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California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, left, and United States Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar congratulate each other on Thursday at the signing of a historic agreement to remove four hydroelectric dams from the Klamath River.

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar joins Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, PacificCorp Chief Executive Officer Greg Abel and the chairmen of the Klamath, Yurok and Karuk Tribes in signing final agreements that could potentially lead to removal of four dams on the Klamath River and the largest river restoration project in our nation's history. The Secretary along with the 30 stakeholders signed the agreement in Salem, OR Feb 19. If determined to be in the best interest of the public by the Secretary and legislation is enacted, the two agreements will 1) restore and sustain natural fish production and provide for full participation in ocean and river harvest opportunities of fish species throughout the Klamath Basin; 2) establish reliable water and power supplies which sustain agricultural uses, communities, and National Wildlife Refuges; and 3) contribute to the public welfare and the sustainability of all Klamath Basin communities.