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### **The Klamath River Renewal Corporation Announces New Executive Director**

The Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC), a nonprofit corporation formed in 2016 to revitalize the Klamath River Basin by improving the local economy, benefitting PacifiCorp's customers, and enhancing environmental conditions on the Klamath River, has announced Mark Bransom as its Executive Director. Mark will officially assume this new role in early June 2017.

"We are especially pleased to announce this appointment," reported Michael Carrier, KRRC Board President. "Mark will bring leadership, construction management, and hands-on knowledge of the region to successfully carry out KRRC's mission and to help address the Basin's environmental, economic, and cultural needs."

Mark's background uniquely positions him to assume this post. He brings over 20 years of planning, engineering, and construction experience in water resources and environmental management for state and local governments, federal agencies, Tribal Nations, NGOs, and private sector clients throughout the Western United States.

Mark comes to KRRC from CH2M HILL, where he worked as a Senior Vice President in Water Resources & Environmental Management and oversaw a variety of large water infrastructure and environmental restoration projects. Mark holds a BS in Natural Resources Planning from Humboldt State University and earned his PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Oregon State University. "I look forward to serving and building relationships with all Klamath Basin stakeholders and KHSA signatories to achieve this important milestone in the region," Bransom stated. "I believe the KRRC will play a key role improving the region's quality of life and vitality."

The KRRC will make every effort to reestablish more than 400 miles of critical fisheries habitat and improve water quality by decommissioning four hydroelectric dams in partnership with PacifiCorp, the owner of the facilities, while ensuring an open and collaborative engagement of all stakeholders in the region.

Sarah Link, Vice President and General Counsel of Pacific Power (dam owner) added, "We are pleased that Mark is on board as we continue to work together with the KRRC to implement this important agreement. Mark's background in water resources, as well as his experience in the Klamath Basin and with complicated projects will serve the KRRC well."

The KRRC was formed by the signatories of the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement. It is funded by PacifiCorp customers and the citizens of California through Proposition 1 monies. It is governed by a Board of Directors nominated by the states of Oregon and California, as well as representatives from Tribal Nations, fishing interests, and conservation groups.

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### **About the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC)**

[The KRRC](#) is a nonprofit corporation formed in 2016 to revitalize the Klamath River basin by improving the local economy, benefitting PacifiCorp's customers, and enhancing environmental conditions on the Klamath River. The KRRC's sole purpose is to oversee the decommissioning of four dams on the Klamath River (Iron Gate Dam, Copco No. 1 Dam, Copco No. 2 Dam, and J.C. Boyle Dam) in partnership with PacifiCorp, the owner of the facilities. The project will improve water quality and reestablish more than 400 miles of fisheries habitat. The [Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement](#) (KHSA), as amended in 2016, called for the creation of the KRRC and provides the roadmap for the decommissioning of these four hydroelectric dams starting in 2020. The Oregon and California public utility commissions found that decommissioning the dams via the KHSA was a prudent alternative for PacifiCorp's customers. The KRRC intends to fulfill its obligation in an open and collaborative manner and supports other complimentary settlement efforts in the region.

More information about KRRC and its mission can be found at the KRRC's website:

[www.klamathrenewal.org](http://www.klamathrenewal.org)