



YUROK TRIBE

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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
Water Quality Certification Program
Attention: Gita Kapahi
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RE: Formal Request for Tribal Consultation Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1, subds. (b), (d) and (e) for 401 Certification of the Klamath Hydroelectric Project Relicensing

Aiy-ye-kwee':

This letter constitutes a formal request for tribal consultation under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1 subdivisions (b), (d) and (e)) for the mitigation of potential project impacts to tribal cultural resource for the above referenced project. The Yurok Tribe received notification on November 30, 2015 regarding the above referenced project.

The Yurok Tribe requests consultation on the following topics, which shall be included in consultation if requested (Public Resources Code section 21080.3.2, subd. (a)):

1. Alternatives to the project
2. Recommended mitigation measures
3. Significant effects of the project

The Tribe also requests consultation on the following discretionary topics (Public Resources Code section 21080.3.2, subd. (a)):

1. Type of environmental review necessary
2. Significance of tribal cultural resources, including any regulations, policies or standards used by your agency to determine significance of tribal cultural resources

3. Significance of the project's impacts on tribal cultural resources
4. Project alternatives and/or appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation that we may recommend, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Avoidance and preservation of the resources in place, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21084.3, including, but not limited to, planning and construction to avoid the resources and protect the cultural and natural context;
 - b. Treating the resources with culturally appropriate dignity taking into account the tribal cultural values and meaning of the resources, including but not limited to the following:
 - i. Protecting the cultural character and integrity of the resource;
 - ii. Protection the traditional use of the resource; and
 - iii. Protecting the confidentiality of the resource.
 - c. Protecting the resource.

The Tribe expects to begin consultation within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. Please contact the Tribe's designated contacts below for notification.

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