

Dear Property Owner and/or Resident:

Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) has applied for regulatory approvals to remove four PacifiCorp dams on the Klamath River per the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHTSA), to perform restoration within the former reservoirs, and to implement mitigation measures in compliance with federal and state requirements.

Drawdown of the J.C. Boyle, Iron Gate, and Copco reservoirs may affect groundwater levels in the immediate vicinity of the reservoirs. KRRC has developed a Groundwater Well Management Plan, which can be found in Appendix N of the Definite Plan.¹ The Definite Plan is currently under review by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and its Independent Board of Consultants. KRRC proposes to begin monitoring groundwater levels in the vicinity of these reservoirs later this year, and to continue monitoring during and after implementation of the project. If it is determined that the project could adversely affect the production of groundwater wells, KRRC will undertake and be responsible for the costs of appropriate measures to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate for those impacts, in compliance with the requirements of regulatory approvals.

Specific measures that KRRC would undertake have not yet been determined at this early stage of regulatory review of the project. While measures will be evaluated based on site specific conditions, options for mitigations could include well deepening to maintain the production rate of any affected domestic or irrigation groundwater supply well, digging a new well with a similar rate of production, providing surface water supply, or other options to be evaluated. If needed, KRRC would also provide temporary solutions if necessary, such as connecting home water supply systems to potable water tanks, providing compensation for a nearby accommodation, or other options to be evaluated.

Regarding groundwater impacts of KRRC's project, Siskiyou County's consultant, SWCA, has stated:

*If the proposed project is implemented, it is essential that adequate mitigation occur to make landowners in Siskiyou County whole for the impacts associated with groundwater. An upcoming groundwater evaluation from KRRC is necessary to ensure that your interests are protected if the project is implemented. . . In order to determine if a landowner's well has been impacted, KRRC will need to obtain information on the current groundwater elevations in the areas surrounding the proposed project. **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 landowner's for their loss of, or reduced access to, groundwater. Therefore, these landowners***

¹ www.klamathrenewal.org/definite-plan/

should consider the importance of KRRC accessing property to study current groundwater levels and conditions.²

At this time, KRRC is initiating Phase One of a groundwater monitoring effort to better understand the local groundwater flow conditions. This will help KRRC (as well as regulatory agencies) evaluate which wells are most likely to be impacted by our project. During Phase One, KRRC will employ a "sentinel well" approach, meaning that we will monitor wells distributed around the three project reservoirs to obtain a representative sample of groundwater levels and conditions. In Phase Two, KRRC will conduct additional outreach and may initiate monitoring of additional wells to gather baseline information for at least one year before reservoir drawdown and up to one year following dam removal to measure how groundwater is impacted by the process of reservoir drawdown.

Please note that groundwater well mitigation will not be limited to those who have volunteered to have their wells monitored. Any well – even those not monitored directly – that are shown to be impacted by KRRC's project are eligible for mitigation.

We are seeking volunteers to participate in Phase One of the monitoring program, which will begin this summer. If you have a groundwater well and would like to participate in Phase One, please contact KRRC within two weeks and fill out the associated questionnaire.³ We also welcome submissions of the questionnaire even if you are not volunteering for monitoring at this time, as the data is useful for our study.

If you're willing to consider participating, we will develop an access agreement for your consideration. The agreement will be consistent with your right to privacy. It will state the specific activities that our technical contractor will perform to gather well data. As KRRC is not a government agency, we will not perform any government activities. If you decide to sign the agreement, we will proceed to gather well data on your land. Of course, your participating in this Phase One does not mean that you agree to any adverse impacts on your property or well, or that you support the project.

² Quote from SWCA excerpted from a letter from staff to Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on May 1, 2018 entitled, "Klamath Dams Update." Download the full letter: <http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/sites/default/files/agendas/Questys/323329/323340/325325/325326/325328/2325328.docx>

³ If you did not receive a copy of the questionnaire contact KRRC or use our online form: <https://goo.gl/forms/mnwenNzgls5ZE0922>

To volunteer or submit the questionnaire, contact:

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KRRC intends to undertake its dam removal and restoration project, if approved by FERC and other regulators, while avoiding or mitigating adverse impacts on local properties, both public and private. We are very interested in cooperating with local property owners and residents. We look forward to working with you to address your concerns about well production or the project in general.

Sincerely,



Mark Bransom
Chief Executive Officer
Klamath River Renewal Corporation