

April 8, 2022

Dear Property Owner and/or Resident:

As we have noted in prior correspondence to area property owners and residents, the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRRC) has applied for regulatory approvals to remove four PacifiCorp dams on the Klamath River per the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA), to perform restoration within the former reservoirs, and to implement mitigation measures in compliance with federal and state requirements.

We wish to reiterate our invitation to you, as a well owner, to participate in KRRRC's groundwater monitoring program, for which we are compensating participants \$500. Please note, if you are new to the area and have not received our prior correspondence, this letter will summarize the information previously distributed.

Our groundwater monitoring program will help KRRRC evaluate which, if any, groundwater wells may be impacted by our project and to develop measures to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate for those impacts. Wells will continue to be monitored during and after reservoir drawdown and dam removal. Your participation does not mean that you agree to any adverse impacts on your property or well or that you support the project. If you are interested in participating in the program, please fill out the associated questionnaire (attached).

Why Well Owners Should Participate in KRRRC's Groundwater Monitoring Program

Drawdown of the J.C. Boyle, Iron Gate, and Copco reservoirs may affect groundwater levels in the immediate vicinity of the reservoirs. KRRRC plans to monitor groundwater levels and quality in the vicinity of these reservoirs and will continue monitoring during and after reservoir drawdown.

KRRRC has already initiated Phase One of a groundwater monitoring study to better understand the local groundwater aquifer and water quality conditions. This will help KRRRC evaluate which, if any, wells are likely to be at-risk to be impacted by reservoir drawdown.

We are seeking additional participation of homeowner wells for installation of a pressure transducer that continuously records groundwater levels. Ideally, selected wells would function as "sentinel wells" distributed around the reservoirs in locations that would likely be the first to see the effects of reservoir drawdown (e.g., wells on the lake side of Patricia Drive at Copco Lake). Sentinel wells will provide an initial depiction of groundwater levels, well depths, and

groundwater quality. For those wells selected to participate in this monitoring program, KRRC will compensate each landowner a total of \$500. KRRC will make an initial payment of \$250 within 30 days of signing the access agreement and the final payment of \$250 within 30 days of completing KRRC's groundwater study. *Your participation in this study is confidential to the extent possible.* Monitoring your well will not affect water quantity or quality, and the installation of the equipment would follow strict protocols for safety.

KRRC is also collecting groundwater quality data from homeowners interested in providing KRRC with a water sample from their well or tap. By comparing types and amounts of naturally occurring compounds and elements in those well and tap samples to sentinel well data, reservoir water, Klamath River water, and water in local creeks, KRRC can assess its origin and connectivity to surface waters. We will share the data with the well owner but will not make the data readily available to the public. KRRC will incur all costs associated with collection and analysis of water quality data.

Regarding participation in KRRC's groundwater monitoring study, Siskiyou County's consultant, SWCA Environmental Consultants, has stated: *Collecting pre-project, or baseline data, is a crucial step in properly evaluating a project's impact on the environment and your property. Without baseline data, it may be impossible for KRRC to adequately compensate landowners for their loss of, or reduced access to, groundwater. Therefore, these landowners should consider the importance of KRRC accessing property to study current groundwater levels and conditions.*

To volunteer or submit the questionnaire, or pose questions, please contact us at info@klamathrenewal.org or write to us at:

Klamath River Renewal Corporation
2001 Addison Street, #317
Berkeley, CA 94704

Upon receipt of the questionnaire, KRRC will contact you to schedule an initial site visit so our groundwater professionals can evaluate the well for participation in the well monitoring program and to obtain critical well information. For some wells, KRRC may need to schedule a well maintenance contractor to access the well.

Mitigating Impacts of Dam Removal

We also want to reiterate that KRRC is voluntarily proposing a separate process with a Local Impact Mitigation Fund (LIMF) to address demonstrated physical property damages caused by our project, above and beyond compliance with regulatory requirements for protection of the

public interest. The LIMF will support settlements with willing property owners to address physical damages caused by the project, including reduced well production, instability around the reservoir rims, and flooding risk for dwellings downstream from the dams.

Prior to running the LIMF, we will seek public feedback and welcome your views on the LIMF. After such consultation, we will establish claim-related funding criteria as well as an overall fund amount. We will also select an independent person to administer the fund (the “Fund Administrator”).

Once the LIMF is established, the Fund Administrator will conduct outreach meetings and then enter into direct discussions with property owners regarding compensation for potential property damages. I wish to emphasize that the funding criteria (including amounts) will be consistent with applicable law, including the legal requirements for our public funding. The Fund Administrator will oversee the fund and make compensation decisions independent of KRRC. Each individual property owner will elect whether to enter into a settlement. Additional information regarding the LIMF is available on our website here: klamathrenewal.org/local-impacts-mitigation/

We are very interested in cooperating with local property owners and residents and look forward to working with you to address your concerns about well production or the project in general.

Sincerely,



Mark Bransom
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Klamath River Renewal Corporation