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Please find attached my comment submission regarding the Lower Klamath Project License Surrender.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

Thank you.

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E. Joaquin Esquivel, Chair  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 2000  
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RE: Lower Klamath Project License Surrender

Dear Chair Esquivel,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment upon the current application by Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRRC) to remove four dams on the Klamath River.

I strongly support the application and the final Project of dam removal.

The Klamath dams block salmon and steelhead from reaching more than 300 miles of spawning and rearing habitat in the upper basin. Historically, the Upper Klamath-Trinity Rivers spring-run Chinook salmon was the most abundant run on the river. Today less than 3% remain, in large part because they cannot access historical habitat in the Upper Klamath Basin

A non-profit organization, the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRRC), was formed in 2016 to take ownership of four PacifiCorp-owned dams (Copco #1, Copco #2, Iron Gate and JC Boyle), for the purpose of overseeing the dam removal process.

All the pieces are in place for these dams to be removed by 2021 pending the license transfer. Funding for the projects is set, with up to \$450 million secured from PacifiCorp ratepayers and the state of California through the 2014 Proposition 1 Water Bond.

Please continue to support this major project by granting licenses and applications.

Thank you.

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