



# COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

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### SPECIAL MEETING – SISKIYOU COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

#### UPDATE ON THE KLAMATH DAMS FROM COUNTY'S CONSULTING FIRM

**When:** Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 2018, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Where:** Montague Community Hall, 200 S 11<sup>TH</sup> Street

**What:** Please join the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors to receive an update from their consultants, SWCA Environmental Consultants, on current activities regarding the Klamath Dams, recent submittals by the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), expected State and Federal processes and opportunities for engagement, and the work being performed by the County and SWCA to protect Siskiyou County.

**Background:** In September 2016, PacifiCorp and KRRC submitted two applications to FERC seeking to transfer and surrender PacifiCorp's hydropower license for the four Lower Klamath dams. Together these applications propose to transfer, decommission, and remove the four dams by 2021.

Due to the short timeline, complex details and requirements of KRRC's proposed project, the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors retained SWCA Environmental Consultants to assist in various aspects related to the activities surrounding the Klamath Dams, including providing technical expertise and guidance to Siskiyou County. SWCA is a highly qualified nation-wide consulting firm with over 100 completed FERC hydroelectric, and dam projects, including relicensing projects. SWCA also has significant expertise in NEPA, CEQA, cultural resources, and water quality certification with over 600 staff nationwide focused on technical and scientific expertise. Due to their vast experience, SWCA provides the County the ability to stay fully engaged in every process related to KRRC's efforts, and can help identify missing information, unsound science, and further explore all impacts to Siskiyou County.

Siskiyou County continues to stress the environmental and economic impacts that would result from dam removal, and SWCA will represent the best interests of Siskiyou County regarding KRRC's efforts to obtain ownerships of the dams and request decommissioning through the FERC process. The County also intends to continue to engage the public, and help ensure that all County constituents and issues are addressed.

If members of the public have any questions, would like information related to the proposed dam removal, or would like more information regarding the County's efforts regarding the proposals, we encourage them to attend this special meeting. You may also visit the Siskiyou County Natural Resources web-page at <http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/page/natural-resources>. Additionally, information can be obtained by contacting Elizabeth Nielsen, Siskiyou County Project Coordinator at [enielsen@co.siskiyou.ca.us](mailto:enielsen@co.siskiyou.ca.us) or (530) 842-8012.