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Klamath Communities Coalition Steering Committee

(SEND VIA EMAIL)

**Subject: Charter of Commitments – Klamath Communities Coalition Steering Committee**

Dear Mr. Wilson and Klamath Communities Coalition Steering Committee Members:

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors is writing to provide our recommended edits (enclosed) to the Klamath Communities Coalition Steering Committee Charter of Commitments (Charter), and to make specific requests regarding the Coalition of the Willing.

We are concerned that the Coalition as a whole has not met since March of 2021, and since that time there has been a Klamath Project irrigation season with zero deliveries from Upper Klamath Lake, continued decline of fisheries species, and negative impacts to the businesses and people who rely on the aforementioned industries. These issues could very likely adjust some of the more immediate goals and projects identified by the Coalition, and in turn could change the direction of the Steering Committee and Charter.

We are, therefore, requesting that a meeting be scheduled for the Coalition of the Willing where we can discuss these topics, and the Coalition can be provided the opportunity to review and approve the Charter. As we have expressed and demonstrated in the past, the County is very supportive of the Coalition, and the overall goals of the Steering Committee which will serve to implement on the ground actions aimed at resolving long-standing conflict throughout the Klamath Watershed. However, Supervisor Michael Kobseff, at the direction of the Board of Supervisors, has not yet signed the Charter as it is important to receive feedback from all Coalition members.

We are also requesting that the Coalition be provided the opportunity to review any future contracts related to facilitation or other services, especially when these contracts will utilize funds provided by Coalition members/entities to further the goals and purpose of the Coalition. Please also provide the Coalition with all records related to expenditures and revenue of Coalition funds.

Lastly, we understand that there has been discussion regarding the potential to contract with an additional facilitator to facilitate both the Coalition and the Steering Committee. It is Siskiyou County’s position that this option not be pursued due to the Coalition’s limited budget and the need to expend funds towards projects and actions that implement the Coalition’s goals.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide comments to the Charter, and we look forward to a meeting with the entire Coalition in the near future. If you have any questions, please reach out to Elizabeth Nielsen, Deputy County Administrator, at enielsen@co.siskiyou.ca.us or (530) 842-8012.

This letter was approved by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on February 15, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sincerely,

Brandon A. Criss, Chair

Board of Supervisors

Cc: Coalition of the Willing Members (VIA EMAIL)