

SB 264-1
Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Written Testimony of Becky Hyde
On behalf of the
Upper Klamath Water Users Association

March 23, 2015

Chair Edwards, Vice Chair Olsen and members of the Committee, my name is Becky Hyde and I'm here today on behalf of the Upper Klamath Water Users Association which was formed to help irrigators above Klamath lake reach settlements that create more water, power and regulatory security. We represent about 30,000 irrigated acres above Klamath Lake. I also serve on the board of the newly formed Upper Klamath Landowners Improvement District, and I'm part of two family ranches above Klamath Lake. We support SB 264-1, and SB 206-2 and thank you for spending time with us today on these issues.

Other supporters are giving good testimony for why SB 264-1 and SB 206-2 are important. I simply want to reiterate the importance of our agricultural producers above Klamath Lake and below Klamath Lake having the tools necessary to transfer or lease water if they choose.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further follow up at 541-891-5950.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Hyde".

Agriculture & Business Support Klamath Settlement Agreements

The Klamath Settlement Agreements, signed by more than 40 parties in 2010 and expanded in 2014, end decades of litigation and division regarding water rights and provide significantly increased water certainty for irrigated agriculture in the Klamath Basin.

In addition to the federal government, the states of California and Oregon, and three federally recognized Klamath River Tribes, the following agricultural and business groups are either a party to or support enactment of the Klamath Settlement.

Agriculture

Family Farm Alliance
Oregon Farm Bureau
Klamath/Lake County Farm Bureau
Modoc County (CA) Farm Bureau
Oregon Cattlemen's Association
Klamath County Cattlemen's Association
Klamath Water Users Association
Upper Klamath Water Users Association
Klamath Water and Power Agency
Oregon Potato Commission
Fort Klamath Critical Habitat Landowners
Upper Klamath Landowner Improvement District
Oregon Water Resources Congress
Resource Conservancy
Sprague River Water Resource Foundation
Enterprise Irrigation District
Klamath Irrigation District
Malin Irrigation District
Shasta View Irrigation District
Sunnyside Irrigation District
Tulelake Irrigation District
Ady District Improvement Company
Klamath Basin Improvement District
Midland District Improvement Company
Pioneer District Improvement Company
Plevna District Improvement Company
Westside Improvement Company
Van Brimmer Ditch Company

Business and Community

PacifiCorp
Klamath County Chamber of Commerce
City of Klamath Falls
Cal/Ore Produce
Gold Dust Potato Processors
Malin Potato Co-op
Wong Potatoes
Winema Hunting Lodge, Inc.

Commercial and Sport Fishing Industry

Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations
Institute for Fisheries Resources
Northwest Guides and Anglers Association
Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association
Yamsi Ranch Flyfishing
Shasta Trout guide service
Wild Waters Fly Fishing
Ted Fay Fly Shop