



# COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

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### **PRESS RELEASE OF SISKIYOU COUNTY SECRETARY OF INTERIOR'S BREACH OF GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS**

While the County of Siskiyou remains opposed to the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) in its current form, the County has participated in good faith with respect to the negotiations of the Final Agreement involving the proposed removal of PacifiCorp's hydroelectric facilities on the Klamath River. Unfortunately, to date, the same cannot be said for the United States Department of the Interior. The County received assurances that there would be a transparent process and that the harms to the County of Siskiyou would be mitigated. The County of Siskiyou was promised that it would be allowed to participate in and coordinate with the Department of the Interior with respect to those studies that will be used as a basis for the Secretary of the Interior's determination regarding removal of the facilities in 2012. Recently, the County learned that the Bureau of Reclamation will be working solely with PacifiCorp and the Environmental Protection Agency to undertake some of the most vital tests regarding the estimated 20 million cubic yards of sediment and the location of toxins behind the dams. The Bureau of Reclamation is moving forward with these studies without consultation or coordination with the County. Actions such as this confirm the worst fears of the citizens of Siskiyou County that they will be ignored in this process and that their well being will be sacrificed to the political policy objectives to remove the Klamath River dams without regard to sound science or the environmental, social, and

economic harm that will result. The Board of Supervisors demands that the Interior Department fulfill its commitments to the County.

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