two reservoirs (Iron Gate and Copco reservoirs) on the Klamath River. Project activities are scheduled to take place in late September – October 2017. The Project is not part of the KRRC's pending water quality certification application for decommissioning and surrender of the Lower Klamath Project under Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) License No. 14803 and this Notice of Applicability (NOA) does not apply to such activity.

State Water Board staff's understanding is that Project activities are anticipated to be permitted under United States Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Nationwide Permit (NWP) No. 6 – Survey Activities (NWP No. 6), and will be subject to the conditions and requirements contained therein. This NOA will be effective upon issuance of a NWP No. 6. After review of the application and subsequent materials, State Water Board staff has determined that the Project qualifies for enrollment under the General Certification, as issued under the General Order pursuant to section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations, as the Project involves minor ground-disturbing activities to gather scientific information as contemplated in the General Order, and has no unanticipated water quality impacts or anticipated significant environmental impacts.

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

The Project activities will occur in Iron Gate and Copco reservoirs, which are located on the Klamath River, in Siskiyou County (Latitude: 41°56'45.33" North and Longitude: 122°25'43.10" West and Latitude: 41°58'47.55" North and Longitude: 122°19'24.83" West, respectively). The

¹ CDM Smith filed the application on behalf of the Klamath River Renewal Corporation.

² *Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification and Order for the State Water Board Certification of the 2017 Nationwide Permits (General Order).*