

December 27, 2018

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 (KHSA), to perform restoration within the former reservoirs, and to implement mitigation measures in compliance with federal and state requirements.

We are inviting you, as a well owner, to participate in KRRC's groundwater monitoring program, for which we are compensating participants \$500.

This program will help KRRC 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 (see page 3 for instructions).*

Why Well Owners Should Participate in KRRC'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. 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 plans to monitor groundwater levels and quality in the vicinity of these reservoirs and will continue monitoring during and after reservoir drawdown. If it is determined that reservoir drawdown could adversely affect the production or quality of groundwater wells, KRRC will undertake and be responsible for the costs of appropriate measures to provide appropriate replacement water supplies.

¹ www.klamathrenewal.org/definite-plan

Specific measures that KRRC would undertake to address project-related impacts to water supply wells have not been determined at this early stage of the project. Measures will be evaluated based on well-specific conditions and could include well deepening, drilling a new well, aggregating affected wells on a single well, or providing surface water supply. For wells identified to be at-risk based on KRRC's studies, replacement water supply measures would be implemented prior to reservoir drawdown. If unforeseen well impacts occur during or following drawdown, KRRC will temporarily connect the home water supply system to potable water tanks until a permanent solution is defined.

KRRC has initiated Phase One of a groundwater monitoring study to better understand the local groundwater aquifer and water quality conditions. This will help KRRC evaluate which wells are most at-risk to be impacted by reservoir drawdown. In Phase One, we are seeking 10 to 20 homeowner wells to install 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 the Phase One monitoring, 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.

KRRC is currently 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 available to the public. KRRC will incur *all* costs associated with collection and analysis of water quality data.

In Phase Two, KRRC will initiate water level monitoring of additional wells where data gaps have been identified during Phase One. KRRC intends to gather baseline groundwater level information for at least one year before reservoir drawdown and a minimum of one year following dam removal. During Phase Two, KRRC will identify high-risk wells and work with well owners to fully develop appropriate water supply alternatives prior to reservoir drawdown.

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.²

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 is shown to be impacted by KRRC's project is eligible for mitigation.

Instructions to Participate in Phase One of the Groundwater Monitoring Program

1. Review the accompanying materials.

- a. Groundwater Well Management Plan Q&A, which responds to frequently asked questions about the groundwater monitoring program.³
- b. Well Data Information Questionnaire

2. Fill out the associated questionnaire.⁴ We welcome submissions of the questionnaire, even if you are not volunteering for monitoring at this time, as the data is useful for our study. To volunteer or submit the questionnaire, contact:

Email: info@klamathrenewal.org
Mail: Klamath River Renewal Corporation
2001 Addison Street Suite 317
Berkeley, CA 94704

3. If you have any questions, contact Dave Meurer, KRRC's Community Liaison:

Email: dave@klamathrenewal.org
Phone: 530-941-3155

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/323329/323340/325325/325326/325328/232532_8.docx.

³ For additional information, visit our website: www.klamathrenewal.org/groundwater.

⁴ You may return the questionnaire using the enclosed stamped envelope, or use our online form: bit.ly/krrcgroundwater.

4. **Upon receipt of the questionnaire, KRRC will contact you to schedule an initial site visit.** The purpose of the initial site visit is for KRRC's groundwater professionals to evaluate the well for participation in the Phase One sentinel program and to obtain critical well information. For some wells, KRRC may need to schedule a well maintenance contractor to access the well.

KRRC intends to undertake its dam removal and restoration project, if approved by FERC and other regulators, while avoiding or mitigating adverse impacts to local properties, including groundwater wells. 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
Chief Executive Officer
Klamath River Renewal Corporation

Enclosures:

1. A questionnaire for property owners and tenants
2. A stamped envelope for returning this questionnaire
3. A Q&A on the Groundwater Well Management Plan