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Parker Thaler
California State Water Resources Control Board

Regarding
Klamath Hydroelectric Project Relicensing (FERC)
Preparation of Environmental Impact Report (CEQA)

Parker Thaler

Thank you for taking comments to help guide the creation of an environmental impact report (EIR) to comply with CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) concerning PacificCorp's request to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to relicense their hydroelectric facilities on the Klamath River.

Our public agency, the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), has, with its own resources, connections and diligence, helped protect water resources in California. The EIR which is now being entrusted to this agency is an important opportunity for this agency (SWRCB) to carry out its mission:

<< To preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper water resource allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations. >>

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The California State Water Resources Control Board has extensive connections to a network of specialists from the fields in the scope of the proposed document, including scientists from numerous federal and state agencies. As such, the process of developing the document and the result will far better represent the public interest when it is coordinated, written and edited by the agency with those resources. Relevant parts of the State Water Code, CEQA and other federal and state law can best be interpreted and regulated, for the public, by SWRCB. (Please see mission statement above.)

Thank you,

Rick Feher