

Press Release

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UKWUA Membership Unanimously Agrees to Support Klamath Settlement Agreements

- *Benefits of settlement available to all interested Off Project irrigators*
- *All measures voluntary; no imposition on others' rights.*

On February 2, 2010, the membership of Upper Klamath Water Users Association (UKWUA) unanimously voted to publically support the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) and the Klamath Hydro Settlement Agreement (KHSa). UKWUA will sign both agreements.

The meeting was a special membership meeting that took place via conference call. The motion was presented and accepted by roll call vote.

“It has been two years of hard work for this newly formed organization that represents upper basin irrigators. We feel we can move forward with a positive attitude knowing that all this is voluntary, and we have not limited others’ rights to litigate even as we create settlement for those who want it,” stated UKWUA Board member and irrigator Matt Walter.

“It was a very upbeat meeting. Two years ago we came to the settlement table and worked our tails off to be included in the process. We now have substantive language for all off-project irrigators in the two agreements” said Becky Hyde, rancher and UKWUA Board Member.

“The unanimous vote that took place today tells me that our membership believes in this process as a means to settle water conflict in the Basin. We are ready to continue our work for water, affordable power rates and regulatory assurances”, said Karl Scronce, Board member and irrigator.