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Subject: Response to Request for Statements of Project Construction Cost Recovery (SPCCR) for the Klamath Project for Fiscal Years 2001 – 2015.

Dear Mr. Kogan:

By email on March 23, 2016, you requested, on behalf of Klamath Irrigation District, immediate access to, or copies of, all SPCCRs for the Klamath Project for fiscal years 2001 – 2015. You have correctly identified, based on a General Accounting Office (GAO) Report issued in September 2014, that an SPCCR for the Klamath Project has not been completed since fiscal year 2001; therefore, SPCCRs are not available to provide for the period of time that you have requested. As stated in the GAO report, SPCCRs have not been completed due to pending guidance regarding the application of lease land revenues to offset reimbursable costs that are to be allocated to Project contractors within the Klamath Project for repayment. Another factor that has contributed to the delay in completing SPCCRs is that, in 2010, some of the Klamath Project contractors disputed the inclusion of Endangered Species Act (ESA) costs as a reimbursable obligation for repayment. Resolution of these issues was included in the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) and its implementation required Congressional approval. Recently, the KBRA expired due to lack of such Congressional approval and Reclamation is now reengaging in the process of reviewing and reconciling the SPCCRs.

Reclamation recognizes the need for completed SPCCRs for the Klamath Project which identify costs and project repayment on a District and/or contract level. Currently this effort is receiving focused attention within the Mid-Pacific Region. The Financial Management Division and the Klamath Basin Area Office are coordinating efforts for the completion of the SPCCRs. Once completed, the SPCCRs will be shared with all Project contractors within the Klamath Project.

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Autumn Wolfe, at awolfe@usbr.gov or 916-978-5391.

Sincerely,

Rodney D. Whitfield

Financial Manager