

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## **Summary of Klamath Project April 2012 Operations**

During the month of April, the elevation of Upper Klamath Lake (UKL) decreased slightly from 4,143.07 feet on April 1<sup>st</sup> to 4,143.03 feet on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The April 30, 2012 UKL elevation is 0.09 feet lower than the elevation at the end of April 2011. Total net inflows to UKL for the month of April were approximately 159 Thousand Acre Feet (TAF), which is 95% of the Natural Resource Conservation Service average of 168 TAF. Releases from Link River Dam generally increased throughout April from 1,180 cfs to 3,160 cfs, with an average of 2,234 cfs.

Iron Gate Dam releases averaged 3,422 cfs during April with flows ranging from 1,860 to 3,970 cfs. Consistent with the Variable Base Flow Procedure (VBF), releases downstream of Iron Gate Dam were increased during April when the trajectory of UKL indicated that April elevations would exceed VBF threshold elevations of 4,143.0 feet during the first half of April and 4,142.9 feet during the second half. April VBF threshold releases totaled just over 81 TAF.

Reclamation is dedicated to managing, developing, and protecting water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Reclamation, and Klamath Project stakeholders are working together to manage available water to provide benefits to basin irrigators while protecting Endangered Species Act-listed fish.