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WADE CROWFOOT, Secretary for Natural Resources

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Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Chairman Criss and Supervisors Valenzuela, Kobseff, Ogren, and Haupt,

As the Lower Klamath Project moves into a new phase, with construction activities set to begin in 2023, I write to thank you for recent conversations about potential ways the Natural Resources Agency and Siskiyou County may work together to advance our shared goals of protecting the region's environment and economy. My hope is that those conversations will continue and lead to joint projects in Siskiyou County that bring multiple benefits to county residents and state taxpayers.

It's my understanding a Memorandum of Understanding among the County, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, PacifiCorp, and the Klamath River Renewal Corporation regarding funding a project manager to assist the County in monitoring the dam-removal project may be presented to the Board during its December 13 meeting. We are confident that the project will bring jobs, economic activity, improved fisheries, and the many benefits of a healthier Klamath River to Siskiyou County, but we also recognize that the construction activities that will unfold over the next two years create a workload strain for the County. With funding provided by PacifiCorp, we hope that a project manager can, at the direction of the County, help keep you all informed as the project progresses, provide technical expertise, and collaborate with project parties to facilitate the County's active engagement with the project parties.

Beyond the Lower Klamath Project, many opportunities exist for us to work together to protect Siskiyou County communities from wildfire and drought, improve natural and human-built infrastructure, and find ways to meet the natural resource needs of farming and ranching industries and fish and wildlife.

I look forward to collaborating with you to advance our shared goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wade Crowfoot". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Wade Crowfoot
California Secretary for Natural Resources

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