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This letter is to inform the State Water Resource Control Board of the Klamath River Renewal Corporation's (KRRRC) decision on a proposed project for the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and the accompanying California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis.

The Lower Klamath Project, as defined in KRRRC's Surrender Application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, includes facilities removal¹ of Iron Gate Dam, Copco No. 1 Dam, Copco No. 2 Dam, J.C. Boyle Dam, and appurtenant works, including hydropower facilities; together, the facilities.

For the purpose of KRRRC's 401 application, the facilities removal is as described in the Detailed Plan Sections 4, 6, 7, and 8 (Reclamation 2012). These sections describe the activities and features that will be removed, altered, or restored as part of the Klamath River Renewal Project. At this time, we have found no significant issues where the proposed project would deviate from the facilities removal description in the Detailed Plan.

In addition, Detailed Plan Section 9.7 discusses several mitigation measures that may be included as part of the project. We are working with resource agencies and other stakeholders to refine the need for and scope of these measures. This will be an on-going process as we work through permitting and consultation with the resource agencies. Some measures may be reduced in scope or eliminated from the project if they are no longer required or necessary, and others may be maintained or refined as part of the project.

The Detailed Plan describes a Full Removal alternative and a Partial Removal alternative. The KRRRC's proposed project is the Full Removal alternative as described in the referenced sections of the Detailed Plan. We encourage the State Board to also consider in its CEQA analysis the Partial Removal alternative as described in the Detailed Plan.

¹ Facilities Removal is defined in Section 1.4 of the Amended Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement.

The KRRC and its consultants will be conducting field studies, inspections, and additional analyses this summer to refine the design. As new information becomes available, KRRC and its consultants will assess whether it results in any changes to the project described in the Detailed Plan. The State Board will be kept informed of changes to the project, and a technical support document compiling any changes will be submitted to the State Board in September 2017.

Please contact me or Seth Gentzler, P.E. at AECOM at seth.gentzler@aecom.com or 510-874-3018 if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Carrier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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