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To: CC from letter to Rep. Grace Napolitano, Chairwoman, Sub Committee on Water and Power

From: Steve L. Kandra, President Westside Improvement District

Regarding: House Subcommittee on Water and Power oversight hearing on "The Bureau of Reclamation and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: A Progress Report and Planning for the Future."

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Rep. Grace F. Napolitano, Chairwoman House Subcommittee on Water and Power 1522 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Napolitano,

I am Steve Kandra, President of the Board for Westside Improvement District/Colonial Reality Contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation, in the Klamath Irrigation Project, located near Tulelake, California. It has come to my attention that the House Subcommittee on Water and Power will be having a hearing regarding "The Bureau of Reclamation and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: A progress Report for the Future".

The Bureau of Reclamation is the lead agency in conducting scoping work for a US Department of Interior "Secretarial Determination" regarding the relicensing of PacifiCorp's Hydroelectric Project on the Klamath River and the potential impacts from relicensing or decommissioning with have on Reclamation contractors and other Trustees of the United States. Funds for conducting that Determination scoping are provided through the Recovery and Reinvestment Act. It is very important to the constituents of irrigation districts, and contractors, within the Klamath Irrigation Project that the scoping work be completed and conducted in an unbiased, efficient, timely, and economical manner. It is also important that representatives from the Klamath Irrigation Project not be excluded from Congressional conversation and deliberations regarding the funding for the Secretarial Determination.

The constituents of Westside ID are very concerned that even though a large and valuable portion of Klamath Irrigation Project is included within Ranking Member Representative Tom McClintock's Congressional District, that no Klamath Project representatives or constituents were notified of hearing, or invited to present testimony to the Subcommittee as to the importance and value of the Determination. We are also very concerned that Rep. McClintock did specifically invite for testimony a hostile non-constituent that is litigating against the water rights claims of Rep. McClintock's constituent contractors and districts within the Klamath Irrigation Project.

The Westside ID/Colonial Warrant Act Contract is not being served through its Reclamation contract this year, 2010, as it was not served in 2001, because of unresolved conflicts regarding endangered fish species, Tribal Trust obligations of Federal agencies, and lack of adjudicated water rights. The non-delivery of contract water is a considerable economic hardship for the family farms included in the District. For the past five years representatives for irrigator, Tribal, environmental, and Federal, California, and Oregon

agencies have been working together to resolve water supply conflicts and have ratified the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) and supported, and ratified, negotiations between PacifiCorp, Oregon, California and the United States known as the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA) that may lead to decommissioning of a hydroelectric project. It is our concern that this hearing before the Subcommittee will address issues regarding decommissioning or relicensing of PacifiCorp's hydro-project without regard for the urgent need to resolve constituents water resource settlements as accommodated by the KBRA, contingent on the KHSA.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this representation issue.

Regards

Steve L. Kandra, President of the Board

Westside Improvement District/Colonial Reality

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