

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## **Summary of Klamath Project February, 2012 Operations**

During the month of February, Upper Klamath Lake (UKL) elevations rose from 4,141.05 feet on February 1<sup>st</sup> to a high of 4,141.76 feet on February 29<sup>th</sup>. The February 29, 2012 UKL elevation is 0.32 feet lower than the end of February elevation in 2011. Total net inflows to UKL for the month of February were 76 Thousand Acre Feet (TAF), which is 48% of the NRCS average of 157 TAF. Releases from Link River Dam varied between 225 cfs and 438 cfs during February, with an average of 288 cfs.

Iron Gate Dam averaged 1,002 cfs for the month of February with the lowest flows occurring on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 996 cfs, and the maximum flow occurring on February 29<sup>th</sup> at 1,030 cfs.

Reclamation is dedicated to manage, develop, and protect 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.