



State Water Resources Control Board

June 5, 2012

Mr. Russell "Buster" Attebery Chairman Karuk Tribe 64236 2nd Avenue Happy Camp, CA 96039

Dear Mr. Attebery:

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON THE KLAMATH HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT NO. 2082) CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Thank you for your letter dated May 14, 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, your letter requests a continuance of the abeyance of the water quality certification process until March 31, 2013, and asks that the State Water Board consider the request at its July 17 meeting.

State Water Board staff plan to present a recommendation regarding the KHP's water quality certification process for State Water Board consideration at the July 17 meeting.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (916) 341-5727 or via e-mail ctrgovcich@waterboards.ca.gov or Ms. Jennifer Watts, Ph.D. at (916) 341-5397 or via email iwatts@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondences 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.

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