

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## Categorical Exclusion Checklist

### Folsom Dam Dike 1 Pipe Gates

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**Project Description/Proposed Action**

Reclamation proposes to install pipe gates at each end of Folsom Dam Dike-1 toe access road to create a simple barrier to the public and allow Reclamation staff quick, easy access to the weir at Dike-1.

**Exclusion Category**

516 DM 14.5 C.3. Minor construction activities associated with authorized projects which correct unsatisfactory environmental conditions or which merely augment or supplement, or are enclosed within existing facilities.

**Scope of Work**

The Folsom Dam Dike-1 improvement modifications have widened the toe and outfall access roads and made them more accessible to public vehicles. (Figure 1). The face of the Dike-1 embankment is currently protected with K-rail blocking access to the Dike-1 toe road. (Figure 2). Blocking access is necessary for safety and security to keep the public from driving up and down the face of the embankment. The K-rail poses a challenge for operations and maintenance (O&M) activities requiring access to the toe road; having to physically move and replace the K-Rail each time access is required. Therefore, Reclamation proposes to install pipe gates at each end of the Dike-1 toe access road to maintain the barrier to public access, but allow Reclamation staff easier access for weir monitoring, weed abatement, and other O&M maintenance activities.

The site consists of compacted barren earth with a small amount of annual vegetation growing on the access road surface. Immediately to the west is a live oak woodland and to the east is a paved roadway and annual grassland. Installing the pipe gates would not remove any vegetation.



Figure 2. K-rail blocking access to the Dike-1 toe road



10. This action would violate a Federal, tribal, State, or local law or requirement imposed for protection of the environment (43 CFR 46.215 (i)).

No ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐

11. This action would affect ITAs (512 DM 2, Policy Memorandum dated December 15, 1993). *ITAs were evaluated in the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction EIS/EIR*

No ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐

12. This action would have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898) (43 CFR 46.215 (j)).

No ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐

13. This action would limit access to, and ceremonial use of, Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007, 43 CFR 46.215 (k), and 512 DM 3)).

No ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐

14. This action would contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act, EO 13112, and 43 CFR 46.215 (l)).

No ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐

***NEPA Action Recommended***

☒ CEC – This action is covered by the exclusion category and no extraordinary circumstances exist. The action is excluded from further documentation in an EA or EIS.

☐ Further environmental review is required, and the following document should be prepared.

☐ EA

☐ EIS

**Regional Archeologist concurred with Item 8 (Memorandum attached).**

**ITA Designee concurred with Item 11.** Regional ITA coordinator Kevin Clancy agreed that a new ITA evaluation was not needed because ITAs for the project area had been evaluated in the *Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction EIS/EIR*

**CULTURAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE**  
**Mid-Pacific Region**  
**Division of Environmental Affairs**  
**Cultural Resources Branch (MP-153)**

**MP-153 Tracking Number:** 16-CCAO-207

**Project Name:** Install pipe gates at Dike 1 left and right toe access road entrances Folsom Dam,  
Placer County, California

**NEPA Document:** CEC

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**MP-153 Cultural Resources Reviewer:** Lex Palmer, Architectural Historian

**Date:** August 4, 2017

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Reclamation proposes to install two pipe gates at the Dike 1 left and right toe access road entrances. Reclamation has determined that gate installation is the type of activity that does not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1). Therefore, Reclamation has no further obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108). The proposed action would result in no impacts to cultural resources.

This document conveys the completion of the cultural resources review and NHPA Section 106 process for this undertaking. Please retain a copy with the administrative record for this action. Should the proposed action change, additional review under Section 106, possibly including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, may be required.