

As [Dan Tarlock](#) and I detailed in our book [Water War in the Klamath Basin: Macho Law, Combat Biology, and Dirty Politics](#), the Klamath Basin has been a hotbed for litigation on a variety of fronts since irrigation deliveries from the Klamath Reclamation Project were temporarily curtailed in the critically dry summer of 2001. Now there's a new twist in the takings litigation brought by the Project irrigators. In two opinions issued in 2005 and 2007, the Court of Claims rejected the irrigators' takings and contract claims, respectively. On appeal of the takings decision, the Federal Circuit [certified three questions](#) to the Oregon Supreme Court about state law property rights to water. Last week, [the state court agreed](#) to resolve those questions. Dan and I write about the takings litigation and its most recent twist in a post on the [blog of the Center for Progressive Reform](#).