



# *Siskiyou County Republican Party*

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## PRESS RELEASE

The Siskiyou County Republican Central Committee is pleased to announce that at the recent California CAGOP Convention in Sacramento attended by nearly 1400 delegates a Resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors announcing their support for the Citizens of Northern California and Southern Oregon who are trying to retain and preserve the historic Klamath Hydroelectric Facilities and the lakes behind them. These clean carbon free, low cost energy producing facilities provide habitat for many unique and some endangered species including fish, other aquatic mammals, birds using the Pacific Flyway, recreation opportunities, water storage and some flood protection as well as easily accessible reservoirs of water for firefighting which has proven invaluable in recent years.

The Resolution further states that Governor Newsom and his Administration have shown a callous disregard for the Citizens of the area and have spent millions of dollars in pursuant of the destruction of these hydroelectric facilities whose removal will send 15 to 30 million cubic yards of sediment including toxic mercury and nearly 14 million acre feet of water out to the Pacific Ocean without any beneficial use.

These actions by Governor Newsom are purposefully aggravating California's water situation and increasing energy costs at this difficult time in history and importantly are depriving the Citizens of their voice in this important matter.

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## RESOLUTION

### RESOLUTION REGARDING HYDROELECTRIC FACILITIES

**WHERE AS**, the Citizens of Northern California and Southern Oregon are making efforts to retain the historic Klamath Hydroelectric Facilities and the lakes behind them.

**WHERE AS**, the actions of Governor Gavin Newsom and his administration to attempt to remove these hydroelectric facilities and harm rural California families and economies that rely on these vital structures.

**WHERE AS**, these hydroelectric facilities provide low cost, clean hydro energy, provide habitat for many threatened and endangered species including fish and other aquatic mammals; birds using the Pacific Flyway, provide recreational opportunities, water storage and flood protection. In addition, the lakes behind the hydro facilities which have been in existence for more than one hundred years provide an easily accessible source of water for firefighting which has proved invaluable in the recent years.

**WHERE AS**, the Citizens in Northern California and Southern Oregon have demonstrated through polls and a general election that they overwhelmingly support retention of these facilities.

**WHERE AS**, Governor Newsom has continued to exhibit a callous disregard for the Citizens in that area as well as for Californians in general by spending billions in taxpayer funds in a time of energy shortages and water crises to destroy these facilities sending 14 Million acre feet of water out to the Pacific Ocean without providing any beneficial use to the communities most directly affected. Their destruction will result in 15 to 30 million cubic yards of sediment including toxic mercury, filling the Klamath River, killing fisheries and ecosystems.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the CAGOP condemns the actions of Governor Gavin Newsom for purposefully making California's water situation worse, increasing energy costs, and depriving the Citizens of their voice in this important local matter.