

LOWER KLAMATH PROJECT LICENSE SURRENDER

**State Water Resources Control Board Staff Presentation –
Soliciting Comments on the Notice of Preparation**

January 2017

Arcata – January 12

Sacramento – January 20

Yreka – January 26

IMPORTANT UPDATES AND INFORMATION

- Yreka meeting rescheduled for **January 26, 2017** due to severe weather conditions
 - Same location (Miner's Inn) and time (5:00 – 7:00 pm)
- Notice of Preparation updated with new date
- Sacramento (January 20 from 10:00 am - noon) scoping meeting will be webcast: www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/



SCOPING MEETING OVERVIEW

1. Review Meeting Logistics and Ground Rules
2. Presentation by State Water Board Staff
3. Comments by Attendees
4. Adjourn Meeting



MEETING LOGISTICS

- Please sign-in on the attendance sheet
- If you wish to speak, please fill out a speaker card and provide it to a State Water Board staff person
- So that your comments may be correctly transcribed, please speak into microphone and provide your first and last name with spelling
- A handout is provided with information on submitting written comments or you can indicate “no oral comments” on the speaker card



GROUND RULES

- Please silence electronic devices
- Please respect all speakers and points of view
- One person speaks at a time – all speakers must use a microphone
- Please hold questions/comments until end of presentation
- Recognize short time frame to receive oral comments, please respect time limits so we can hear from everybody
- Written comments are an alternative for those that would like to provide additional comments beyond the allotted time or those that do not wish to speak today



WHY WE ARE HERE

- The Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) submitted a water quality certification application for the Lower Klamath Project
- State Water Board conditions hydroelectric projects via water quality certifications to ensure protection of the state's waters (section 401 of Clean Water Act)
- California Environmental Quality Act requires an environmental impact report to inform the State Water Board and the public about the project's significant environmental effects and ways to reduce those impacts



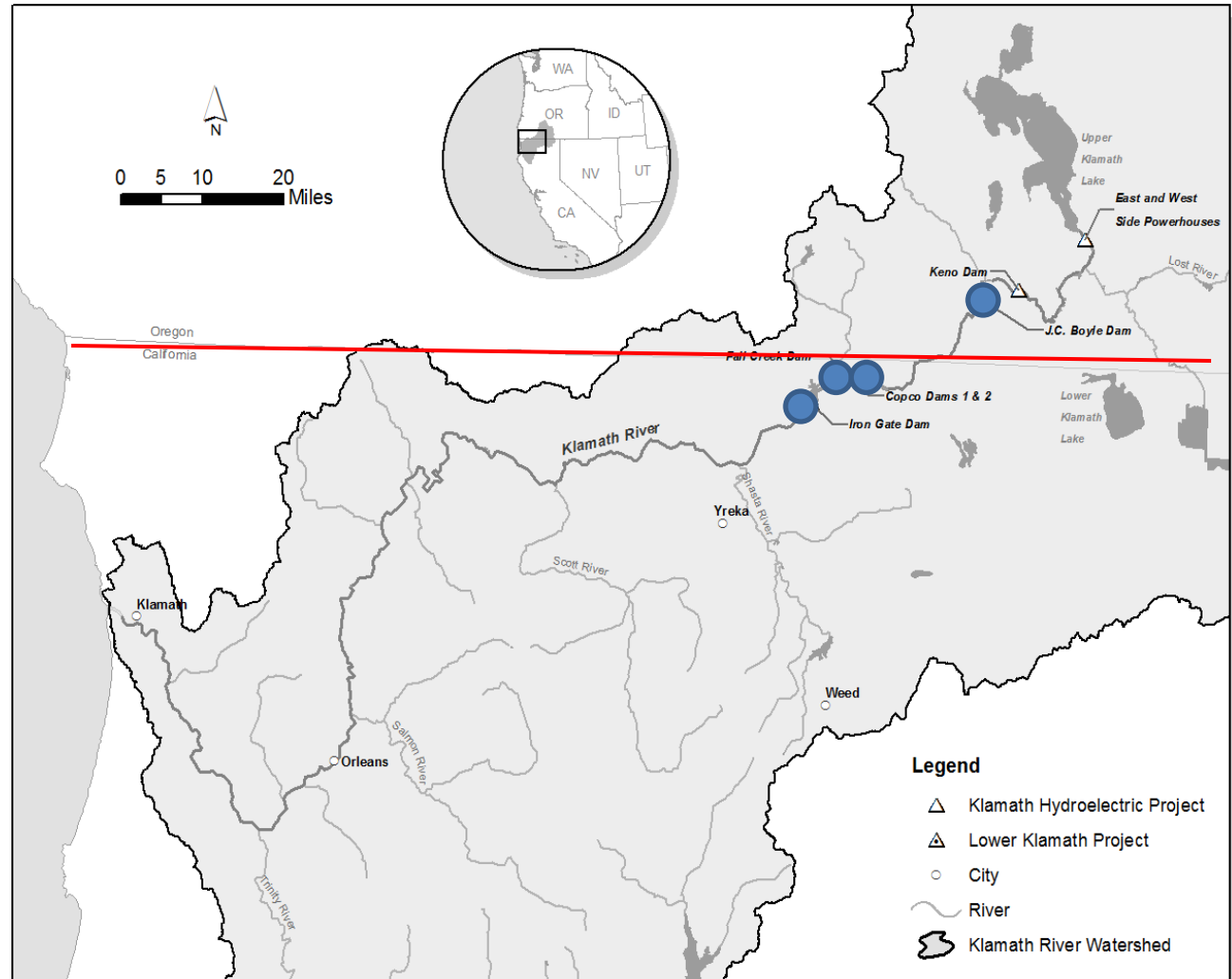
LOWER KLAMATH PROJECT

- Overview of Lower Klamath Project dam developments
- Background on Lower Klamath Project Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) process
- Overview of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process
- Discussion of Notice of Preparation (NOP)



LOWER KLAMATH PROJECT OVERVIEW

- East Side (OR)
- West Side (OR)
- Keno (OR)
- **JC Boyle (OR)**
- **Copco No. 1 (CA)**
- **Copco No. 2 (CA)**
- **Iron Gate (CA)**
- Fall Creek (CA)



BACKGROUND

- 1956, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licenses Klamath Hydroelectric Project
- February 2004, PacifiCorp applies for new license from FERC
- March 2006, PacifiCorp files water quality certification (certification) application with State Water Board
- November 2007, FERC issue its final Environmental Impact Statement for National Environmental Policy Act compliance

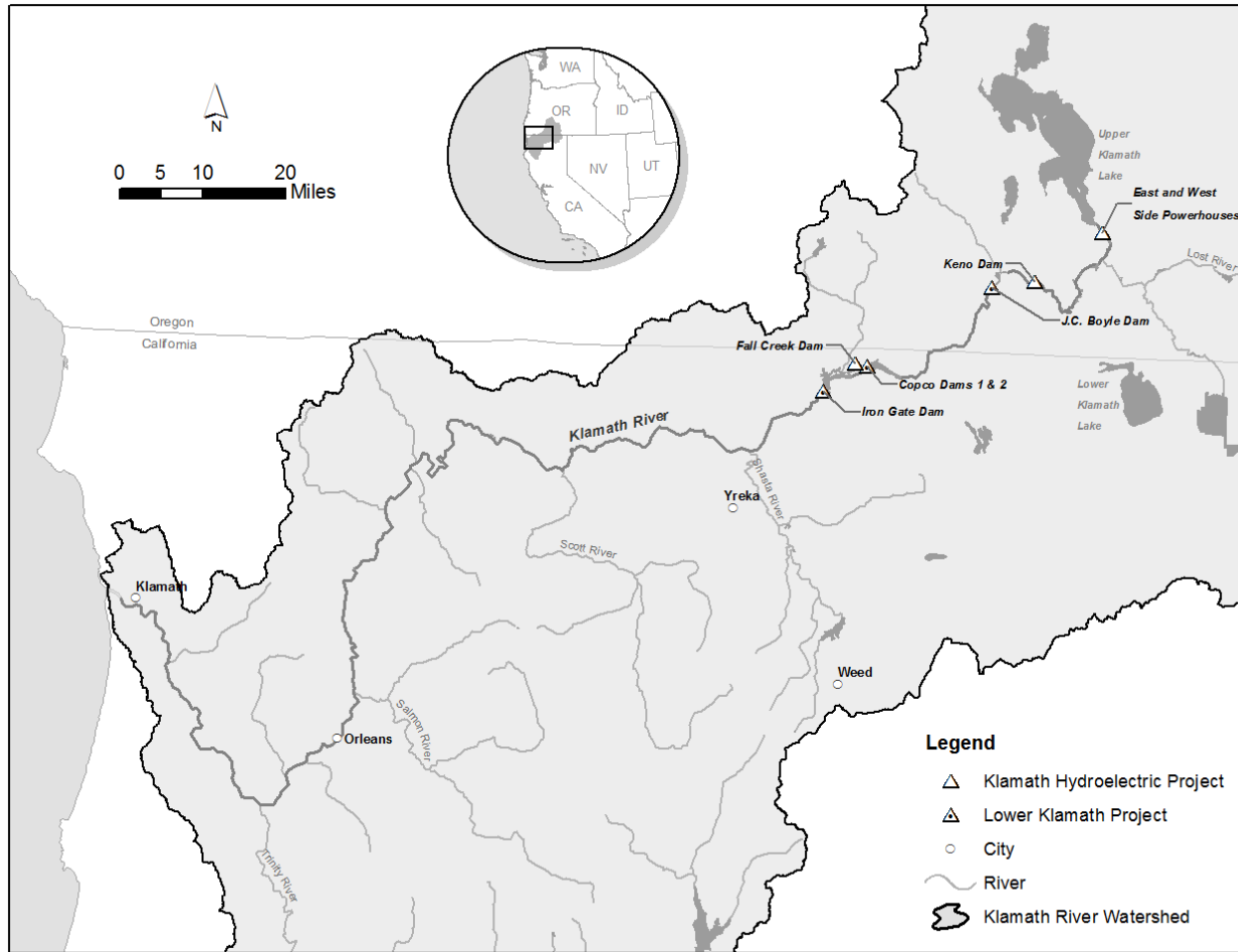


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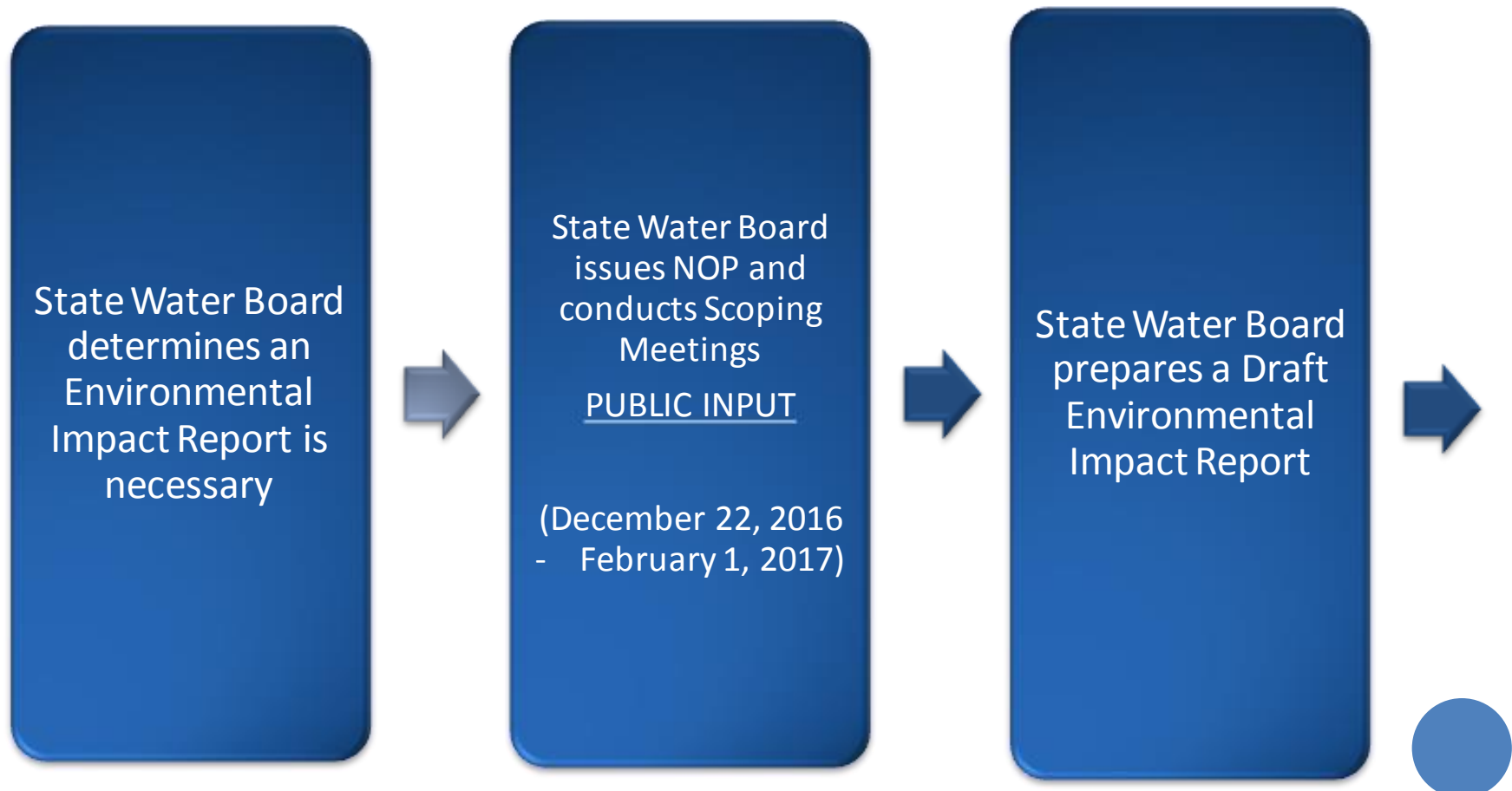
- February 2010, original Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement executed, requires Federal Authorization and removes project from FERC process
- April 2016, Amended Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement executed, removes Federal Authorization and returns to FERC process
- June 2016, FERC grants abeyance for Klamath Hydroelectric Project
- September 2016, Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) and PacifiCorp jointly apply to FERC to transfer portions of the Klamath Hydroelectric Project to KRRC; and KRRC applies to FERC to for Lower Klamath Project to decommission four dam developments and surrender license



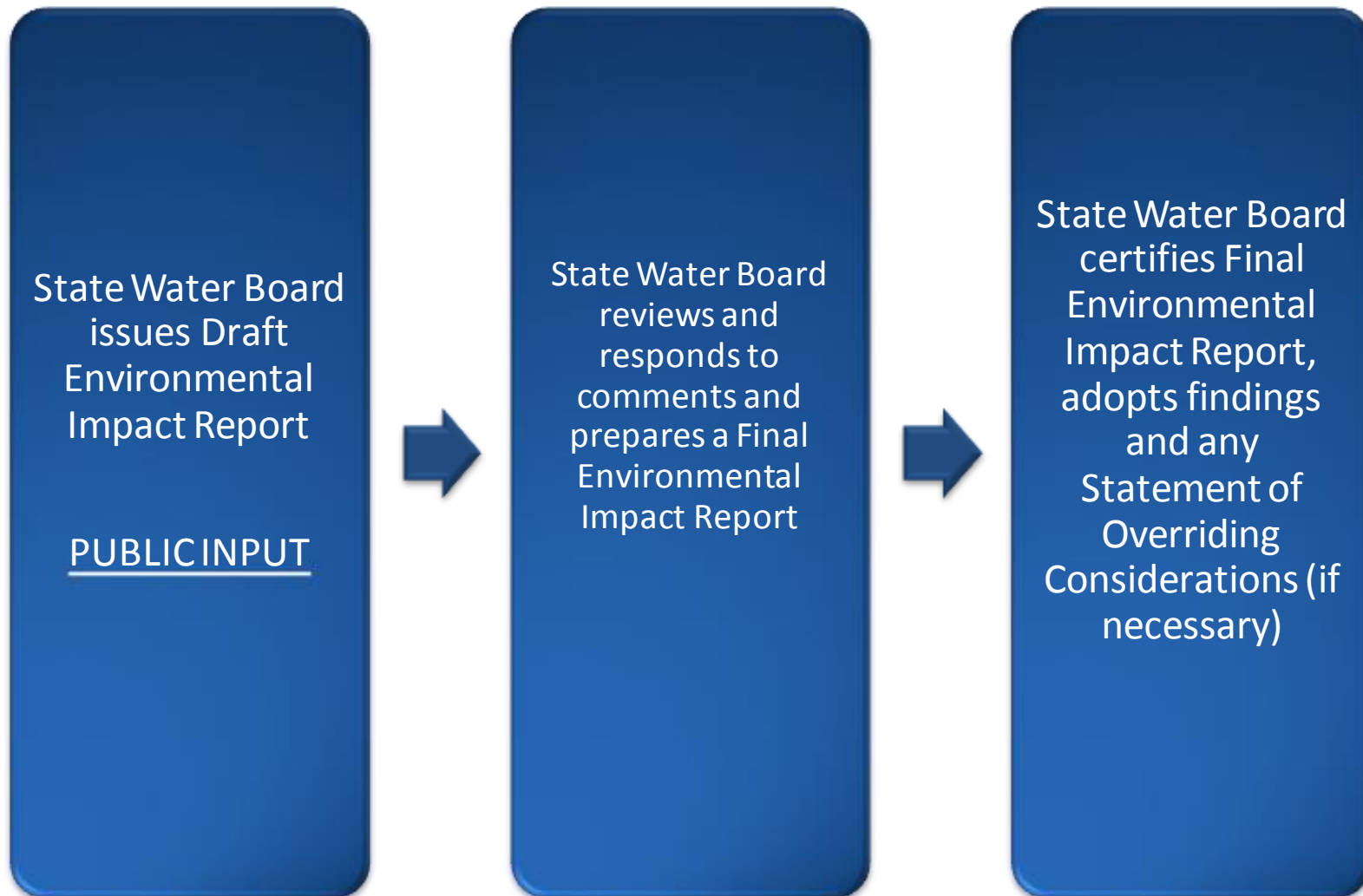
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CEQA PROCESS OVERVIEW



CEQA PROCESS OVERVIEW CONT.



APPROACH TO CEQA ANALYSIS

- Focus on California portion of Lower Klamath Project
- Use FERC Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Klamath Facilities Removal EIS/Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in development of Lower Klamath Project EIR
- Use information gathered by the CEQA commenters, scientific community, settlement agreements, Tribes, and other sources



PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

Project alternatives being considered for analysis in EIR range from:

- KRRC's Proposed Project of decommissioning sufficient portions of the Lower Klamath Project to provide for volitional fish passage and a free flowing Klamath River.
- No Project Alternative



REQUESTED INPUT

- Adequacy of FERC EIS and Klamath Facilities Removal EIR/EIS. Do these documents address your comments/concerns?
- Range of alternatives, or specific alternatives
- Potential Impacts to evaluate
- Potential mitigation measures
- Other items



Submit Comments by 5:00 pm On February 1, 2017

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Lower Klamath Project Website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/lower_klamath_ferc14803.shtml



HOW TO STAY INFORMED

- Refer to first page of Notice of Preparation
- Subscribe to “Lower Klamath Project License Surrender” Email List
 - Webpage:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml#rights
 - 1. Provide name and email in required fields
 - 2. In categories below, select “Water Rights,” then “Lower Klamath Project License Surrender”
 - 3. Click “Subscribe” button
 - 4. An email will be sent to you; you must respond to email message to confirm membership

