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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Fire Management Plan, Lower Klamath Project, FERC No. 14803

Dear Secretary Bose:

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has reviewed the Fire Management Plan (July 2020) prepared by the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRRC) to support the KRRRC's and PacifiCorp's proposed removal of four dams in the Lower Klamath Project (FERC P-14803).

The Fire Management Plan thoroughly details the KRRRC's overall plan to offset any loss of water available for firefighting purposes due to removal of four dams. Appendix A of the plan, which provides an independent quantitative analysis of wildfire risks associated with the project, was prepared by REAX, a fire analytics firm.

The KRRRC's proposed investments include: providing a system of remote cameras that will allow better pinpointing of fire start locations as well as monitoring of fires; helicopter water drafting locations from the Klamath River suitable for helicopter access; continued operation of a gravity-fed hydrant system; a system of dry hydrants and revamped boat launches appropriate for fire engine access and drafting; and numerous portable dip tanks.

Firefighting agencies always need as many water sources as possible for firefighting purposes. Nevertheless, CAL FIRE believes the system of actions proposed in the Fire Plan are adequate to manage construction-related fire risks, comply with all applicable laws, and will not adversely affect CAL FIRE's ability to provide an adequate and effective firefighting capability in Siskiyou County and beyond. CAL FIRE concludes that Reax's analysis of the incremental risks associated with dam removal project is accurate.

Please contact Chief Mike Bradley at (530) 224-2460 if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas W. Porter".

THOMAS W. PORTER
Director

cc: Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency
Katie Wheeler Mathews, Senior Advisor, Federal Affairs, Office of the California Governor
Mike Bradley, Northern Region Chief, CAL FIRE
Mark Bransom, CEO, Klamath River Renewal Corporation