

Auburn-Folsom-Natoma Managing Partner Agreement

On Tuesday, February 21, 2012, employees of the Mid-Pacific Region's Central California Area Office (CCAO) and the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) joined with about 100 individuals representing a variety of federal, state, and local organizations to celebrate a new agreement between Reclamation and State Parks that has been in the works for about 3 years.



The Master of Ceremonies, CCAO Area Manager Mike Finnegan, thanked all involved participants in his opening remarks.

The *Auburn-Folsom-Natoma Managing Partner Agreement* (Agreement), signed

on January 24, 2012, by Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Regional Director Don Glaser and State Parks Director Ruth Coleman, authorizes State Parks to continue providing recreation, visitor services, law enforcement and operation and maintenance at Reclamation's Folsom and Auburn State Recreation Areas (SRA) – which consist of Folsom Lake, Lake Natoma, the Auburn Project Lands and Lake Clementine – for the next 25 years. The Folsom and Auburn SRAs offer 53,000 acres of land and waterways from the American River's upper North and Middle Forks westward through the greater Sacramento area.

Held at the Auburn Recreation District's (ARD) Canyon View Community Center in Auburn, the Master of Ceremonies, CCAO Area Manager Mike Finnegan, thanked the Negotiating Committee for their efforts which led to the agreement, the ARD for use of the center, the Placer County Water Agency for providing the refreshments, the ARD Canyon Keepers for their volunteer efforts directing traffic and welcoming attendees, and the Coordinating Committee that organized the day's event.



Mid-Pacific Regional Director Don Glaser discussed the agreement's importance to the Bureau of Reclamation.

Mr. Finnegan then introduced speakers Congressmen Tom McClintock and Dan Lungren; Anne Sanger, Senior Policy Advisor for Congresswoman Doris Matsui; California State Senator Ted Gaines; Christine Rydell, Senior Field Representative for State Senator Doug LaMalfa; Placer County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Jennifer Montgomery; Auburn City Council Member Mike Holmes; State Parks' Northern Division Chief Scott Nakaji; State Parks Director Coleman; and Mid-Pacific Regional Director Glaser.

The speakers and representatives of some 20 groups and organizations, whose efforts over several years have helped Reclamation and State Parks arrive at this Agreement, signed a special certificate commemorating the Agreement and event. Copies of the certificate will be provided to all the signers.

RECLAMATION

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Mid-Pacific Regional Director Glaser stated, “The surrounding communities in Placer, El Dorado and Sacramento Counties will realize a direct economic benefit from this Agreement as the public continues to visit and enjoy the Folsom and Auburn SRAs. Additionally, the Agreement will allow the public to continue to experience exceptional outdoor recreation as envisioned by President Obama’s *America’s Great Outdoors* initiative.”

America’s Great Outdoors is a grassroots approach to protecting our Nation’s lands and waters while connecting Americans to our natural and cultural heritage. The initiative seeks to empower Americans to share in the responsibility to conserve, restore and provide better access to our lands and waters and leave a healthy, vibrant outdoor legacy for generations to come. For information on *America’s Great Outdoors*, please visit <http://americagreatoutdoors.gov/>.

The Auburn and Folsom SRAs also support the Department of the Interior’s *Let’s Move Outside!* and *Youth in the Great Outdoors* initiatives, described at <http://www.letsmove.gov/lets-move-outside> and <http://youthgo.gov>. To view the Agreement and event photos, please visit <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cca0/index.html>.



Following Anne Sanger, who represented Congresswoman Doris Matsui, Congressman Dan Lungren signed the commemorative certificate as Congressman Tom McClintock looked on.



Representatives of interested/involved groups and agencies celebrated the agreement with the signers (seated, left to right): State Parks’ Northern Division Chief Scott Nakaji; Auburn City Council Member Mike Holmes; Placer County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Jennifer Montgomery; Christine Rydell, Senior Field Representative for California State Senator Doug LaMalfa; California State Senator Ted Gaines; Anne Sanger, Senior Policy Advisor for Congresswoman Doris Matsui; Congressman Dan Lungren; Congressman Tom McClintock; Mid-Pacific Regional Director Don Glaser; and State Parks Director Ruth Coleman. The event’s Master of Ceremonies, CCAO Area Manager Mike Finnegan, stands behind Mr. Glaser.