



Klamath Ranch Resort

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Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Re: March 23, 2015 Hearing SB 206, SB 264, SB 265

As a property and business owner residing on the Klamath River, I have been and will be severely and directly impacted as a result of the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA), along with its ancillary Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSAs) and Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement (UKBCA) all orchestrated and fabricated by the same benefitting handful of originating KBRA participants. Without authority to do so and in violation of required public process, the 'agreement' with its secretly held predeterminations and conditions of the KBRA required to even 'sit at the table' unilaterally and illegally usurped the balanced beneficial uses and administrative processes of the Klamath Basin Compact. The Compact holds legal jurisdiction as previously signed by the legislatures and governors of both California and Oregon along with the Congress and President of the United States. Affecting the unrepresented rights and resources of public and private interests, KBRA already failed mandated assumptions have caused and will guarantee even greater future devastation and attrition to the majority of our region at the hands of a select, self-appointed, and benefitting KBRA governing few.

Only though the sacrifice of literally thousands of hours and tens of thousands of dollars of my own well-being was I eventually 'acknowledged' within the KBRA 'review' as significantly suffering under terms of those 'Agreements'. Even with such 'acknowledgement' of suffering, the KBRA causation of those damages assumes NO accountability or compensatory obligation to me or to the thousands of others suffering similar damages but unable to pursue such 'acknowledgement' of impacts. The intractable, unaccountable, and irresponsible profiting special-interest imposed KBRA 'Agreement' flies in the face of current studies and historic realities of our region, but in the forced imposition of myopic agenda driven hypothetical assumptions, the KBRA attacks the holistic integrity of both the environment and regional communities. Resident regional knowledge is the reason the vast majority of the most affected voted against regional dam removals and recently voted the Klamath County Commissioners into office running entirely on a platform of opposition to the unaccountable destructive premise of the KBRA.

In spite of the obvious and pronounced will of the people, this political and selectively profiting agenda continues its assault upon the majority through advancement of these 3 questionably legal Bills. If this Senate Committee forwards SB 206, 264, and 265, these Bills jointly and severally will direct further public funds and subjective regulatory authority forcing imposition of the KBRA against that most affected majority in opposition, even before the KBRA has manipulated its own legislatively sanctioned authorized existence. To avoid betraying that evidenced most affected majority, I would ask this Senate Committee to deny proposed Senate Bills 206, 264, and 265.

Sincerely,

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