Folsom Dam Safety/Flood Damage Reduction (DS/FDR) Draft EIS/EIR Page 2 of 2

Under this current agreement, the operational criteria (e.g., 400,000-670,000 acre-feet variable flood storage) will expire in 2018. Our current understanding is that, as part of this joint effort, the Corps will be developing an Updated Flood Management Plan and Flood Control Manual (e.g., a new flood control diagram).

Regarding the interests of the El Dorado County Water Agency, Folsom Reservoir represents a key water supply source for a significant portion of the western slopes of El Dorado County.

Accordingly, the El Dorado County Water Agency as well as the El Dorado Irrigation District hold strong and continuing vested interests in the long-term management, operation, and viability of this federal facility. Any change in reservoir operations that may affect the storage upon which the western slopes of El Dorado County depend is of significant interest to us. With a variety of water entitlements that depend on water year type and, therefore, indirectly on year-to-year reservoir carryover, any change in operational releases (vis-à-vis a new flood control diagram) could affect the degree with which we would be able to obtain full deliveries under our federal contracts.

Consequently, as the Corps develops the Updated Flood Management Plan and Flood Control Manual, the El Dorado County Water Agency will be very interested in ensuring that the operational assumptions used to develop a new flood control diagram carefully consider the demands, seasonal timing, and infrastructure requirements (both current and future planned) associated with the water supply needs of El Dorado County Water Agency and El Dorado Irrigation District. As an example, any forecast-based operational feasibility studies that contemplate the release from storage of water earlier, in advance of incoming storms, must carefully consider the seasonal demand curve of El Dorado County purveyors, reservoir refill capabilities based on historical records, the sensitivity of the flood diagram *shoulder periods* (early spring and late fall), and the potential future changes in runoff hydrology from the American River basin resulting from long-term climatic variations.

We look forward to reviewing the Final EIS/EIR and appreciate the opportunity to comment on this document. Please feel free to call me if you seek clarification on any of our comments.

Sincerely,

William T. Hetland, P.E.

General Manager

El Dorado County Water Agency

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cc: Mr. James "Jack" Sweeney, Chairman, El Dorado County Water Agency

Mr. David Witter, Director, Environmental Compliance, El Dorado Irrigation District

Mr. Robert Shibatani, EDCWA Consultant

January 18, 2007

To all of our honorable representatives:

RE: "PROPOSED" CLOSURE OF FOLSOM POINT STATE PARK
(A.K.A. DYKE 8) by BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND U.S. ARMY
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Please be advised that we, citizens of Folsom, CA, have been put on notice that a proposed closure of our park is scheduled for the fall of 2007. This proposal comes from the Bureau of Reclamation and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. It is our understanding that our beautiful park and recreation area will be used as a construction staging area for different work projects on the dam and Mormon Island Spillway by the Bureau and Army Corps of Engineers.

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From: RLESSONS@aol.com

Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2007 12:40 PM

To: themayor@folsom.ca.us; corrprincess@ardennet.com; eking@ericking.org;

admindept.@folsom.ca.us; mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov

Subject: Folsom Point closure

Hello,

You have *got* to be kidding!!! Now you are closing Folsom Point...one of the good things in town during the hot summers. First the city over builds so the roads are crowded. Then the Dam Road is closed, so it is not just crowded, but there is gridlock throughout the town. Now they want us to drive our boats across the already crowded bridge to Granite Bay. Don't even mention Brown's Ravine. That dock is crowded on a *good* day. In this day in age, with high tech engineering, are going to tell me that there is not another way? I have bought yearly passes 16 years. My parents have bought longer than that. I know that recreation is not the goal for the lake, however, there has to be revenue from all the passes sold. I have never had a problem paying for them because I felt it went to keeping our beautiful lake maintained. My mistake..it was never "our" lake. It is not controlled by me, or anyone who cares about me. You take away my access and it seems, tried to hide that fact I come home from vacation and it is the first I have heard about it. Unfortunately I was not home when the petitions were signed and they were picketing.

Folsom is becoming a town that offers very little. I'm not surprised. Folsom citizens seem to always get the shaft.

Robin Clary 110 Haskins Court Folsom 916-983-7245 We do not oppose positive improvements on the dam. We request a staging area that will not hurt so many families, businesses, wildlife, and real estate values. In all truth we have not been given adequate time in which to address these issues. Our first notice was on January 9th. 2007. We were advised that 3,000 flyers were sent out. This is a city with a population of 63,000. The deadline given to us to discuss the closure is January 22, 2007. That was essentially "no notice." We need counsel as to our rights and the right of the wildlife who cannot speak for themselves.

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January 26, 2007.

Mr. Shawn Oliver Bureau of Reclamation 7794 Fo'som Dam Road Folsom CA 95630

SUBJECT: Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Draft

Environmental Impact Study/Environmental Impact Report

SMAQMD tracking number: sac200500806

Dear Mr. Oliver:

Thank you for sending the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Profit Environmental Impact Study/Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) to the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (District) for review and comment District staff comments follow.

Section 3.3, page 7 of the DEIR contains Table 3.3-4 which summarizes General Conformity do minimis Thresholds. Please note that the thresholds I sted in this table may change as a result of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia decision, December 22, 2006 in South Coast Air Quality Management District v. Environmental Protection Agency (Case number 04-1200).

Section 3.3 (Air Quality) page 10 of the DEIR states:

"If project construction NOx emissions exceed 85 lbs/day, then a standard set of construction mitigation measures must be incorporated into the Draft FIR and mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP). The inclusion of these measures allows the applicant to assume a 20 percent reduction in NOx emissions from construction activities. If the mitigated NOx emissions of the exceed 85 lbs/day, SMAQMD's policy is to charge a mitigation fee of \$14,300/ton of excess (greater than 85 lbs/day) NOx emissions."

Because this project is anticipated to generate significant emissions of criteria pollutants, it is likely that that District will need to dovote significant staff resources for administration of the mitigation program. Consequently, the district recommends that this project utilize the updated fee calculation methodology scheduled to commence on February 15, 2007. The updated fee calculation methodology includes an administrative fee that will offset district expenditures related to this project. The updated fee calculator can be downloaded from the following internet site: http://www.airquality.org/cega/index.shtml#MitFees.

As identified in section 3.3, page 26, the meteorological data used in the dispersion analysis is based on Lakes Environmental Webmet. Please note that SMAQMD has not reviewed the Lakes data for accuracy, and does not endorse it, or any other specific data, at this time. However, we recognize that Lakes data is commonly used as a source of meteorological data for environmental documents.

Section 3.3, page 35 of DEIR lists "AQ-5" (use of emulsified or aqueous diesel fuel) as a potential measure to mitigate NOx emissions resulting from the project. This mitigation measure is infeasible because this type of diesel fuel is not available in the Socramento Area. The district recommends that this mitigation measure be omitted in the fina EIR/EIS.

Section 3.3, page 38, includes a discussion of particulate matter. The district recommends changing the discussion of the particulate matter modeling results to provide a more thorough disc osure of the project's impact. The district suggests using the following language: "The project's impact (with mitigation) on the 24-hour PM2.5 concentrations is up to 40% of the NAAQS. This impact contributes to existing violations of the NAAQS occurring in the area." This would replace the current language "the results indicate that the 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS is exceeded, primarily because the existing background concentration atready exceeds the standard."

Appendix E in Volume II of the DEIR contains detailed tables of anticipated emissions of criteria pollutants from various types of construction equipment that will be used on the project site. The total amount of anticipated emissions is calculated using estimates based on the duration of equipment use, year of use, and emission factors from the District's 1994 CEQA guidance document. Since the release of the 1994 document, updated emission factors that better reflect actual emission rates from off-road vehicles during the period of active construction have become available. The District provided up to date emission factors to project staff, and the District recommends that the final EIR/EIS utilize these updated emission factors.

Please contact me at 916-874-2694 or <u>iburley@airquality org</u> if you have questions regarding district comments on this project.

Sincerely,

Joseph Hurley

Assistant Air Quality Planner/Analyst

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Jan 19, 2007 Mr. Shawn Oliver Bureau of Reclamation 7794 Folsom Dam Road Folsom, CA 95630

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CC: Rebecch Victorie, ARMY Corp 557-7856

RE: Summary of Comments on Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Reduction HIS/E/R.

Dear Mr. Oliver:

Attached are 4 letters of comments I have on the Folsom Dam Safety and Floud Reduction Draft EIS/EIR. I divided the comments into four letters by subject (Congestion, Economic Modeling, Staging and Notices) to assist in your distribution to the appropriate responsible individuals. I have not fully considered all issues but felt it was most important to get comments in before Monday's deadline. I may submit additional comments at a later time.

I sincerely appreciate the hard work that your organizations have invested in this project, the cost savings you have achieved and the rapid speed in which the project has been assembled. I thank you for the time you have spent in the last week and a half discussing the project with myself and the community.

There is just this one little issue ... the closure of Folsom Point. Thank you again for your time and dedication.

Respectfully,

Christopher Hodges Vice President

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CC: Rebecca Victorine, Army Corp. fax 916-557-7856

RE: Comments on Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Reduction EIS/EIR - Staging

Dear Mr. Oliver:

The following are comments on the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Reduction Draft EIS/EIR regarding construction staging on the east side of Folsom Lake. No alternatives were considered that avoided major impacts to Folsom Point public access. I would appreciate responses to the following suggestions on maintaining Folsom Point public access.

- t) Relocating the staging area to the west side of Dike 8
- 2) Relocating the staging area to the east of Dike 7 (lake side).
- 3) Relocating the staging area to the west of Dike 7.
- 4) Relocating the staging area to south of Folsom Point or south of MIAD with a handroad that allows continued public access to Folsom Point.
- 5) Relocating the staging area to the northeast of MAID with a haul road described in suggestion 4.

Respectfully,

Christopher Hodges

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RE: Comments on Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Reduction EIS/EIR - Congestion

Dear Mr. Oliver:

The following are suggested alternatives for the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Reduction Draft EIS/HIR regarding congestion issues:

- 1) Maintain full public access to Folsom Point by relocating the staging and processing areas to the west side of Dike 8 or further west to Dike 7.
- 2) If Folsom Point closure is unavoidable then the closure time should be restricted to the off season period of Oct 1-April 1.
- If Folsom Point closure is unavoidable then adopt congestion relief measures that utilize Brown's Ravine or Hobic Cove.
- 4) If Folsom Point closure is unavoidable then relieve congestion by adding facilities at Beal's Point and only close Folsom Point after the new bridge is completed at the end of 2008.
- 5) Route the haul road at Folsom Point out of the public areas and use a flagman crossing or an underpass to cross the park entrance road to minimize loss of use at Folsom Point and the resulting congestion around Folsom Lake.
- 6) Relocate public facilities to the area northeast of MAID but south of Brown's Ravine

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RR. Comments on Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Reduction EIS/FIR - Notices

Dear Mt. Oliver:

The following are comments on the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Reduction Draft EIS/EIR regarding notices given and future notices:

- The comment period should be extended for at least 30 days.
- 2) Public notice was not adequate regarding possible closure of Folson: Point. Our business received no direct notice. No notices describing the potential closure were published in local papers or covered in press releases.
- No notice of possible closure was posted at Folsom Point until an ad-hoc flier appeared early this week.
- 4) In the future, I would like to receive notices directly.
- Local community and user associations should receive notices directly.
- 6) Neighboring property owners and neighborhood associations within proximity to the affected areas (1000 feet?) should receive direct notification.
- As the project moves forward please involve our organization before setting times during which access to Folsom Lake may be restricted.

Respectfully,

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RE: Comments on Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Reduction BIS/BIR - Economic Model

Dear Mr. Oliver:

The following are comments on the Polsom Dam Safety and Flood Reduction Draft EJS/BIR Economic Modeling

- 1) There appears to be a significant under-estimate of the local economic impact. The reduction in sales of large ticket items (homes, land, boats, vehicles, water toys) should be considered.
- 2) The annual "retail effect" listed in Table 4-34 at \$174,500 is very low. The impact on our business alone (extrapolated from the losses caused by the closure of Folsom Dam Road and closing of the Folsom Lake during the past flood gate failure) we estimate at more that \$500,000 per year.
- 3) The economic model only examines the regional "tri-county" effect yet the losses are primarily in the City of Folsom and the gains are regional. The modeling should explicitly examine the not effect to the City of Folsom.
- 4) The gains and losses shown in Table 4-24 which imply a net economic gain during construction will mislead readers considering comments 1-3 above.

Respectfully,

Christopher Hodges

Vice President

January 16, 2007

TO: Bureau of Reclamation

FM: Folsom Resident

RE: Closure of Folsom Point

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As a resident of Folsom I urge the Bureau of Reclamation to find an alternative site to stage improvement operations to the Folsom Dam. In the spring and the summer I use Folsom Point as a place to fish and launch my boat from. If Folsom Point is closed I will no longer purchase an annual recreational pass for access to the lake and I will not stand in line at Brown's Ravine or any other launch facility to faunch a boat (economic impact). Additionally Folsom Lake is open to the public and access to it should remain in the public's domain. Completing the work from another staging area makes sense! This would allow continued access to the lake at Folsom Point for fisherman, recreational boaters, and those using the picnic areas.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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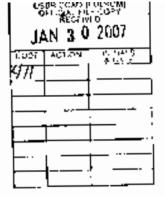


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Jan 22, 2007 Mr. Shawn Oliver Bureau of Reclamation 7794 Folsom Dam Road Folsom, CA 95630 Fax 916-989-7208



RE: Comments on Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction EIS/EIR

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From: Joseph Abbate [j-abbate@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Friday, February 02, 2007 3:58 PM

To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov

Subject: Keep Folsom Point open

We definately support the building of a new bridge, but our community has suffered enough. We believe there may be other sites that are usable without taking away our recreation area and lake access, e.g the old "Look-out point" on the now closed Dam Road.

We understand officials of the city of Folsom have offered three alternatives to the use of Folsom Point, Beals Point or Granite Bay recreation areas. The use of our recreation areas should only be considered when there are absolutely no other possible alternatives.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Folsom residents
Joseph and Jeanette Abbate

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From: Scott Schaffer [ScottSchaffer@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2007 9:59 PM

To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; Rebecca.A.Victorine@usace.army.mil

Subject: Folsom Point Closure

My family and I moved up here to Folsom for the primary reason of being close to the lake and the Folsom Point boat launch. We purchased our home in the Parkway as apposed to other areas of less cost so we would have such easy access to the lake and launch. The thought of trying to get out early enough to launch from the other launch this side of the lake is terrible. Driving around to try and get out of Granite Bay side leaves us in similar circumstances. We moved away from a city where you had to "try" and get to the lakes early enough before the parking lots filled and closed for the day. Many other residents of Parkway also feel a huge part of why we moved to this track in particular is now being taken away. Is there not enough open land in other parts of the lake that would not cause all of us to loose the ramp? I can not imaging the cost vs. alternate ares could be so impactful to cause an entires citys boating population to loose there ramp for 7 years!

I' am discouraged and disapointed at the lack of effort for not designing alternate plans. Rather, the plans simply take away from Folsom residents. How will this effect our homes values? And if this does effect values, how is this to be compensated.

Scott Schaffer

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From: Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]

Sent: Monday, February 05, 2007 3:37 PM

To: Shawn Oliver

Subject: Fwd: Folsom Point Closure

>>> Katrina Jackman <katrinajackman@sbcglobal.net> 01/19 9:59 AM >>> Don't you think Folsom has had enough? First you close the Dam Road and now you are considering Folsom Point. Do you plan on financially helping all those residents and business effected? I really do not think they can take one more thing. Around the corner is the building of the new bridge. This will also make if difficult in Folsom and the surrounding areas. Enough is enough. Please come up with one plan that incorporates all the pieces before you start throwing darts at what to do without taking into account how your decisions effect those around the job sites. How about storing your equipment at the prison? They have lots of land. While your at it you could consider actually planning the bridge we all have been promised.

Katrina Jackman

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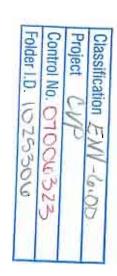
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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Becky Victorine U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District 1325 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814



Re: Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Project Draft EIR/EIS Comments

Dear Mr. Oliver and Ms. Victorine:

The El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) has reviewed the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) / Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) completed for the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Project. Folsom Reservoir serves as the primary water supply source for the western portion of EID's service area. As such, EID submits the following comments related to water quality impacts associated within construction in the reservoir and water supply impacts associated with placement of additional fill in the reservoir.

Water Quality

Section 3.1 of the EIR/EIS discusses potential water quality impacts and potential mitigation measures to meet Basin Plan standards. Specifically, this section includes mitigation measures with best management practices (BMPs) and monitoring plans to minimize water quality impacts during in-reservoir borrow excavation and placement of fill. The Environmental Compliance Monitoring Plan described in Section 2 of the EIR/EIS should specify a procedure for notifying affected parties that treat water from the reservoir for consumptive purposes if implementation of BMPs and monitoring do not succeed in protecting water quality. This action is necessary for the affected parties to take the appropriate actions necessary to ensure proper water treatment.

Water Supply

Section 3.2 of the EIR/EIS discusses potential water supply impacts and potential mitigation measures necessary to maintain water supply during construction and subsequent operation. According to the EIR/EIS, Folsom Reservoir supplies about 140,000 acre-feet of municipal and industrial water supply and up to 1,243 acre-feet of reservoir capacity may be replaced with fill through implementation of each project alternative. The EIR/EIS states that during construction and post-construction water allocations and timing of deliveries to Central Valley Project contractors, including EID, would remain the same as existing conditions. The EIR/EIS should

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specify how the reduction in storage volume will be handled in modeling analysis, such as CalSim-II, when determining availability of water for existing and future water service or Warren Act contracts to demonstrate that water allocations and timing of deliveries will not be affected.

The EIR/EIS lists the water contractors from Folsom Reservoir and point of delivery for water contractors diverting from the Natomas Pipeline. However, there is no information provided for water contractors diverting from other locations within Folsom Reservoir. EID diverts water through a pump station located within Folsom Reservoir on U.S. Bureau of Reclamation property between the Brown's Ravine and New York Creek tributaries. Any dam raises discussed through project alternatives should address potential impacts to water supply through inundation of infrastructure such as the EID pump station.

Thank you for the opportunity to comments on the Draft EIR/EIS for the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (530) 642-4082.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. Corcoran

Environmental Review Division Manager

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The original signed letter plus attachments are being sent to you in the mail.

Thank you for the informal, EPA-specific extension to the comment deadline date. I will be out of the office until February 20th. If you have questions, please call Nova Blazei, Manager, Environmental Review Office at 415-972-3846.

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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Folsom Dam Safety and

Flood Damage Reduction Project (CEQ# 20060493)

Dear Mr. Oliver:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the above project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. Our comments are provided in accordance with the EPA-specific extension granted by you on January 8 (email verification received on January 17) from January 22, 2007 to January 29, 2007. We greatly appreciate the additional time provided for our review. Our detailed comments are enclosed.

Based upon our review, we have rated this DEIS as EC-2, Environmental Concerns - Insufficient Information (see attached "Summary of the EPA Rating System). We have concerns with the potential adverse effects of the proposed project on air quality. We urge implementation of aggressive mitigation measures to reduce project-related emissions to the maximum extent feasible. Furthermore, the required General Conformity Determination should be included in the Final EIS (FEIS).

A number of actions were evaluated at a programmatic level pending completion of the detailed engineering design. Actions such as the updated Folsom Facilities operations manual and Auxiliary Spillway dredging are of specific interest to EPA given their potential water quality effects. We request notification of these actions and receipt of the project-level environmental documentation.

The Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Project integrates the engineering solutions addressing hydrologic control, scismic, and static issues authorized in the US Corps of Engineers Folsom Dam Modification and Folsom Dam Raise projects. EPA comments regarding these projects are enclosed for your reference and consideration.

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We appreciate the opportunity to review this DEIS. Please send two copies of the FEIS to the soove address (mail code: CED-2) when it is released for public review. If you have any questions, please call Nove Blazej, the new Manager of the Environmental Review Office, at 415-972-3846, or Laura Fujii, the lead reviewer for this project, at 415-972-3852, or at fujii.laura@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Paula Bisson, Manager

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Enclosure: Summary of PEA Rating Definitions

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EPA Comments on the DSEIS American River Long-Term Study

EPA Comments on the DSEIS American River Watershed Investigation

cc: Brigatte Tollstrup, Sacramento Air Quality Management District Gary Honcoop, California Air Resources Board

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SUMMARY OF EPA RATING DEFINITIONS

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This rating system was developed as a means to summarize EPA's level of concern with a proposed action. The ratings are a combination of alphabetical categories for evaluation of the environmental impacts of the proposal and numerical categories for evaluation of the adequacy of the EIS.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE ACTION

"LO" (Lack of Objections)

The EPA review has not identified any potential environmental impacts requiring substantive changes to the proposal. The review may have disclosed opportunities for application of mitigation measures that could be accomplished with no more than minor changes to the proposal.

"EC" (Environmental Concerns)

The EPA review has identified environmental impacts that should be avoided in order to fully protect the environment. Corrective measures may require changes to the preferred alternative or application of mitigation measures that can reduce the environmental impact. EPA would like to work with the lead agency to reduce these impacts.

"BO" (Environmental Objections)

The BPA review has identified significant environmental impacts that must be avoided in order to provide adequate protection for the environment. Corrective measures may require substantial changes to the preferred alternative or consideration of some other project alternative (including the no action alternative or a new alternative). EPA intends to work with the lead agency to reduce these impacts.

"EU" (Environmentally Unsatisfactory)

The EPA review has identified adverse environmental impacts that are of sufficient magnitude that they are unsatisfactory from the standpoint of public health or welfare or environmental quality. BPA intends to work with the lead agency to reduce these impacts. If the potentially unsatisfactory impacts are not corrected at the final BIS stage, this proposal will be recommended for referral to the CEQ.

ADEQUACY OF THE IMPACT STATEMENT

Category I" (Adequate)

EPA believes the draft EIS adequately sets forth the covironmental impact(s) of the preferred alternative and those of the alternatives reasonably available to the project or action. No further analysis or data collection is necessary, but the reviewer may suggest the addition of clarifying language or information.

"Category 2" (Insufficient Information)

The draft BIS does not contain sufficient information for EPA to fully assess environmental impacts that should be avoided in order to fully protect the environment, or the EPA reviewer has identified new reasonably available alternatives that are within the spectrum of alternatives analysed in the draft BiS, which could reduce the environmental impacts of the action. The identified additional information, data, analyses, or discussion should be included in the final EIS.

"Category 3" (Inadequate)

EPA does not believe that the draft EIS adequately assesses potentially significant environmental impacts of the action, or the EPA reviewer has identified new, reasonably available alternatives that are outside of the spectrum of alternatives analysed in the draft EIS, which should be analysed in order to reduce the potentially significant environmental impacts. EPA believes that the identified additional information, data, analyses, or discussions are of such a magnitude that they should have full public review at a draft stage. EPA does not believe that the draft EIS is adequate for the purposes of the NEPA and/or Section 309 review, and thus should be formally revised and made available for public comment in a supplemental or revised draft EIS. On the basis of the potential significant impacts involved, this proposal could be a candidate for referral to the CEQ.

"From EPA Manual (640, "Policy and Procedures for the Review of Pederal Actions Impacting the Environment."

EPA DETAILED COMMENTS, DEIS FOLSOM DAM SAFETY AND FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION PROJECT, FOLSOM, CA. JANUARY 22, 2007

Air Quality Comments

Intplement aggressive air quality mitigation measure and include the General Conformity Evaluation in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. The project area is located in an area designated as non-attainment for ozone and fine particulate matter. Construction-related emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx), a precursor for ozone, and particulate matter less than 10 and 2.5 microns in diameter (PM10 and PM2.5) would exceed Federal and/or California air quality standards (pps. 3.3-29 to 3.3-37). Mitigation measures are necessary to reduce these adverse emissions. Even with mitigation, NOx, PM10 and carbon monoxide (CO) emissions would be greater than the General Conformity de minimis thresholds, triggering the requirement for a full general conformity evaluation for the selected preferred alternative prior to the Record of Decision (ROD) (p. 3.3-37). We note that the incremental effects of the NOx, PM10, and CO emissions would be significant under the cumulative condition (p. 3.3-38).

Recommendations:

EPA recommends aggressive implementation of all feasible mitigation measures to address exceedences of air quality standards. The FEIS should include a detailed mitigation plan providing an implementation schedule, the responsible parties, and monitoring and reporting requirements.

We recommend the required General Conformity Determination be included in the final environmental impact statement (PEIS) with a description of the mitigation/offset measures that will be implemented prior to the project stort date.

The PEIS should also include a description of the projected operational emissions that will be generated by the completed project.

NEPA Compliance

Commit to future NEPA compliance for project changes. Alternative 5 would take the Polsom facilities by 17 feet in order to increase the reservoir capacity to contain the Probable Maximum Flood. While we recognize this would be a "dry" take providing for an increase in flood storage capacity, there is concern with the potential future conversion of this storage and flood surcharge space to water supply or multipurpose use ("wet" dam raise). Of specific concern is the potential for changes in use without appropriate public and environmental review.

Recommendation:

We recommend the FEIS and ROD include a commitment to future NEPA compliance, with appropriate public review processes, prior to any decision to modify the use of the additional flood storage capacity.

General Comments

Notify EPA of supplemental environmental compliance documentation. A number of actions were evaluated at a programmatic level pending selection of the final preferred alternative and completion of the detailed engineering design. For example, the lead agencies plan to complete a revised water plan and control manual (p. 1-9), and the US Corps of Engineers (Corps) may dredge the proposed Auxiliary Spillway approach 40 feet deeper than planned by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) (p. 3.10-18). Both future actions would be evaluated in supplemental NEPA compliance documentation. EPA has an interest in these actions, given their potential effects on water quality and beneficial uses within Polsom Reservoir and downstream in the American River.

Recommendation:

Please send two copies of the supplemental environmental compliance documentation and a copy of the Final Updated Flood Management Plan to the address above (mail code: CED-2) when they are released for public review.

Document final decisions in separate Joint Federal Project, Reclamation, and Corp Record of Decisions. The DEIS evaluates a Joint Pederal Project that will meet Reclamation's dam safety hydrologic objective and the Corps' flood damage reduction objective, plus a range of alternatives that address other stand-alone flood damage reduction, dam safety, and security actions (p. 1-25).

Recommendation:

The FEIS should clearly identify the specific decisions and responsible parties for the foint Federal Project and stand-alone flood damage reduction, dam safety, and security actions. We recommend the final decisions be documented in three distinct Record Of Decisions for the Joint Federal Project, Reclamations' standalone actions, and the Corps' stand-alone actions.

Complete and include in the FEIS all Federal requirements. Various Federal requirements will be completed prior to completion of the FEIS or ROD. For instance a draft US FWS biological opinion will be obtained prior to completion of the Final EIS/EIR and a General Conformity Determination completed prior to issuance of the ROD (pps. 1-32 to 1-35).

Recommendation:

The NEPA process is intended to assist public officials make decisions that are based on an understanding of the environmental consequences, and take actions that protect, restore, and enhance the environment (40 CFR Part 1500.1(c)). We recommend that information sources such as the US FWS Biological Opinion and General Conformity Determination be completed prior to the ROD and included in the FEIS.



January 22,2007

Dear Becky Victorine -

I'm writing to request that you could help us if you would be willing. Many, many (in fact the Vast majority) of Folson residents request that you and some other creative engineess could find an alternate place for a staging usea, for construction equipment rather than closing our one accesse to Folson Lake -Folson Point, Please listen to our city Courcil who have 30th faces Folsom has already had much negative impact from the closure of the Dam Road and the overlook garking area. The citizens of this town have already flexed and Suffered from Traffie problems, inenveneeree and business slow down, and perceived impact that we feel affects and perceived in fact man we feel affect of and is a property values and whether follows the Lake is described place to living in and movering a key part of feedle living in and movering to the follows. The construction people and we believe the free and move to an engineers could flex and move follows Should engineers could flex registents of follows to have our one access closed for 7 years, not have to have our one access closed for 7 years, not have to have our one access closed for 7 years, not have to have our one access closed for 7 years, not have to have our one access closed for 7 years, not have to have our one access closed for 7 years,

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The answer to flow protection is to complete the auchien Dun promptly.

(ms) Beth Livar

Phone 916/489.5654

From: Michelle Hamilton [mailto:michelledhamilton@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Sunday, February 04, 2007 10:13 AM

To: Victorine, Rebecca A SPK

Subject:

Please do not close Folsom Point!! One of the reasons we moved to Folsom was to be close to the lake. We store our boat at home and use Folsom point all the time. I think it is a huge inconvenience for the citizens of Folsom to use this resource as a storage facility. Shame on the city officials for even considering such actions.

Michelle Hamilton 775 mornigside drive Folsom, ca

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Caveats: NONE

From: PG [mailto:fizzz@vfr.net]

Sent: Friday, January 12, 2007 10:28 AM

To: LaSala, Delia M SPK

Subject: Folsom Dam real estate question

Ms. Lasala,

My name is Patricia Gibbs I spoke to you at the Folsom Meeting last Wednesday night.

I own property, in Placer County, which borders Folsom Lake. As I had mentioned, I am concerned about possible changes to the current Fed Gov property line around Folsom Lake as a result of raising the dam and surrounding dikes.

Any information and/or maps or other graphical info referencing elevations or contour lines you could provide regarding changes to the Fed Govmnt property line as it affects my parcel (number 036-190-075-000) would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again for you time, Patricia Gibbs

Porter, Stacy

K. Leonard [kennethfa@surewest.net] From: Saturday, February 10, 2007 8:03 AM MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov Sent:

To:

Subject: Folsom Point

Hello, I fish Folsom Lake all the time. Folsom Point is the only ramp I use. I don't care if construction trucks are driving in the area or over the Point road. I just want to be able to launch. Please do not close our ramp.

Porter, Stacy

From: radley2990@aol.com

Sent: Saturday, February 10, 2007 8:01 AM

To: MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov Cc: dave@applimotion.com

Subject: Folsom Dam Project/specifically Folsom Point Closure

Mr. Finnegan,

As a twenty year resident of Folsom, the last 14 years in Briggs Ranch, I certainly would not want to see Folsom Point closed any more so than those you have heard from already. At the same time, having years of experience in the steel business having supplied steel to Kiewet Pacific among other firms for large bridge jobs including C.C. Myers after the collapse of the Santa Monica Freeway, Loma Prieda damage, the new Folsom Bridge and many other projects of this magnitude, I understand the difficulties associated with logistics, equipment containment and public safety concerns involved on such large projects. With that said, and assuming your acknowledgement of my experience in such matters, I would like to offer what could be a reasonable solution.

I originally hale from Louisiana where, as you know, flood water is overly abundant which has and will forever more require construction of coffer dams, "large drainage ditches" to divert water away from much needed levee repairs and/or proposed highway projects, including new bridges, not unlike this one on a smaller scale. To meet those demands, extreme large quantities of dirt and rock must be moved and/or excavated as is the case here. In the face of similar concerns and issues here, the solution was the use of barges to move the materials needed. In fact, I suggested the use of barges on the San Ramon Bridge addition project a few years back and they worked perfectly. You may know but if not, the water depth around that bridge is very shallow and sometimes gets very shallow depending on the tide movement and weather. Certainly, a much greater margin of difficulty given the varying water depths when compared to Folsom Lake. Frankly, I would have to believe you have considered the barge option already.

By plotting the depths and lake bottom topography necessary to accommodate barge tare weight (there are several barge variations to choose from depending on the application) and material load capacity, surely barges would be the way to manage this situation. Granted, the barges would need to move across recreational boating lanes but if properly marked off noting these barge lanes, I could hardly see that as an encroachment to recreational boating. If need be, the barges could be moved at night and staged for unloading the next working day. Take a look at your aerial maps on hand and you will see that barge traffic from point to point should not pose a problem. Also, where the depths are not sufficient to accommodate a large load, dredge the bottom accordingly thereby creating more usable materials to shore up the Dike at Mormon Island.

Again, I would think this option has been considered and if so, I would strongly encourage you to go a bit further in your due diligence in determining the validity of this option. I've seen it work many times in areas much more difficult than what I see at Folsom Lake. However, given the likelihood there may be more involved details to this project limiting my simplistic view, you are much more qualified as to whether this option has merit. As I watched the public outcry unfold over the last weeks however, I haven't heard or read where this option would be considered so thought I would throw my hat in, for what it's worth.

Whatever the final outcome, closing Folsom Point is not viable just from recreational revenue losses alone much less having the public's ire focused on your every move. Thanks for taking the time in reading this and good luck with the decision. In the remote chance you feel it necessary to call me, please feel free in doing so.

Best regards,

Ron Adley 113 Cobb Ct. Foslom, Ca. 95630 1-916-747-4301 cell

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Porter, Stacy

From: Jolene Shirey [shireyjolene@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 10, 2007 11:21 AM

To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov

Subject: Folsom Point

Mr. Finnegan,

I just read the article in the paper about Folsom Point. My husband and I have not yet participated in voicing our opinion on the issue, but would like to add our names to the "concerned residents" list.

This closure would significantly affect the active lifestyle of Folsom which is why many people brought there families here. It would definitely hurt local businesses that benefit from the use of Folsom Point. We just wanted to add our two cents in hopes that you will listen to the community and find a suitable alternative.

Sincerely,

Brian and Jolene Shirey

Porter, Stacy

From: Eric & Heather Olson [heathericolson@comcast.net]

Sent: Sunday, February 11, 2007 9:33 PM

To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov

Subject: Folsom Point

Mr. Finnegan,

We missed the open comment period on the proposal to use Folsom Point as a staging area for the Folsom Dam spillway project and we hope that you'll consider our two cents in your planning for the project. To the point, we moved to the Briggs Ranch neighborhood nearly four years ago to start a family and have easy access to Folsom Lake. Now that our two children are almost one and three years old, we often walk from our home to Folsom Point for "getaway adventures." I assume that we're not counted in the number of official visitors to Folsom Point since we arrive on foot. My purpose in writing you is to urge you to find an alternate staging location for as many years as it takes to finish the project so that my family and the hundreds of others like ours in this neighborhood can enjoy the lake that inspired us to move here.

Sincerely, Eric & Heather Olson

Porter, Stacy

From: robert.walter@comcast.net

Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2007 1:22 PM

To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov

Subject: Folsom Point

Dear Sirs,

Please do not close Folsom Point. My family our our friends in the nieghborhood use that access to go boating and have picnics.

Robert Walter 203 Davies Court Folsom, CA 95630

Porter, Stacy

From: Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2007 6:35 AM

To: Shawn Oliver

Subject: Fw: Folsom Point Recreation

-----Original Message----From: <ktroberts@comcast.net>

To: Mike Finnegan

Sent: Feb 1, 2007 11:19 PM

Subject: Folsom Point Recreation

We oppose the closure of Folsom Point for staging of the new bridge construction...Please try another alternative that will not impact the recreational area for families and all.

Thank you....
Kathy and Troy
Folsom Residents