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We like Klamath River dams. They were built to produce green clean reliable affordable electricity for 70,000 households, besides providing for some flood protection and regulating flows. The reservoirs settle the sediment, provide cooler water to be released downriver, provide millions of fish in the hatchery, and provide a huge ecosystem. They provide recreation and communities.

More than 80% Siskiyou County and over 70% Klamath County citizens expressed opposition to this dam removal "experiment," a term used in more than one of the meetings trying to sell the idea of dam destruction.

Before the dams were built, history tells how the natural water quality was so bad in Klamath Lake that horses wouldn't even drink from it. Taking out dams will not fix the historical natural water quality that was bad before the dams.

20 million cubic yards of sediment released from dam destruction will wash downriver in this "experiment," obliterating fish, and of course water quality, for a very very long time.

I don't believe that the little suction dredge miners, whose dredges take sediment out of the water and deepen the river, making it cooler, are bad for fish. But I believe 20 million cubic yards of sediment and organic matter dumped into the river is bad for water quality for the fish and humans.

You expect water quality to be fine after few years following dam removal. However, IF it isn't fine, there will be consultations, noncompliance, penalties? We citizens don't foresee corrective actions that can clean up 20 million cubic yards of sediment and what's left of the water quality, and restore the lost wildlife, ecosystems and communities.

Too much is at stake removing our infrastructure with DEQ being uncertain that the water quality will be pristine and that life and fish and the river and communities better after this horrific experiment.

I am including scientific evaluation by Dr. Stephen Koshy, an engineer of clay core dams. He is extremely concerned about an imminent collapse if these clay core dams are destroyed. I can send you more of his related comments and explanations if you are interested:  
<http://www.klamathbasincrisis.org/science/scientists/stephenkoshy/KoshyLetter032812toGuarino.pdf>

Thank you for considering my comments.

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