

July 17, 2012

California State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
ATTN: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources



Re: 401 permit denial for PacifiCorp

Dear California State Water Resources Control Board Members:

My name is Viola Brooks and I am an enrolled member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe with Yurok and Karuk ancestry. I was born and raised in Humboldt County, California, and have witnessed the deterioration of the health of the river system due, in part, to poor water quality. The purpose of the General 401 WQC is to authorize incidental discharges to Waters of the U.S. for small habitat restoration projects that will not have a significant effect on the environment. The dams operating on the Klamath River are contaminating the rivers at levels that are harmful to humans and animals.

PacifiCorp is the energy company that owns four controversial hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River. PacifiCorp's license to operate the dams expired in 2006. The dams have been polluting the Klamath River for years. How long is the California State Water Resources Control Board going to allow the energy company to pollute one of our most pristine rivers? Please honor your commitment to protect our state's water resources and as a member of the State Water Resources Board do what is right and deny the 401 permit and support the preservation of the Klamath River.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Viola Brooks". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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