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VIA FAX 916-653-8102

Secretary John Laird
California Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Funding for Klamath Dam Removal

Dear Secretary Laird:

It has come to the attention of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors that your office may be undertaking a review of existing bonds and other State funds to attempt to utilize these monies to fund California's commitment to the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) and the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSa).

Specifically, our concern is that your office is looking to take monies approved long before the KBRA and the KHSa were signed by the parties to find funding to accomplish a purpose for which current funding does not exist and for which a bond authorization is pending. We understand the recent water bill, although delayed, specifically included \$250 Million for the funding of dam removal activities on the Klamath River. Respectfully, it is the position of the Board of Supervisors that it is inappropriate to circumvent not only the will of the voters of Siskiyou County with respect to the Klamath dams, but also to attempt to circumvent the electoral process and deprive the citizens of California the opportunity to state with their vote whether they support \$250 Million for the removal of currently operating hydroelectric facilities.

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We would ask that you kindly let us know within thirty (30) days whether your office is undertaking to secure other funding, either from previously authorized bonds or other funds, to fund the \$250 Million commitment made by California in the KBRA and KHSA.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "C" and "k".

Jim Cook, Chair

Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors