

Appendix C
Written Comments and Public Hearing Transcripts

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SPEAKER CARD

Folsom Dam Safety/Flood Damage Reduction Action Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/DEIR)

Name: CHRIS HODGES Affiliation: BROTHERS BOAT

Address: 7343 HOME LEISURE PLAZA, SACRAMENTO, CA 95823

- I would like to speak
- I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

Would like to comment on the impact of
closing Folsom Point to the users of
Folsom LAKE

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Bill Watson
Vice President
Government Affairs

Folsom Dam Safety/Flood Damage Reduction
Statement/Draft Environmental Imp

Name: Bill Watson Affiliation:

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Fax (916) 985-4117

bwatson@FolsomChamber.com
www.FolsomChamber.com

I would like to speak

I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

1. We ask that mitigation of the effects on recreation, especially at Folsom Point, be made. Possibly, limiting the borrowing and crushing operations away from the public areas
2. We ask that the moratorium period be extended
3. We would like a presentation from the Furman & Coy to our board in the near future.

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Name: STEVE Hodges Affiliation: SACRAMENTO VALLEY MARINE DEALERS ASSN.

Address: 5322 STATE 7343 HOME Leisure plaza
SACRAMENTO CA 95823

- I would like to speak
- I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

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Name: Joey Torres Affiliation: NCPA

Address: _____

- I would like to speak
- I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

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Don't give oral comments
-MN

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Name: Russell Harrington Affiliation: CVP Water Association

Address: 1521 I Street Sacramento CA 95814

- I would like to speak
- I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

1) Reclamation and the Corps of Engineers need to engage in a public review process PRIOR to finalizing a Flood Control / Safety of Dams cost allocation

2) The Dam Raise component should be exclusively allocated to Flood Control

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Name: Keon Almeida Affiliation: EDH Resident

Address: 1428 Lake Hills Dr, EDH, CA 95762

- I would like to speak
 I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

On behalf of my neighbors I would like
to request that the detailed maps showing
the high water level be posted to the
web as not all could attend. Several
properties in my neighborhood will be
impacted by high water level in the event of
a storm.

Also continue on the reverse side if needed

Real estate ownership maps sheets 1-17

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Name: VICTOR PECERRIL Affiliation: RESIDENT

Address: 105 SANBORN CT

- I would like to speak
- I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

I favor the proposed changes - (spillway, increased lake capacity)
but I strongly oppose the closing of Folsom Point as a summit
for construction purposes

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DATE: 11/10/07
NAME: CHET BLOYD
ADDRESS: 3761 Recycle Rd El C, CA 95742
TELEPHONE: 916/638/8908
E-MAIL: CHET@EATRECYCLING.COM

COMMENT: THE PROPOSED CLOSURE WILL AFFECT NOT ONLY THE IMMEDIATE SUBURBAN AREAS IN THE LOSS OF TAXABLE REVENUE GENERATED BY THE RECREATIONAL USER. IT WILL ALSO BE DOWNSLATING TO THE MACHINE INDUSTRY IN THE SACRAMENTO AND SURROUNDING AREAS. THE LOSS OF REVENUE TO THESE BUSINESS WILL BE GREATLY FELT BY MOST AND SOME MAY EVEN BE CLOSED. IF THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE I BELIEVE WE SHOULD EXPLORE IT.
CHET BLOYD

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Name: Elinor Brady Affiliation: Property Owner

Address: 1410 Lake Hills Dr, El Dorado Hills CA 95762

I would like to speak

I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

I am concerned about the possibility of raising the dam level above the 3 1/2 ft level currently proposed since this will impact my property and affect its value.

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Name: Alfred P. Bull Affiliation: _____

Address: 1428 Gladstone Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864-2728

1428 Gladstone Drive
Sacramento, CA 95864-2728
(916) 482-7633

- I would like to speak
- I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:
Build the Auburn Dam and don't waste
any more time or money on a temporary fix.

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DATE: 1-10-07

NAME: CAROL JAMES / BROTHERS BOATS

ADDRESS: 7450 FOLSOM AUGURN ROAD
FOLSOM, CA 95630

TELEPHONE: 916/988-1704

E-MAIL: CJAMES@CA2.AOL.COM

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS NECESSARY TO REDUCE BOAT LAUNCHING FACILITIES, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO ENLARGE THOSE AREAS THAT WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC TO PARK THEIR VEHICLE + TRAILERS? THE PUBLIC WILL SURELY ADJUST TO LONGER LINES FOR LAUNCHING, BUT KNOWING THEY CAN LAUNCH AND STORE THEIR VEHICLES WILL LESSEN THE NEGATIVE IMPACT. I BELIEVE THIS INVESTMENT WOULD NOT ONLY BE A GOOD PERMANENT UPGRADE, BUT SHOW THE PUBLIC THEIR RECREATION INTERESTS ARE STILL ACKNOWLEDGED.

THANK YOU FOR

YOUR ATTENTION

CAROL JAMES

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DATE: 1-10-2007

NAME: Craig R. Larsen

ADDRESS: 11361 Folsom Blvd.

Rancho Cordova Ca 95742

TELEPHONE: 916.439.3576

E-MAIL: Craig.C.Larsen@marine.com

COMMENT:

Major Concerns I have:
Loss of water access for the thousands of
people that call Folsom their home lake.
Loss of revenue to companies that depend on the
use of Folsom Lake, who have always supported
the lake. The youth of Folsom and outlying areas
that will not be able to take part in
the wonder and beauty of Folsom Lake. The
overall loss of interest into the use of Folsom
Lake and the activities such as boating that
have helped make Folsom the city it is today.
Please leave our Boat Ramps and access areas
open to the people and families that build their
memories on the lake!!

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The loss of revenue to the boat clubs on the Folsom Lake
should be...
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should be...

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DATE: 1/10/02
NAME: Ken Christensen
ADDRESS: 2030 Salmon Falls Rd.
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762
TELEPHONE: 916-933-1300 916-284-9444
E-MAIL: KENC568@SBCGLOBAL.NET

COMMENT: I manage Folsom Lake Marina at Brown's
Ravine. I just wanted to point out that if
you have extra material and are looking for
a place to store it, we could sure use it.
We really need an earth breakwater at the
marina so we would be able to increase
the number of slips and to better protect
all the boats. We currently have one breakwater
on one side of the entrance, but need to have
them on both sides. Our current breakwater
goes under at elevation 450 and needs to be
raised

Thank You
Ken

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DATE: 1-9-07

NAME: James Clayburn

ADDRESS: 1078 Pietail Cir.

Folsom 95630

TELEPHONE: 916-294-0130

E-MAIL: james@fullmooncasino.com

COMMENT: I am fully on board with The project and why we are doing it, however I have a large concern about the closure of Folsom Point. Recreation areas without providing an alternate option other than overflow to Granite Bay or Browns Ravine for boat launching. The lake launches are already overly crowded in the summer months and there should be an alternate option to closing Folsom Point Launch. You need to either consider not closing it or providing an alternate launch facility in the interim. I live and play in Folsom, if I can't play here any more it makes me think it's time to move to a more accessible lake!

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Name: Mike Coffman Affiliation: Resident of Folsom

Address: 152 Keller Cir macoffman@JPS.NET

I would like to speak

I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

Maxman Island Aux Dam (earthen Dam) is a
ticking bomb. Not only is it on an old river bed
(non-solid foundation) but it is on/near an earthquake
fault. MIAD is know to have a seepage issue.
Adding increased pressure upon MIAD will only make
the problem worse. Why continue with this project?

Please continue on the reverse side if needed

Like results of the engineering study to be conducted

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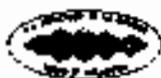
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DATE: 1/10/07
NAME: ERICKA COONEY
ADDRESS: 104 WILLOW CREEK DR.
FOLSOM, CA
TELEPHONE: (916) 351-5615
E-MAIL: ERCOONEY@COMCAST.NET

COMMENT: As a 10 year resident of Folsom, I
will not stand by silently and allow
~~the~~ my main source of recreation
and a huge draw to young families
in the area to be shut down for 7 years
Folsom is a large lake, Dyke 7
is already closed to the public, make
use of it for storage. There are other
options that would not leave
thousands of Folsom residents out in
the cold. I am absolutely opposed
to closing Dyke 8, for 7 years or 1
year. Find another option.

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DATE: 1/10/07
NAME: DURNE COONEY
ADDRESS: 104 Willowcreek Dr.
TELEPHONE: 916 351 5615
E-MAIL: decooney@comcast.net

COMMENT: FIND AN ALTERNATIVE TO CLOSING
Dyke 8 / Folsom POINT FOR 7 YEARS. DO NOT
CLOSE DYKE 8.

*Thank you
Durne Cooney*

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Name: Ian Cornell Affiliation: Spots, Boat

Address: PO Box 1011, Fair Oaks CA 95628-1011

- I would like to speak
- I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

SUPPORT FLOOD CONTROL MEASURES, BUT OBJECT
TO CLOSURE OF FOLSOM LAKE RECREATION AREA
DURING CONSTRUCTION

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Ian Cornell

President

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Name: Cindi Dulgare Affiliation: Sacramento State Aquatic Center
Address: 1901 Hazel Ave Gold River Ca 95670

- I would like to speak
- I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

"A Family that plays together, stays together"
 Families in the Folsom, El Dorado Hills Area value the opportunity to spend quality time on the water as a family to sail, swim, picnic, ski, Fish etc. This project will displace recreation users for 5-8 years that is an entire phase in a families life. If access is closed the Marina and Granite Bay will not be able to be used.

Please continue on the reverse side if needed

It is our request to look into other options
for storage and rock crushing - and not
negatively affect recreation on Folsom Lake
by limiting access to the recreating community

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Name: KRIS GARDNER Affiliation: resident

Address: 208 Willow Creek Dr

I would like to speak

I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

The impact of Folsom Point in being used
as staging area would be great for
summers use of Dyke 8 and other boat ramps
around Folsom Lake.
Need to decide on another staging area.
Too long of closure risk.

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DATE: 1/10/07

NAME: Mike Garner

ADDRESS: 4137 Yacht Harbor Dr.

TELEPHONE: 209-992-9985

E-MAIL: mgarner@aquapac.com

COMMENT: Keep the vitality of the lake and the surrounding community at the top of priority list. Keep the flow of the 1mil. plus visitors flowing when the project begins. Enough has happened already with the closure of the dam road. Don't hurt the livelihood's of these people any more than what they've been subjected to already.

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Name: Robert Giacometti Affiliation: Individual/Business
Owner

Address: 102 Wild Way CT

- I would like to speak
- I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

I OBJECT to closing of Folsom Pt- This will have a significant impact on the recreational opportunities for the citizens of Folsom. I have a fishing guide service that will be significantly affected by closing Folsom Pt. Also, I purchased my home because of ~~its~~ ^{Please continue on the reverse side if needed} closeness to the lake, by closing

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DATE: 1-10-07

NAME: PATRICIA GIBAS

ADDRESS: 5425 LAKE FOREST DR
LOOMIS CA

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: fizzz@gartec.com

COMMENT: _____

- Please identify any changes to the current lake line surrounding Folsom Lake, as these changes relate to the various proposed alternatives

please provide this information graphically showing the contour lines around the lake & the current lake line

- Please identify any changes to trail use around Folsom Lake

This meeting was informative

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Name: Mechelle Goodch Affiliation: Self

Address: 489 Mueser Street Folsom

I would like to speak

I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

I do not want Folsom Point/
Point of closed de recreational
Activity. Six-Seven year closure is
a long time in child's life - if we can't get
on later (don't say) we love a family
Activity that is close!

Please continue on the reverse side if needed

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DATE: JAN 10, 2007
NAME: Melissa Green
ADDRESS: 105 Eveland Ct.
Folsom, CA
TELEPHONE: 916 985-6272
E-MAIL: _____

COMMENT: Project is needed but must be
done without denying public access
to current facilities at Folsom Lake,
including Folsom Point and Beals.
Long term (more than one year) denial
of access depresses home values
and is unacceptable.

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Name: ~~XXXX~~ Sarah Griffith Affiliation: _____

Address: PO Box 1058 Littleton _____

I would like to speak

I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment: - See also spoken

Concerns: 1) rail is restored to current use by horses bicycles
2) serpentine rock / asbestos exposure of workers / public during construction needs to be considered
3) warning system such as ~~siren~~ siren for when flood gates are opened so extra water flow won't accidentally drown anyone

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Name: Robert G Holderness Affiliation: Folsom Teenier Basin

Address: 80 Dun Point Way #118 Folsom

I would like to speak

I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

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DATE: 10 Jan. '09

NAME: Charles A. Hooper

ADDRESS: 188 Stony Hill Dr. Folsom, Ca
95630

TELEPHONE: (916) 983-9980

E-MAIL: CAHWIS@aol.com

COMMENT: Need more access, not less. Please do
the Project(s). But we'd very much like
access, to the lake. More; not less.

Thanks

And we'd like access across on the Dam Road
until the new bridge is built.

Thank You very much.

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DATE: Jan 10, 2007
NAME: Renee Howie
ADDRESS: 2309 H St. #C
Sacramento, CA. 95816
TELEPHONE: 916-446-2836
E-MAIL: r_howie@comcast.net

COMMENT: While this project is well merited, and would yield numerous benefits, it will take resources away from more imminent needs. The proposed bridge would be better located crossing the lake at Horseshoe Bar. It would remove potential danger of attack further from the dam. It would streamline auto & truck traffic as well. Be that as it may, the entire levy system of the Sacramento & San Joaquin rivers need more immediate attention. The Auburn Dam should be built and this project will add to the delays for that. The Auburn dam would provide much needed CO₂ free electrical energy -- something that would better address the most serious environmental problem, global warming. I would be glad to participate in the environmental planning related to reservoir expanding or formation as in the case of the Auburn Dam. It could be

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2309 H. St.
Sacramento, CA 95816

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Here

Shawn Oliver
Bureau of Reclamation
Central California Area Office
7794 Folsom Dam Road
Folsom, CA 95630

Fold here and seal at top before mailing

(Cont) done wisely, scientifically, and with enhancements
to the riparian habitats and surrounding
forests. I sit on the Board of Golden Sierra,
a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to environmental
enhancements and ecosystem rebalancing.

Thank You.

Rolfowic

P.S. Please provide access to the DEIS/PEIR for
the proposed projects.

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Name: Renee Howie Affiliation: Golden Sierra (Board Member)

Address: 2309 H St. #C, Sacramento CA 95816

I would like to speak

I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

- 1) The existing main dam gates need to be repaired or replaced to solve the flood danger.
- 2) A bridge across the lake could alleviate traffic and address the security/terrorist danger.
- 3) The Auburn Dam would be a MUCH better solution & could be done with ecosystem replanting.

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Name: Carol James Affiliation: BROTHERS BOATS

Address: 7430 Folsom Auburn Road / Folsom, CA 95630

- I would like to speak
- I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

I SUGGEST ENLARGING AND IMPROVING THE
EXISTING AVAILABLE LAUNCH FACILITY TO ACCOMMODATE
AS MANY BOATS AS POSSIBLE DURING THE RECREATION
SEASON. THIS WOULD MAKE A GREAT PERMANENT
IMPROVEMENT FOR PARK & RECREATION.

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DATE: 1/10/09

NAME: RUSS KNAPP

ADDRESS: 1404 LAKEHILLS DR

EL DORADO HILLS

TELEPHONE: 549 1415

E-MAIL: RUSS@AVALAR4HOMES.COM

COMMENT: WE PREFER PLAN 3. AND STRONGLY OPPOSE
ALTERNATE PLANS 4 + 5.

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DATE: 1/10/07
NAME: Michelle Lipowski
ADDRESS: (work) 501 Oakdale St
(home) 100 Arrowsmith Dr
TELEPHONE: (916) 223 1632 (cell)
E-MAIL: DixLady@comcast.net

COMMENT:

I have concerns regarding the
closure of Folsom Point
during work on the dam.
Folsom has already experienced
long term closure of other
park facilities (powerhouse)
for 2 years. There must be
some way to keep Folsom point
open during this construction &
keep the river flowing
from the base of that site.

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DATE: 1/10/07

NAME: Sandy McKaig

ADDRESS: 105 Evland Ct. Folsom

TELEPHONE: 916-985-6272

E-MAIL: mckaigs@arc.tostio.edu

COMMENT: As ~~not~~ much as I realize that the project (of some sort) is necessary, public access to the lake at Folsom point should not be limited or even denied. (I would hate to see Beale Pt impacted as well).

I really believe that there should be additional mtgs (town mtg-like) to express viewpoints, to clarify alternatives and impacts, and discuss options or other solutions.

The way this project is being presented and by given only a "comment" card to write concerns me — seems a like a done deal where decisions will be made w/o public opinion.

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Name: Madeleine Masley Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

I would like to speak

I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

opposed to closing Folsom project

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DATE: 1/10/07

NAME: Gene Moynier

ADDRESS: 7450 Folsom Auburn

TELEPHONE: 916-988-1704

E-MAIL: gmoynier@ELKgrove.net

COMMENT: Please consider alternate construction
locations for encompassing equipment & materials
to lessen the need for closure of park areas,
the economic impact from closure and
disruption will be significant based on current
proposal, the long term cumulative negative
impact is directly proportional to the amount
of closure and disruption
consider: establish alternate storage
install new ramps or expand existing
storage construction to non prime seeps
develop forum for input of new ideas prior to
final draft.



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Name: PAUL MOYMER Affiliation: SACRAMENTO VALLEY MARINE ASSOC.

Address: 7450 FOLSON AUBURN RD FOLSOM CA 95630 916-988-1704

- I would like to speak
 I would like my comments to be read aloud

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In the interest of time, I have a prepared statement.

Good evening and thank you for hosting the Public Hearing tonight. I'm Paul Moynier, President of the Sacramento Valley Marine Association. The organization I represent has 30 Members who have boat dealerships within the greater Sacramento Metropolitan area and generate in excess of \$100 million dollars in annual sales.

Tonight...I hope to provide information that will help the Bureau of Reclamation better understand the impacts this project will have on the Boat Dealers, Merchants, City Of Folsom, Parks and Recreation.... and the local economy in the Sacramento region.

As an organization representing the recreational industry, we support properly managed valuable water resources, the flood control upgrade and the bridge crossing at Folsom Lake. It is not our desire to stop this project.... but instead help minimize or eliminate the impacts to the business community. As stated in the EIR with interpretation....this project will cause hardship on the local economy.

The City of Folsom, Eldorado Hills and the South Placer Communities use Folsom Lake as the barometer for success. The business community is directly tied to lake levels, public access, and water availability at this facility. After reviewing the EIR for this project, it suggests the closure and or partial closure of several major access points on Folsom Lake which include Folsom Point, Beales Point and Granite Bay. Closure or restriction of any access points to the lake will have significant revenue impacts on the local Boat Dealers and merchants, the City of Folsom and Parks and Recreation who solely depend on this facility for their revenue.

We ask that you allow us to provide input and include us in any way possible through focus groups to help mitigate the lost revenue exposure described in the current plan. We submit to you there are alternate options and ways to complete this project that will minimize impacts to lake access and maintain a healthy business environment for the merchants.

The following items are few suggestions that should be considered:

- Identify alternate staging areas to eliminate park access point closure.
- Minimize or restrict construction during peak summer season time.
- Construct additional lake launching access points and possibly retain after construction is complete.

These are just a few examples of alternate ways to manage this project and help minimize financial loss to the business community.

On behalf of the Sacramento Valley Marine Association, we look forward to providing input and working together to make this project business and community friendly.

Thank you for your time and consideration this evening.

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Name: Doug Pepper Affiliation: _____

Address: 1510 Thurman Way Folsom, CA

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Comment:

- 1) This meeting was not publically announced until the day of the meeting. It needs to be a real public comment meeting and rescheduled. No propoganda!
 - 2) There are alternatives to closing Folsom Point for 7 years
 - 3) These are EIR impacts that are being ignored. Traffic will get worse and businesses will be impacted.
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The EIR pretty much says "who cares" (over)

The B&R should be removed the Bureau of
Wreck-lamination for the damage it is doing to
Folsom closing the Dam Road and other Folsom
Point & other lake access points.

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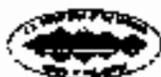
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DATE: 1/10/07
NAME: John Palmiroo
ADDRESS: 1448 Crocker Dr.
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762
TELEPHONE: 916 933-8860
E-MAIL: john@palmiroo.com

COMMENT: I am also concerned about the loss of the public viewing area (observation point) at the south end of the dam. That is presently in the State Park Plan as a future restaurant & public view area. I do not see any mention of this as a long-term recreational impact. Some sort of accommodation to retain this viewing area should be allowed.

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Statement to the Bureau of Reclamation

I'm John Poimiroo, Staff Commodore of the Folsom Lake Yacht Club. We are one of the oldest and largest recreational groups on Folsom Lake, having been established in ~~1962~~¹⁹⁵⁶. Our club conducts sailing programs including races, cruises, water safety, instruction and social events on Folsom Lake. On behalf of our members, I urge the Bureau of Reclamation not to close Folsom Point during the time that Folsom Dam is being raised.

Closing Folsom Point would seriously impact Folsom and communities surrounding it, as well as public use of Folsom Lake State Recreation Area. Should the boat launch facility at Folsom Point be closed, most of the boaters who now launch at Folsom Point would shift to the next nearest launch ramp at Brown's Ravine in El Dorado Hills. There is not enough trailer parking at Brown's Ravine to accommodate this shift which now runs at capacity on most weekend days throughout the boating season. Through most of the year only one ramp is available at Brown's Ravine.

Closing Folsom Point would increase traffic both on Natoma Street and Green Valley Road. It would also discourage boaters from using Folsom Lake because of the inconvenience of long waiting times to launch, lack of parking, conflicts arising at the launch ramp because of delays and not knowing whether there will be space at Brown's Ravine to launch. Should Folsom Point be closed, reestablishing boating among those who have shifted to other recreational pursuits will take years. In the meantime, clubs such as FLYC and the marine industry in the Sacramento area will suffer and perhaps be irreparably damaged.

Alternative locations to stage construction equipment and materials exist closer to the dam than Folsom Point, such as near the intersection of the Folsom Dam Road and Natoma St. Large areas of land owned by the California Department of Corrections are accessible from Folsom Dam Road that would allow staging materials on public land closer to the dam and that would also not require that

construction traffic travel along Natoma St nor that Folsom Point be closed for nearly a decade.

So, we ask that you not close Folsom Point and avoid these negative impacts on the Folsom community and boaters.

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Name: JOHN POIMIROO Affiliation: Folsom Lake Yacht Club

Address: 1448 Crocker Dr. EDH, CA 95762

- I would like to speak
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Name: DON REID Affiliation: RESIDENT

Address: 261 Cascade Falls Drive, Folsom, CA

I would like to speak

I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

I believe the EIR does not reflect the ~~economic~~ impact on the recreation of Folsom Point and the corresponding economic impact on the City of Folsom. Folsom Point has ~~800,000~~ 800,000 plus visitors a year. It appears that Folsom Point

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will be shutdown or at a minimum severely impacted. This impact must be mitigated by relocating the staging and processing areas ^{of recreation} ~~of recreation~~ ^{of recreation} ~~recreation~~ areas ^{during construction} that minimize the recreation impact and the ~~economic~~ corresponding economic impact on Folsom and El Dorado County. ~~If the alternative areas result~~ ~~create~~ If there are conflicts between construction haul roads, and ^{access to} ~~access to~~ ^{over} Folsom Point Recreation ^{for alternative recreation areas} ~~for the public~~, Temporary Bridges ^{or roads} should be built over public access, ~~for~~ safety reasons.

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DATE: 1-10-06

NAME: Russ & Lisa Klay

ADDRESS: 133 Hazelnere Dr.

Folsom

TELEPHONE: (916) 983-7151

E-MAIL: looknup@sbcglobal.net

COMMENT: Specify times of closure. Need plan for mitigate recreational & economic effects for the community.

Your public presentation of the project highlight the need for dam improvement but does not address community impact/quality of life issues for the multi-year project duration.

There must be a way to spread project impact in other areas so as to not put undue burden on any one lake access/recreational point & especially the one that impacts the Folsom community most.

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DATE: Sac State Aquatic Center

NAME: Brian Cude Dulgar

ADDRESS: 1701 Hazel Ave

Gold River CA 95670

TELEPHONE: 916-278-2842

E-MAIL: Cude@csus.edu

Btdulgar@csus.edu

COMMENT:

The Sac State Aquatic Center uses Folsom Point
as a staging area for our summer youth base ski
camp, University P.E. Classes, P.W.C. Classes and
multi-level ski classes. Students and ^{children} parents
walk to the ski beach to meet their instructors
- No where else on the lake can accommodate our
numbers or program.

Our request is to look into other options
for storage and rock crushing, and not
negatively affect recreation on Folsom Lake
by limiting access.

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DATE: 01-10-07
NAME: Jim Snook
ADDRESS: 731 SUTTER ST.
FOLSOM CA 95630
TELEPHONE: 916-985-0620
E-MAIL: jim@snooks Candies.com

COMMENT: I am extremely concerned for the impact of closing any of the public access to the lake. While the need for flood protection is agreed upon, eliminating any of the launching recreation facilities would be incredibly detrimental to thousands of boat owners. In addition, I was disappointed to see that Economic impact was not a consideration relating to IMPACTS AND MITIGATION. This City has thousands of visitors to the lake that contribute to the local economy. Please consider how any closures to facilities would impact our city.

Jim Snook

Snook's Candies
731 Sutter St.
Folsom, CA. 95630

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DATE: 1-10-07
NAME: JON SODERMAN
ADDRESS: 1109 GALSTON DR.
FOLSOM, CA
TELEPHONE: 984-5678
E-MAIL: traperj@comcast.net

COMMENT: I AM IN FAVOR OF IMPROVEMENTS,
I WOULD FAVOR LOOKING AT ANY OTHER
ALTERNATE SITES OTHER THAN FOLSOM DAM,
AS THE CLOSURE OF THE DAM REL. HAS
ALREADY SIGNIFICANTLY AND FINANCIALLY
PUT A BURDEN ON THE TOWN OF FOLSOM
AND ITS RESIDENTS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION



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DATE: 1-10-06

NAME: CINDY SPEER

ADDRESS: 1109 GALSTON

TELEPHONE: 916 984-5678

E-MAIL: _____

COMMENT: Today on the news, was the first I
heard of this meeting. Why were the
residents in Folsom not notified of this
meeting before today?

Where are the alternative sites?
We moved to Folsom (+ use Folsom point
every weekend during the summer.) Because
of the access to the lake is why
we moved to this area.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION



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DATE: 1-10-01
NAME: Dennis Swanson
ADDRESS: 8100 Granite Oaks Dr
Granite Bay CA 95746
TELEPHONE: 916-786-9017
E-MAIL: dswansondc@sawest.net

COMMENT: I am a home owner in the Park Vista
neighborhood (next to the Granite Bay entrance
of the park) and would like to know how
this project will affect my property.

Sincerely,
Dennis Swanson

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Name: WIK Veloz Affiliation: NCAHA

Address: _____

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DATE: 1-10-07

NAME: JASON FARGHAM

ADDRESS: 1456 LAKE HILLS DR

TELEPHONE: 916-941-9503

E-MAIL: JASON.FARGHAM@INTEL.COM

COMMENT: ALT#3 TO RAISE WATER LEVEL BY 3.5 FT
IS THE RIGHT ALTERNATIVE.

ALT#5 TO RAISE THE WATER LEVEL BY 17 FT
IS PLAIN BAD. SAFETY OF THE DAM PLUS
TOO MANY PROPERTY TO BE EFFECTED BY 17 FT
OF WATER. WHY EVEN CONSIDER SUCH A BAD
ALTERNATIVE?

ALSO HAVE AREA PHOTOS & WATER LINE INFORMATION
AVAILABLE ON A WEB PAGE FOR ALL EFFECTED PROPERTY
OWNERS TO REVIEW.

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Name: Taylor Zenobia Affiliation: RESIDENT / STUDENT

Address: 133 DARRINGTON DR. FOLSOM, CA

I would like to speak

I would like my comments to be read aloud

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SPEAKER CARD

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Name: KENT ZENOBIA Affiliation: RESIDENT

Address: 133 DARRINGTON DR FOLSOM CA

- I would like to speak
- I would like my comments to be read aloud



Kent E. Zenobia, PE, DEE
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**Folsom Dam Safety/Flood Damage Reduction Action
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Public Meeting Speakers List

Date: January 09, 2007

**Location: Sacramento Galleria
828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

Order	Name	Affiliation
✓ 1	Chris Hodges	Brothers Boat Boat dealer
✓ 2	Bill Watson	Folsom chapter of commerce
✓ 3	Steve Hodges	
✓ 4	Jerry Toenges	NC Power agency
✓ 5	Russell Harrington Did Not give oral comment, comment card only	CVP Water Association

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR
PUBLIC HEARING IN THE MATTER OF
FOLSOM DAM SAFETY/FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION ACTION
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT

Tuesday, January 9, 2007

REPORTED BY: SHERRI STARR, CRR; CSR #10245 (01-389860)

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CHRIS HODGES: I'm Chris Hodges and I'm from Brother's Boats. We're a boat dealer in Sacramento.

Two comments: One, procedurally, is we found out about the details of how Folsom Lake is going to be impacted very late. I only became aware of it last week on Thursday, and I know the report was released on the 21st just before Christmas, but the news really hasn't gotten out and I think there are a lot of people that want to comment that aren't aware yet, so that's one point.

The second thing is as it relates particularly to the closure of Folsom Point to recreation and use, if it was a request, our request would be that that wouldn't occur and it looks like there's an alternative to put the processing facility perhaps to the east side of the Mormon Island or Dike 9, the east end of it, and thereby avoid having to close Folsom Point.

I don't know all the factors that would be involved and how reasonable that alternative is, but closing Folsom Point would have a large impact on the whole community on the southeast side of the lake, there

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1 would only be one access point left and that is a tight
2 access now up at the marina. There would still be
3 access on the south side of the lake, but it's only at
4 the marina and that's a rather limited facility.

5 So to repeat it, our request is the processing
6 facility be moved to the east end of the Mormon Island
7 area to keep Folsom Point open.

8 It seems from the EIR over 800,000 people or
9 users would be affected by the closure of Folsom Point,
10 and I would think that that would translate to several
11 million to \$10 million of lost opportunity at least and
12 that that could be mitigated by moving the facility, the
13 processing plant. It would be more expensive to have
14 the processing plant in the Mormon Island area on the
15 east side but the other side of it is that it would be
16 much less impact to the public and I think a good idea.

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18 BILL WATSON: We would like to ask that the
19 Bureau and Corps give definite consideration to
20 mitigating the effects on recreation especially at
21 Folsom Point. We suggest that they consider moving the
22 burrowing and crushing operations to areas other than
23 the public areas so that the Point can stay open. The
24 economic impact of closing Folsom Point on our
25 community, the City of Folsom, was not considered in the

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1 document at all and we've already been hit hard by the
2 closing of the dam road. And to have this on top of it
3 really compounds the problems in our city.

4 Second, we would like to request that the
5 comment period be extended. We were not notified of the
6 document or the comment period and so we were unaware
7 until this last Friday that we had a responsibility.

8 And finally, we would like to have a
9 presentation from the Bureau and the Corps to our board
10 of directors, if that could be arranged in the very near
11 future.

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13 STEVE HODGES: First, I guess the first
14 comment was the lack of notice or actually we just
15 didn't -- it's hard to get notified which we've
16 discussed. We're not in the loop, the public loop.

17 And then I think the recreational aspects
18 of -- we were trying to keep Folsom Point open as much
19 as possible because that's our main access to the lake
20 from that side, from the Folsom side which is really
21 heavily used, one of the most-visited parks in the
22 state.

23 But talking to the engineers, I understand
24 that closing Dike 8 is really part of the development --
25 the improvement of the Mormon Island Dam and you really

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1 can't get around it because of all the material they
2 need to put there, and they need to get access through
3 the main dam when they're doing the excavation at Mormon
4 Island.

5 So I would really like to see alternative
6 facilities. We have other locations that we could use
7 for access point in the park or the lake, if you will,
8 that are underdeveloped and if we could get those
9 expanded. Like there's one a few miles from Folsom
10 Point, the Brown's Ravine, if that facility could be

11 expanded and that would, I think, do a lot to help the
12 recreational loss of Folsom Point.

13 MR. NEPSTAD: Right. So basically make up for
14 the loss of access by increasing the capacity of the
15 other access points and even getting some of these that
16 are under development put in earlier maybe than they
17 would have otherwise?

18 STEVE HODGES: Or, yeah, I don't think there's
19 any plans of improvement or that I know of, at least the
20 Brown's Ravine facility, so that would be a real bonus,
21 and we were talking to -- was it John or one of the
22 engineers said that it's unclear that Folsom Point, at
23 what times it actually needed to be closed so I'm not
24 sure.

25 MR. NEPSTAD: So clarity on when it would be

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1 out of operation then?

2 STEVE HODGES: Yeah, I guess that would be a
3 question. There again, I wouldn't want to slow the
4 project down by making it be open during the
5 construction. I think the progress of the project would
6 be the main concern, getting the thing finished.

7 He also mentioned that with all the material,
8 there could be -- Folsom Point when they're through,
9 could be really changed and developed into a different
10 type of facility, expanded, so that's kind of exciting
11 to see. I don't know if the Bureau has any plans for
12 that or not.

13 MR. NEPSTAD: Okay, and that would be
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14 something good to have explained?

15 STEVE HODGES: Right, because they're the ones
16 that manage the public recreation. So that would be a
17 suggestion. That's it.

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19 JERRY TOENYES: I've got some comments here.
20 The first comment I have is it's not abundantly clear
21 when you look at the EIS document that there's kind of
22 three different segments. There's the Dam raise which
23 is the Corps engineers project; there is the auxiliary
24 spillway, which is the Joint Federal Project; and then
25 there's the Mormon Island which is the safety of dams

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1 project.

2 And I think it would be good right up front to
3 make that so that it's real clear when you look at the
4 document that there's kind of three separate parts
5 there. And you could include I'm sure other phases to
6 that besides that, that's L.L. Anderson, the bridge, the
7 environmental work, those type things and whether those
8 are -- I think those are all Corps projects too.

9 MR. NEPSTAD: And it would be to get it
10 up-front organized a little better so it's easier to
11 follow through?

12 JERRY TOENYES: Yeah. And then most of my
13 comments aren't really in the EIS itself but it's stuff
14 that certainly that has an impact on the water and
15 power. The first one is the cost allocation. You know,
16 I think it should be clear that for the, for example,

17 the Dam raise, the Dam raise is 100 percent flood
18 control which is a Corps project. Now, maybe you got
19 reimbursed responsibilities there with SAFCA, but I
20 think it should be clear as to what that is, you know?

21 MR. NEPSTAD: Right. How the cost are
22 allocated for the various phases?

23 JERRY TOENYES: That's right. For the
24 spillway, now that's going to be one that's going to be
25 split between flood control and safety of dams. And

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1 then we've got the Mormon Island that's going to be
2 safety of dams. But on the split between flood control
3 and safety of dams, how that's going to occur in the
4 process.

5 Quite frankly, we just rolled out in the 2002
6 report a proposal, you know, here's the number. It was
7 kind of like set in concrete. We didn't have any input
8 into it and then later on it was said that, well, no, it
9 wasn't really wasn't 48 percent/52 percent, we made an
10 error. It should have been 42 percent/58 percent. We
11 don't want to have that surprise. We want to be able to
12 have the public input, know it and understand it, okay,
13 we got it and we support it.

14 And then I think kind of in conjunction with
15 that too should be the cost of the alternatives. In the
16 listing, there's nothing in the EIS on that. I
17 understand there's another document maybe that has some
18 of that but, I mean, this was the first time I saw this,
19 the \$950 million. So I think it would be good to have a
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20 listing of what the costs are, and I'm assuming that the
21 fuse plug would be cheaper than the Joint Federal
22 Project, but I mean, and you can't see that from there
23 and that's very helpful, quite frankly, for cost
24 allocations.

25 One other item to comment on is the

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1 temperature control device. I think there's a real
2 opportunity here. I think, you know, it isn't, again,
3 clear in the EIS what's going to be done on the
4 temperature control device. I think there's a real
5 opportunity to do something similar to what was done at
6 Shasta where you're able to go down below where the
7 penstock level is too and so that you can really control
8 what the temperature is. And I think the environmental
9 community would be very supportive of that too because
10 they would want to know what the temperature is and be
11 able to manipulate that.

12 Right now, it's pretty rudimentary. You pull
13 off a shield or whatever that is, you know, it's just
14 got three segments. It's pretty rudimentary, and I
15 think with maybe just a little more thought and maybe
16 not too much more cost, you can put a pretty good
17 temperature control device.

18 The next comment would be there are different
19 projects going on, different parts, but one part is the
20 reoperation of the Folsom Dam which is separate from
21 this but certainly linked because what you come up with
22 here for the preferred alternative is going to have a

23 tie-in on the reoperation there so something should be
24 matched a little bit more on the reoperation.

25 And what I really encourage is any EIS/EIR,

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1 you have a statement in there that the flood control
2 reservation is 400,000/600,000-acre feet. But I think
3 there's a opportunity to -- you also talk about doing
4 prerelases. Well, what I might encourage is don't get
5 set on 400,000/600,000. I think as we get smarter as we
6 go through this and talk about for case-based operations
7 which the Corps is looking at.

8 Maybe, I think, it would be easier -- it
9 should be better, I think the environmental community
10 and water and power users would like to see a fuller
11 reservoir but make prerelases two or three days ahead
12 of when the storm's coming in to get down to whatever
13 level you think is going to be necessary for the storm.
14 And if you don't have a storm, which is nine times out
15 of ten you're not going to have a storm coming, so it
16 won't affect it.

17 But then you've got a higher level, especially
18 in dry years, to carry over to meet all your water
19 quality issues in the American River and the Delta and
20 all that, and plus you've still got water obviously for
21 the water interests and power, M&I interests, and Fish
22 and Wildlife interest.

23 So I just encourage you to stay flexible in
24 that reservation about whether you're locking that in
25 because once you lock something and here's the rule. I

1 think we need to be wiser as we go in the future on that
2 one because water's going to get tighter and tighter, so
3 making prereleases and then not having the reservoir
4 filled up is not in anyone's interest. And we certainly
5 have an example of that just in 2004, so pretty recently
6 that occurred.

7 And then the last comment I have is on
8 security, security features. That's more of a
9 Reclamation feature, I think, but you know it's
10 mentioned but it isn't mentioned what the project's
11 going to be and how much of that, again, is going to be
12 the responsibility of water and power to pay.

13 And, you know, probably there's some national
14 security where you don't want to go in and do much
15 detail, but you've got to give us enough information so
16 we know what's going on as far as what our cost
17 responsibility is. If you're stringing out a big
18 powerline or something like that, you know, we need to
19 know that as far as what the capital costs and what the
20 O&M cost responsibility is going to be on that.

21 So I will be submitting these type of comments
22 in writing too before the 22nd, but as long as I'm
23 sitting here today, I want to give you the oral comments
24 too.

25 (Public Hearing was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.)

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MADELEINE MOSELEY: Anyhow, the reason why I came is that I don't think we should raise our dam. The main thing we should do is build the Auburn Dam. Our Folsom Lake is just a puddle. And they said that they're going to close Dike 8. I don't want Dike 8 closed, and I know that is for the -- I think they're going to put a tunnel if there's a big rain so that they can divert the water. They were talking about the main dam to put in more openings to release the water, and instead they're going to not do that. We've got enough openings in that dam to open up, so we don't need -- but this here is going to be like a tunnel and diverting from the Dam Road and it's terrible.

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But anyhow, I don't want them to do that, and the main thing to do is to build the Auburn Dam and that will give us water and everything else because our little dam out here, they said it would take about four or five years to fill it up. The first year, we had a rain, and it overflowed.

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I've been a resident in Folsom in the area of Folsom since 1939. We want to be able to use Folsom Lake and to see it because we can't see it if they raise

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it. We had an observation point up there and we used to go out there and of course, you know, like the Bureau, they told us that that was just temporary and the City of Folsom would not do anything about it, so now that's

5 the reason why we've got to have a new bridge.

6 And another point I'd like to make is what are
7 they going to do with the Mormon Island Cemetery?
8 Nobody knows where it's at and it's not being addressed
9 and they just hope it will disappear, and I will not let
10 it disappear. There are bodies still there. The thing
11 is that there's people -- you can't move bodies unless
12 you get permission from their family and we don't know
13 where their family is.

14 The reason why the bodies, some bodies, were
15 moved from there before, they flooded the lake and they
16 moved it over to Mormon Island off of Green Valley Road.
17 But those people, they had relatives to sign them out
18 but the other ones, they're still there which is a shame
19 because they said they're going to put their equipment
20 there.

21 ROBERT GIACOMETTI: I wanted to offer my input
22 into objecting to Folsom Point being closed. The City
23 of Folsom will be denied recreational access, it would
24 have a significant impact on the community denying us
25 access to the lake. It would have a financial impact

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1 too.

2 I'm an avid bass fisherman and I have a
3 fishing guide service that will be impacted by closing
4 access. We'll have to go significantly out of our way
5 to access the lake for my business, and it will have an
6 impact on possible fishing tournaments coming to Folsom
7 Lake because they'll have less areas to launch in.

8 A fishing tournament -- a good fishing
9 tournament can bring 100 anglers from outside of the
10 area who may be here for two days. They'll stay in
11 rooms, they'll buy meals at restaurants, and not having
12 that in the communities is going to have a significant
13 financial impact on the community. If you close one of
14 the areas that gives access to the lake, it may
15 impact -- make the other one so crowded that these
16 organizations won't come out to Folsom Lake at all so it
17 will affect the outlying areas also.

18 One of the other major issues is when I
19 purchased my home, one of the attractive things for me
20 was being close to Folsom Lake, and that's what was
21 listed in the listing, because pursuit of the outdoors.
22 So I feel by closing Folsom Point, it's actually going
23 to have a negative effect on my property value because
24 I'll no longer be able to access the lake.

25 So I would really encourage the powers that be

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1 to look at finding an alternate site to do whatever
2 staging they have to do to keep the Folsom Point open.
3 If they are going to submit mitigation, offer mitigation
4 of some sort, it needs to be in the form of some sort of
5 recreation for the citizens. Citizens are losing
6 recreation; they need to be mitigated with recreation.
7 I don't have any specific suggestions at this time I can
8 think about, but may come up with them later.

9 DOUG PEPPER: I'm here to voice objections to
10 the alternatives that proposed closing Folsom Point for
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11 up to seven or eight years for what appears to be
12 staging of equipment. I'm not here because I care
13 whether they build a gate, dam, spillway, or an
14 auxiliary spillway. The technical part does not matter.
15 I'm here because of the impacts it will have on
16 recreation for the lake, the impacts it will have on
17 traffic and the environment.

18 My understanding is this is supposed to be to
19 review the Environmental Impact Report, and I don't
20 believe most of the Environmental Impact Report properly
21 addresses the impact. Most of it is blown off, that's
22 the technical term for ignored, including traffic and
23 frustrations. I believe the issues with traffic will be
24 worsened because this is starting before the new dam
25 bridge will be completed, increasing more traffic

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1 through town and to other areas of the lake. So my
2 objection is to the way they're planning it.

3 I'm also objecting to the way they
4 communicated this meeting. Most people here I believe
5 are here only by word of mouth. The Bureau did a really
6 poor job in communicating -- actually, they didn't even
7 do a job of communicating it, there was no public
8 information in newspapers or on TV until today. Today
9 was the first time we saw it in the paper and the
10 meeting was tonight.

11 I believe the Bureau needs to have another
12 session, not propaganda, but a session where people can
13 give comments in a public room and hundreds of people

14 can cheer on the person speaking against the Bureau of
15 Reclamation, w-r-e-c-k, wreck-clamation, which is exactly
16 what they're trying to do to Folsom, wreck it with
17 closing the Dam Road, wreck it with closing the Folsom
18 Point and other Folsom Lake access points. I think that
19 will be my comments for now, how's that?

20 ALFRED BULF: I came tonight because I believe
21 by raising the present dam, you weaken it. Some of the
22 engineers I work with have said this. My brother has
23 said this and he's a soil engineer, and I believe they
24 should build the Auburn Dam because I moved to the
25 Auburn area in 1949 from San Francisco and we saw, over

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1 a number of years, we saw the bridge at the bottom that
2 leads from Placer County to El Dorado County get carried
3 away twice because of flood waters.

4 And my father always told us that water was
5 the most important thing. And I know aboard a ship,
6 where I was in a nuclear ship, where you can either
7 store water or you can make it. And you have to use
8 energy to make it.

9 So going along with building Auburn Dam, I
10 believe reforestation is very important for the
11 surrounding watershed. I spent a lot of time in Japan
12 because our ship needed repairs in a port down from
13 Yokohama in Tokyo Bay. We used to go up to Hakone
14 National Forest. This was the forest that surrounds Mt.
15 Fuji, so you know, the Japanese holy mountain, Shinto
16 religion.

17 I saw a lot of Japanese dams up there and I
18 talked to some of Japanese forest people and they told
19 me that maintaining a good forest in back of the dam was
20 just as important as building a good dam as far as
21 storing water, and we have been very neglectful doing
22 that.

23 I know the Chinese had trouble with the
24 Yangtze for thousands of years and spent \$24 billion and
25 that took care of the problem. And I know the

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1 Brazilians built the Parana River -- on the Parana River
2 built the Itaipu, which is one of the largest dams in
3 the world shared by Paraguay and Brazil. And then I
4 know the Chinese now are building additional dams in the
5 upper Mekong and Brahmaputra, the rivers that drain from
6 the Himalayas and India too because of their expanding
7 populations.

8 I, myself, like to take a shower at least once
9 a day and I know how water is precious because I have a
10 lot of Palestinian friends that get their water turned
11 off and on by the Israelis who control the utilities
12 over in the Gaza Strip and also in the west bank, people
13 don't realize that, so water is very precious.

14 Here in the United States everybody uses an
15 average of 300 gallons per person. If you were in
16 Africa, you'd be lucky to use 10 gallons. So water is
17 very precious and it's going to be even more precious in
18 the future with the impressions of -- because the
19 impression of larger populations in California because

20 the population now in California is 35 million. In 20
21 years, it's supposed to go to 50 million and we need to
22 plan ahead, and I hope Mr. Arnold under the dome
23 realizes that. Because where my father's from, he was
24 an Austrian, and they do that, they maintain their
25 forest and they build nice dams for water. Thank you

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1 for your time.

2 MECHELLE GOOCH: Obviously, I have to let the
3 professionals decide what's best as far as the flood
4 control and financial end of it; however, as a Folsom
5 person who moved here because of the lake, I don't want
6 Folsom Point/Dike 8 closed off to recreational
7 activities.

8 I own a boat, I have kids. Six years is a
9 long time in a lifetime of a child. My youngest is nine
10 and six to seven years optimistically he's going to
11 start going to college and won't even be here. We're
12 losing the time we want to spend on the boat with our
13 son. So they need to find another alternative to
14 closing down Dike 8.

15 IAN CORNELL: I'm here representing actually
16 multiple viewpoints. And first of all, I've got to say
17 that I support the flood control measures that are being
18 proposed.

19 I'm president of the Sacramento Sports, Boat,
20 and RV Show. Through that, I'm representing interests
21 of the hundreds of outdoor product dealers and as a
22 de facto representative of millions of outdoor

23 enthusiasts who have visited the show -- Sports, Boat,
24 and RV Show I should say -- during its 54-year history.
25 Folsom Lake is an important asset for outdoor

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1 recreational enthusiasts. Closing access to its
2 shorelines and boat ramps would be very detrimental to
3 recreational enthusiasts and also extremely damaging to
4 the boat, recreational vehicle, and outdoor products
5 retailers in the region.

6 I'm also a boater and I buy the annual pass to
7 use Folsom Lake and we use Folsom Lake dozens of times
8 each year. It's a source of recreational entertainment
9 and pride, and as a side note, as I'm sure there are
10 representatives of Chamber of Commerce will be saying,
11 it's true that when we go to the lake, we stop at the
12 stores, the restaurants to stock up the ice chests, to
13 fill the gas tank on the way into the lake. And after a
14 day at the lake, we're starving. We hit the gas station
15 to fill up, we hit the restaurants to grab dinner. So
16 the local economy is greatly impacted by us as users and
17 boaters as a whole.

18 My third representation is I'm a multi-sport
19 athlete. I use the lake and its shoreline for training
20 and biking, running, and swimming, and I participate in
21 the triathlons and duathlons that are held at the lake
22 each year.

23 The lake access points are already impacted.
24 They're very busy at peak times. There's lots of room
25 on the water but limited room on the launch ramps. If

1 one launch area closes or is reduced in its capacity,
2 the others cannot carry the increased load. Other
3 waterways in the region, such as the American River and
4 Sacramento River, also cannot handle the increase.

5 As a representative of the businesses impacted
6 by access to the lake, outdoor recreational enthusiasts,
7 and as someone who enjoys the lake as a boater and an
8 athlete, I encourage the continued access to the lake
9 and its shoreline before, during, and after the
10 construction. Thank you.

11 CAROL JAMES: My comment is to -- I would
12 suggest increasing the parking facilities at the
13 remaining existing launch areas to accommodate more
14 boats and trailers. I feel that people will be able to
15 accept longer lines for launching but the big issue is
16 whether or not there will be enough space for them to
17 leave their vehicles.

18 I think this would be a permanent and positive
19 long-term impact because it would improve the existing
20 facilities that are worked on and it would allow more
21 recreation use than maybe is being considered at this
22 time.

23 ELINOR BRADY: I live in the cove off of Lake
24 Hills Drive and the cove is just where the south fork
25 enters the dam and I face right directly on the water,

1 so I am interested in seeing how far the water will come
2 up when you decide that you're going to raise the dam by
3 seven feet or more.

4 As I understand, it is now slated to be three
5 and a half feet and I don't think that will impact my
6 property, but if it should go higher, it will impact the
7 property I do believe. So I'm interested in knowing
8 very definitely what is likely to happen there.

9 I'm concerned about eminent domain and
10 recompense for property, the property that I might lose.
11 That's my main concern at the present time. I do have
12 some concern about people being flooded out if the dam
13 is not reinforced properly, it would be a disaster, huge
14 disaster, because so many homes are being built in the
15 flood plane so just as a private individual, of course
16 we would all be impacted by that. So I want the Corps
17 of Engineers to do a very good job. I want them to get
18 the money to do it.

19 RENEE HOWIE: First of all, I don't see the
20 Auburn Dam being mentioned anywhere as an alternative to
21 any of the aspects that this project is proposing to do,
22 and I think it would solve most of the problems. The
23 Folsom Dam really needs the main gates to be repaired or
24 replaced, that's the main problem.

25 All of this is not adding any new

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1 hydroelectric power which is needed desperately. It
2 should be incorporated somehow into something, either

3 this or the Auburn Dam or whatever. But the main flood
4 problem could be addressed by fixing the old rusted-out
5 crappy gates that they can't even control the flood
6 level.

7 One of the purposes of a reservoir is to store
8 water. Folsom Lake could store more water if it were
9 dredged aggressively, and it wouldn't raise the water,
10 it wouldn't do anything to the environment. The water
11 level could stay the same, it would hold more water.

12 The alternatives to raising the level of
13 Folsom Lake as opposed to flooding the American River
14 Canyons due to the Auburn Dam are detrimental, I
15 believe, because there's a dwindling foothill habitat
16 and the upper-level habitat has already been ruined
17 because of logging and mining and it needs to be
18 repaired.

19 In creating new reservoirs up in the American
20 River Canyon, it could be done in association with
21 ecosystem rebalancing which would increase the riparian
22 habitats and could restore the forest habitats. Right
23 now, I mean, the Foresthill Divide is covered with
24 Manzanita. They never replanted, okay? So a holistic
25 approach to the Auburn Dam could address environmental

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1 concerns to pretty much everyone's satisfaction.

2 Lastly, the increased hydroelectric power that
3 could be added through the Auburn Dam or added to the
4 Folsom Dam project would be a CO2-free form of energy
5 which, considering global warming, is something we

6 should be trying to incorporate in every long-term
7 infrastructure project that we are doing as a people
8 regardless of the cost.

9 MIKE COFFMAN: My concern is the Mormon Island
10 auxiliary dam which is an earthen dam; it's not
11 concrete, it's an earth dam. To me, it's a ticking
12 bomb. Not only is it on an old riverbed on nonsolid
13 bedrock on nonsolid ground, it's also right next to or
14 on top of an earthquake fault. Additionally, Mormon
15 Island Dam has a known water seepage issue. Now at this
16 point the water is clear and not cloudy but that can
17 change over time.

18 My real concern is that the increased pressure
19 placed upon Mormon Island auxiliary dam by a raise of
20 the lake level will lead to a catastrophic failure and
21 collapse of the Mormon Island Dam and then all the
22 houses are downstream -- originally when the dam was
23 built in 1948 to 1956, the only thing downstream of
24 Mormon Island Dam were cattle pastures. Now there are
25 hundreds of homes, thousands of residents in the path of

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1 that potential 30-foot wall of water.

2 So my concern is that why are we continuing
3 this project knowing we have this ticking bomb? I
4 understand there's going to be an engineering study done
5 on the bedrock and foundation of Mormon Island Dam. I
6 would like a copy of that result sent to me or made
7 available to me. That's what I have.

8 PATRICIA GIBBS: Please identify any changes

9 to the current federal property line that surrounds
10 Folsom Lake as these changes relate to the various
11 proposed alternatives regarding raising the dam level.

12 Please provide this information graphically
13 showing contour lines at lake level as well as the
14 surrounding properties around the lake. And please
15 identify any changes to trail use around Folsom Lake.

16 ROBERT HOLDERNESS: Again, my name is
17 Robert G. Holderness. I'm the president of the Folsom
18 Tourism Bureau. I'm a former Mayor of the City of
19 Folsom, a former Vice Mayor, a former member of the
20 Folsom City Council. I'm also an attorney in private
21 law practice. Tonight I'm appearing on behalf of the
22 Tourism Bureau.

23 I have some extensive comments to make
24 regarding the proposal to close Folsom Point, but to
25 begin with, I want to put my comments in a historic

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1 context, if you will.

2 To begin with, this is the third time in less
3 than 15 years that Folsom community, its businesses,
4 have faced the occasion of irreparable injury at the
5 hands of the Federal Bureau of Reclamation. In July
6 1995, by virtue of negligent maintenance activity at the
7 Bureau, Gate Number 4 at Folsom Dam broke and they had
8 to close the Dam Road for several years to make repairs
9 that should have been done in the ordinary course of
10 business.

11 In March of 2003, the Bureau of Reclamation

12 closed Folsom Dam Road and thereby irreparably injured
13 businesses as well as the residents of our community,
14 most particularly in the Historic District, and did so
15 on the pretense that they were protecting us from
16 terrorism. And now they are proposing to close Folsom
17 Point for a period of seven years by virtue of the
18 necessity of implementing a dam raise program to add
19 additional safety to downstream dwellers of Folsom Dam.

20 We're not here to argue the merits or demerits
21 of the overriding project. I am here to comment upon
22 the impact of that project based on the proposals that
23 are before us tonight.

24 We are advised by Jeff McCracken that the
25 closure of Folsom Point is the worst-case scenario,

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1 implying that it would only happen in a worst-case
2 scenario; however, we are further advised that all five
3 alternatives that are being considered in the scope of
4 the EIS contemplate closing Folsom Point for an extended
5 period of time.

6 We are further advised by a gentleman named
7 Frank Piccola -- who is identified as the chief of
8 projects within the Corps of Engineers -- that the
9 decision of whether or not to close Folsom Point will be
10 based on engineering needs. That is an incorrect
11 statement of the obligations of the Federal Government
12 in general, the Corps of Engineers, and the Bureau of
13 Reclamation in particular.

14 Folsom Dam and Folsom Lake were created by act

15 of Congress in 1944, signed into law by United States
16 President, the late Franklin D. Roosevelt. Under that
17 Enabling Statute, the Federal Government assumed a
18 specific obligation to maintain access to Folsom Lake
19 for the benefit of the citizens of the City of Folsom
20 and the region around Folsom Lake. There was a specific
21 stipulation that the Congress specifically signed into
22 law when President Roosevelt signed the statute.

23 Closing Folsom Point for seven years
24 violates -- violates -- the stipulations under which
25 Folsom Dam was created and Folsom Lake was created.

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1 The Bureau of Reclamation, the Corps of
2 Engineers do not have the power or the authority to
3 violate that Enabling Statute. To attempt to do so as
4 they are currently planning to do is arbitrary, it's
5 capricious, it's clearly illegal, and it is contrary to
6 law and it will require the necessity of litigation
7 against them for which they have no legal defense.

8 The solution to the problem is to work with
9 the community in Folsom, to find a way to keep access to
10 Folsom Lake available to the residents of Folsom, to the
11 tourist business and industry of Folsom, during the
12 entirety of the construction project. We know that
13 there will be challenges in doing that, but those
14 challenges do not mean it's impossible.

15 This is not to be decided by engineering
16 alone, that's only one factor and, frankly, it's
17 probably the least significant factor. The more

18 significant factors are political needs, economic needs,
19 fiscal needs, environmental needs, construction needs;
20 all of those take priority over engineering needs.
21 Engineering, in this case, is simply a functionary
22 activity. Once the policies are determined, then the
23 engineers implement the policy.

24 The policy that the Bureau of Reclamation and
25 the Corps has to adopt is that Folsom Point will be open

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1 to access for the entirety of the seven-year project.
2 That's the policy. The engineering staff is obligated
3 by law, specifically the 1944 Enabling Statute, to
4 implement that policy and that is precisely what the
5 Bureau and the Corps needs to explain to their employees
6 and those persons who have been assigned the task of
7 implementing this project. To do otherwise will be to
8 violate the law and to invite litigation.

9 I make these comments with a firm purpose of
10 achieving their goals. The Folsom Tourism Bureau is a
11 body created under California law, it is funded by a
12 BID, which is a Business Improvement District, in the
13 City of Folsom. We raise about \$300,000 a year of money
14 from hotels to fund our programs, and in the past, those
15 funds have been used to advance the cause of tourism
16 within our community for the benefit of our citizens,
17 for the benefit of our businesses, and frankly, for the
18 benefit of those persons who seek to enjoy the tourist
19 opportunities of our community.

20 In the face of this closure, we will be

21 obligated to try to find ways to spend that money not on
22 advancing tourism but trying to help businesses that are
23 on the verge of failure as a result of implementing this
24 policy should it be implemented. We say that not from
25 scare tactics or imaginings but from experience.

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1 When the Dam Road was closed in March of 2003,
2 we had several businesses close within a year by reason
3 of a failure of customers to be able to get to their
4 place of business. Even those businesses that survived
5 suffered great consequences, a great drop in revenues.
6 We've seen the statistics; we know that to be true. We
7 know that this is what is going to happen if indeed
8 Folsom Point is closed for seven years, and we intend to
9 vindicate our rights and seek compensation for those
10 damages on behalf of the Tourism Bureau itself as well
11 as working with other private businesses and
12 associations who will advance the cause of their members
13 as well.

14 The solution is one of collaboration. The
15 Bureau and the Corps should have already collaborated
16 with the City of Folsom, the Tourism Bureau, the
17 Chambers of Commerce and so forth before the publication
18 of the draft EIS. They chose not to do that. That was
19 an imprudent decision. They need to face the
20 consequences of that decision by taking remedial action
21 now before litigation eventuates, litigation that in my
22 judgment they cannot prevail upon.

23 The last thing I'd like to comment upon is the

24 truncated methodology that's being used here to
25 frustrate our right to exercise our right of freedom of

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1 assembly, our right of seeking redress of grievances and
2 our right of freedom of speech. All three of those
3 rights are rights that are guaranteed us as American
4 citizens under the Constitution of the United States
5 which was adopted in 1787.

6 By virtue of requiring us to either, A, submit
7 written comment, or B, subject ourselves to the awkward
8 and embarrassing setting of having to explain our
9 position to a court reporter, who knows nothing of the
10 subject matter, whose only job is to take down verbatim
11 the statements made by the persons who are making
12 statements, does not in any way satisfy the obligations
13 of the Bureau of Reclamation or the Corps of Engineers
14 under the American Constitution.

15 They have to meet the precepts of that
16 constitution just like everybody else does. There's no
17 exception in the Constitution for them. And for them to
18 use this truncated method is disrespectful to the
19 citizens of Folsom, it's disrespectful to the businesses
20 of Folsom, it's disrespectful to all of the institutions
21 of the City of Folsom, including the City Government,
22 the Tourism Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce, et cetera,
23 and it's astonishing to me.

24 After all, the Federal Government is our
25 servant. They work for us. The Bureau works for us,

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1 the Corps of Engineers works for us. We as American
2 citizens are their employer. We pay the taxes that end
3 up in their pocket as a salary and a paycheck. They
4 need to show us that they know that, that they know that
5 they're working for all of us rather than showing us how
6 capable they are of ignoring the important interests of
7 our community, of our tourist industry, and of our city
8 government.

9 It's not too late to remedy the situation.
10 They can do it, we know they can do it because we had
11 the same problems with the bridge closure and it was
12 very difficult to get the Bureau and the Corps to come
13 around, but they did come around and now we're about to
14 build a new bridge below the dam which is a product of a
15 high-level, a historic level of cooperation between the
16 City of Folsom, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Corps
17 of Engineers, and so we know they can do it.

18 They haven't done it yet on this project. We
19 hope they will understand that these comments are
20 serious, they're based in law. They're not meant to be
21 adversarial; they're meant to get their attention. We
22 will be adversarial if we must, it's not our preference.
23 Thank you.

24 DON REID: I believe the EIR does not reflect
25 the impact on the recreation at Folsom Point and the

2 Folsom Point has 800,000-plus visitors a year. It
3 appears that Folsom Point will be shut down or at a
4 minimum severely impacted. This impact should be
5 mitigated by relocating the staging and processing areas
6 or creating an alternative recreation area during
7 construction that minimize the recreation impact and the
8 corresponding economic impact on the City of Folsom and
9 El Dorado County.

10 If there are conflicts between the
11 construction haul roads and the access to Folsom Point
12 recreation areas or any alternative areas, and the
13 access for the public, temporary bridges should be built
14 over the public access roads for safety reasons.

15 M. K. VELOZ: I'm M. K. Veloz of the Northern
16 California Marina Association. One of our concerns,
17 obviously, from the boating community is closing off
18 access to the lake and that would have, you know, a
19 terrible impact on the State's boaters and also of our
20 businesses.

21 But another related concern is the fact that
22 Parks and Recreation obviously operates a facility here.
23 If those are closed down for a substantial amount of
24 time, they're going to lose revenue. And what's
25 happening now in the state is Parks and Recreation

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1 through the legislative process is ripping off \$27
2 million from the Harbors and Watercraft Fund, revolving
3 fund.

4 And so that money is going out of the Harbors
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5 and Watercraft Fund which funds facilities like new
6 marina developments or refurbishing of marinas, programs
7 and things like that. If Parks loses more money, goes
8 after more of the funds, there's a cascading effect that
9 impacts not only this area but facilities all over the
10 state, so I just wanted to get that point down.

11 One more thing: An idea that I've heard
12 expressed here is that you folks hold a forum with some
13 of the stakeholders and the interest groups and come up
14 with solutions, because I think some of the people that
15 actually operate businesses up here and use the lake
16 have some ideas about how to lessen some of the impact
17 so that it would work better for them and for everyone.
18 So I would encourage that you do that.

19 VICTOR BECERRIL: Basically, I'm in favor of
20 all the changes that are being made, the spillway, the
21 raised level, on top of that. But the one thing I'm
22 really concerned with is Folsom Point, the closing of
23 the park there to use in place of the equipment purposes
24 that is being talked about. That's basically my
25 comment.

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1 KENT ZENOBIA: I would like to comment as a
2 resident that could be potentially significantly
3 impacted by the proposed alternatives presented on the
4 poster boards here tonight. I also have a background in
5 civil and environmental engineering and am a registered
6 engineer in California and in nine other states. I'm
7 currently working on the Levy reconstruction projects

8 with the Department of Water Resources and the Army
9 Corps of Engineers. So I'm familiar with how these
10 activities would occur and the details of how they would
11 be conducted.

12 First, I'd like to point out that on this
13 "Proposed Alternatives" poster board over here that
14 Alternative 3 does not clearly indicate that it would
15 include the overlay to Mormon Island Dam which would
16 also thereby have a major impact on the Folsom Point
17 recreation area and the boat launch.

18 One of the gentlemen over here, John Wilson
19 with Reclamation, indicated that the poster summary
20 appeared to contain a shortfall in the bullets that were
21 listed under the particular alternatives. Although it
22 has shown up later on the lower right-hand corner of
23 elements common to all alternatives, it's not real clear
24 for the public to recognize these alternatives include
25 potentially major impacts to Folsom Point recreation

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1 area, boat launch, park, the immediate neighborhood, and
2 residences.

3 Point Number 2: I would like to see a water
4 haul alternative using barges to carry the fill from the
5 proposed spillway excavation location over to the Mormon
6 Island Dam seismic upgrade location. This fill-hauling
7 alternative would also require short truck hauls to
8 carry the rock from the excavation site to the barge and
9 then from the barge to the fill location on Mormon
10 Island Dam.

11 In addition, conveyors could be implemented to
12 deliver the fill material to the specific location on
13 Mormon Island Dam where it would then be worked in with
14 heavy track equipment like bulldozers and compactors. I
15 suspect this could potentially be very cost-effective
16 and may avoid a lot of the expense of the proposed
17 coffer dams, haul roads, long truck route construction,
18 truck traffic, labor and environmental impacts to the
19 Folsom Point recreational area, and other impacts to the
20 residences and church.

21 It appears that the residences, the church,
22 new commercial facilities, and new homes in the
23 immediate area along Natoma Street and Briggs Ranch will
24 be significantly impacted by the red construction zone
25 shown on the maps that depict the coffer dams and haul

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1 routes over to Mormon Island Dam. These impacts should
2 also be considered when judged against a water haul and
3 barge route from the excavation site to Mormon Island
4 Dam.

5 For example, as a civil engineer on the DWR
6 and Army Corps Levy projects, we've evaluated the
7 barging of major tonnages of fill materials to repair
8 the levees for the State of California. We found barge
9 hauling was significantly cheaper than truck hauls to
10 repair these levees.

11 In addition, Point Number 3 is that these
12 alternatives don't clearly depict here what appears to
13 be major impacts to the Folsom Point recreation area,

14 the park, and the boat launch. I think there's about a
15 thousand homes that are in this immediate vicinity. The
16 residents, including students and the public, use Folsom
17 Point since it's literally on the other side of Natoma
18 Street.

19 In addition, there are a lot of families that
20 go over to the park, walk over there in the park with
21 their pets and their children. And also, there are many
22 families that simply drive across Natoma Street from
23 Briggs Ranch to launch their boats at the Folsom Point
24 boat launch. It is a significant feature for the
25 residents in the neighborhood, and I'd like that to be

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1 considered highly when the final decisions are made with
2 regard to the most appropriate alternative.

3 The impacts of shutting down Folsom Point for
4 extended periods of time, which I understand could be
5 from one to seven years, would be a major negative
6 impact to the residents in our community. I appreciate
7 you considering these comments and hope they can be
8 evaluated in the EIR process. Thank you.

9 KRIS GARDNER: I'm wishing to go on record to
10 have the Folsom Point Dike 8 remain open during this
11 construction project; that the estimated seven-year time
12 would be a huge impact to the recreational aspects of
13 the boat ramping areas. And the additional impact to
14 Brown's Ravine and others around the lake would be
15 excessive, so Dike 8 just must stay open for the amount
16 of boaters that have come to use the lake from around

17 the region. The growth of Folsom has been so huge that
18 there's an enormous amount of use of the boat ramps.

19 And even now, Dike 8 on a summer day, the
20 lines waiting to launch there and at Brown's Ravine are
21 enormous. So you wouldn't even be able to get out on
22 the lake, it would take you hours to do it if that one
23 went away. So if you can find a different way of
24 staging, that would be really good.

25 TAYLOR ZENOBI A: Hello. My name is Taylor

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1 Zenobia, and I'm a nine-year-old fourth-grade student at
2 Folsom Hills School and resident in Briggs Ranch. I'm
3 also a Student Council officer at Folsom Hills School in
4 Briggs Ranch, and I'm sure all of our school would like
5 to be able to keep going to Folsom Point.

6 I like to go to Folsom Point often with our
7 dog and walk him by the lake. Our school also has field
8 trips to the lake and I hope that this activity will
9 allow us to keep going there throughout the rest of the
10 years. Plus, there are a lot of wildlife and flowers
11 that you can see in the summertime and I think that that
12 makes the lake a very special place that we should be
13 able to go to.

14 SARAH GRIFFITH: As a recreational trail user
15 of the trails around the lake, one of my main concerns
16 about the project is that the trails, when the project
17 is finished, be left in a way that they are still usable
18 in the way that they can be used now by horses, by
19 hikers, and by bicycle riders.

20 Another concern I have is that if there was a
21 1-in-200-year flooding event and that the water level
22 came up and possibly temporarily touched the trails,
23 that the trails would be able to be restored to a usable
24 recreational condition. And I'm also concerned that the
25 project not negatively impact the public's use of this

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1 area also for boating and for hiking, bicycle riding,
2 and anything that people are doing with this.

3 The other thing I'm slightly concerned about
4 is that I don't know the specifics of the geology of the
5 area where they are going to be digging the spillway,
6 but there's a lot of serpentine rock in some areas of
7 the foothills such as El Dorado County, and I would be
8 concerned about potentially disturbing serpentine rock
9 and creating extra asbestos exposure for both the people
10 working on the site and for the people living in the
11 area and driving through the area. And I would hope
12 that the Bureau of Reclamation and the Corps would have
13 some sort of system to deal with that so the public
14 would not be exposed to extra asbestos because it's
15 dangerous.

16 And I haven't studied the entire document yet,
17 but I would be hoping that if the spillway, the proposed
18 spillway that they want to do was opened to release
19 extra water flow, that there would be some sort of
20 public warning system for the people downstream so they
21 wouldn't accidentally get caught in an extra water flow
22 and we wouldn't be having people getting flooded,

23 accidentally drowning. So something like a siren or
24 something would be a good idea to consider.

25 (Public Hearing was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.)

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