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California Natural Resources Secretary Applauds Klamath Basin Agreement

California Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird released the following statement after the announcement of the completion of work by the Klamath Basin Task Force to clearly define the sharing of precious water resources and lay groundwork for future legislation:

“I applaud the leadership of Oregon Governor John Kitzhauber and the hard work of the Klamath Basin Task Force to get closer to reaching the goals of the Klamath Basin Agreements. The signing of this agreement in principle regarding Upper Klamath Basin water and economic issues is a critical step in the fight to save the basin, but we must keep our ultimate restoration goals in sight,” said California Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird. “I truly appreciate the work California put into the task force. Now, we will redouble our efforts to advance necessary federal legislation that works for ranchers, tribes and fish. As one of the most important cultural, agricultural and biological regions in the West, the Klamath Basin deserves nothing less.”

Read the Upper Klamath Basin Agreement in Principle [here](#).