

MEDIA STATEMENT

Karuk Tribe

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KARUK TRIBE APPLAUDS ACTIONS BY INTERIOR SECRETARY HAALAND

*Trump era legal memos on the Klamath retracted due to lack of consultation with
affected Tribes*

Happy Camp, CA – Today Secretary Haaland withdrew seven documents issued by the previous administration that collectively interpreted laws and policies governing operations of the Klamath Irrigation Project.

“These documents were issued without government-to-government consultation with affected Tribes and do not reflect the current administration’s goals for long-term water recovery and economic restoration in this region. The documents also conflict with longstanding Departmental positions and interpretation of governing law and should not be relied upon for any purpose,” wrote the Secretary.

The move comes as unprecedented drought conditions once again challenge tribal, fishing, and agricultural communities in the Basin.

“This is going to be a tough year for all of us in the Basin,” said Karuk Chairman Russell ‘Buster’ Attebery. “We appreciate the Secretary’s earnest commitment to consulting with the Tribes before any more decisions are made that affect our river and our fisheries.”

The full text of the Secretary Haaland’s memorandum can be found [here](#).

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