

**RESOLUTION OF THE
SISKIYOU COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OPPOSING THE FINDINGS OF THE
CALIFORNIA TROUT STUDY ON THE
"ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE KLAMATH SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS"**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has been made aware of the October 8, 2010, purported economic study prepared for California Trout; and,

WHEREAS, a review of this report indicates that it is not a valid comprehensive study of the economic impacts of the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) and Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA) on the County of Siskiyou; and,

WHEREAS, the report fails to consider the impacts on school districts from the diminution in property values; and,

WHEREAS, assumptions of 100% or more increase in certain fisheries is not based upon any scientific studies and appears to be pure speculation; and,

WHEREAS, the assumption of an increase in fisheries does not include the impact in the reduction in fisheries due to the removal of the hatcheries; and,

WHEREAS, there is no scientific support for the theory that a 100% turnaround in fisheries can occur within the times projected; and,

WHEREAS, the report did not appear to take into account debris disposal costs; and,

WHEREAS, the report failed to take into account the \$1.6 Million in estimated property tax revenue loss as estimated in the CDM Report prepared for the Department of

the Interior; and,

WHEREAS, the report failed to take into account the \$12 Million in diminution of property values for land owned by PacifiCorp as estimated by the CDM Report prepared for the Department of the Interior; and,

WHEREAS, the report failed to take into account the \$11.25 Million in diminution of other property values as estimated by the CDM Report prepared for the Department of the Interior; and,

WHEREAS, the report failed to take into account the \$7.5 Million in diminution of property values for PacifiCorp, Copco 1, as estimated in the CDM Report prepared for the Department of the Interior; and,

WHEREAS, the report failed to take into account the \$341,000 in annual losses for flatwater recreation as estimated in the CDM Report prepared for the Department of the Interior; and,

WHEREAS, the report failed to take into account the \$3.744 Million in impacts to other recreational opportunities as estimated in the CDM Report prepared for the Department of the Interior; and,

WHEREAS, the report failed to take into account the \$171.911 Million for loss and cost of replacement of renewable power estimated in the CDM Report prepared for the Department of the Interior; and,

WHEREAS, the report failed to take into account the \$4.067 Million loss in local payrolls estimated in the CDM Report prepared for the Department of the Interior; and,

WHEREAS, the report fails to take into account the current economy, including expenditure levels to local businesses based upon recent spending; and,

WHEREAS, the report's speculation of a stabilization of agriculture and stated increase in agricultural production does not take into account recent Department of Water Resources claims that swapping groundwater for surface water is not acceptable; and,

WHEREAS, the report fails to disclose that neither the KBRA or KHSA is necessary for the County to receive \$20 Million in economic development funds as the current water bond language, if passed sometime in the future, does not currently require that the dams be removed for the County to receive such funds; and,

WHEREAS, a few temporary jobs removing the dams is not an adequate or just replacement for the lifetime investment of many citizens in permanent recreations and other permanent jobs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Siskiyou finds and declares that this report is not a valid study of the severe economic detriment to Siskiyou County from the proposed dam removal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors finds that this report is not the type of scientific study that is consistent with the requirements for the studies to be utilized in the review of the proposed dam removal, and therefore directs that the Clerk of the Board send a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of

the State of California, and the Secretary of Natural Resources for the State of California, as well as federal and state representatives and others identified in Attachment A to this Resolution, indicating their objection to the use of this report in any NEPA or CEQA process studying the removal of the hydroelectric facilities, and objects to this report being used in any part of the Secretarial Determination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to send this Resolution to Dennis D. Lynch, Program Manager, Klamath Basin Secretarial Determination, U. S. Geological Survey, NW Area Office, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Portland, OR 97201, as its formal objection to the use of this study in the NEPA and CEQA process as it does not conform to the required scientific standards and peer review required for the use of such studies.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of November, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Armstrong, Kobseff, Cook and Bennett

NOES: Supervisors Valenzuela

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE



Marcia H. Armstrong, Chair
Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

COLLEEN SETZER, Clerk
Board of Supervisors

By: 

Deputy

ATTACHMENT "A"

Secretary Ken Salazar
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Congressman Wally Herger
Congressman Mike Thompson
Congressman Greg Walden
Congressman Tom McClintock
Senator Sam Aanestad
Assemblyman Jim Nielsen
Senator Ron Wyden
Senator Jeff Merkley
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
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Secretary Lester Snow
John Bezdek
John McCamman
Greg Norton, President, RCRC
Tony Oliveira, President, CSAC
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Dean Brockbank, PacifiCorp

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