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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.0 Project Scoping

The Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam (MIAD) Modification Project is part of the larger Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction (DS/FDR) project to correct seismic, static, and hydrologic issues at Folsom Reservoir to achieve Reclamation's risk standards for dam safety. The Bureau of Reclamation, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) lead agency, and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency, will prepare a Supplemental EIS/EIR to the Folsom DS/FDR EIS/EIR to address changes to the proposed MIAD Dam Safety modifications. Accordingly, these agencies held three public scoping meetings at the following locations to receive comments:

- Folsom, December 2, 2008 (at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.); and,
- El Dorado Hills, December 4, 2008, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This scoping report documents these meetings and the comments captured. Section 4 includes meeting summaries, Section 5 presents verbal and written comments received during the comment period, and Section 6 provides a summary of the recurring issues from the meetings and comments.

1.1 Scoping Purpose and Process

The purpose of scoping is to obtain information on significant issues associated with a project to guide an agency's environmental review. As part of scoping, agencies conduct public meetings to involve the public in the preparation of environmental documents. Scoping is not limited to public meetings; however, public meetings allow interested persons, tribes, organizations, and agencies to listen to information about a proposed project or action and express their concerns and viewpoints to the implementing agencies. The agencies can provide information regarding how additional information or status reports on the process can be obtained.

During scoping meetings, the lead agency generally will outline the proposed project, identify alternatives to the project, define the area of analysis, propose issues to be addressed in the document, and solicit public comments. The agencies then consider those comments during development of the Draft EIS/EIR.

1.1.1 National Environmental Policy Act

NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1501.7) require scoping to determine the scope of the issues to be addressed in the environmental review and to identify significant issues. Scoping should occur

early on in the environmental review process and should involve the participation of affected parties.

The lead agency of the proposed action is required to:

1. “Invite the participation of affected Federal, State, and local agencies, any affected Indian tribe, the proponent of the action, and other interested persons (including those who might not be in accord with the action on environmental grounds);
2. Determine the scope and the significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the environmental impact statement;
3. Identify and eliminate from detailed study the issues which are not significant or which have been covered by prior environmental review narrowing the discussion of these issues in the statement to a brief presentation of why they will not have a significant effect on the human environment or providing a reference to their coverage elsewhere;
4. Allocate assignments for preparation of the environmental impact statement among the lead and cooperating agencies, with the lead agency retaining responsibility for the statement;
5. Indicate any public environmental assessments and other environmental impact statements which are being or will be prepared that are related to but are not part of the scope of the impact statement under consideration;
6. Identify other environmental review and consultation requirements so the lead and cooperating agencies may prepare other required analyses and studies concurrently with, and integrated with, the environmental impact statement; and
7. Indicate the relationship between the timing of the preparation of environmental analyses and the agency’s tentative planning and decision making schedule” (40 CFR 1501.7).

Public involvement activities are required by Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR 1506.6(a)), which state: “Agencies shall: Make diligent efforts to involve the public in preparing and implementing their NEPA procedures.” Public scoping meetings help to satisfy this requirement.

CEQ regulations (40 CFR 1508.22, 516 DM 2.3D) require the implementing agency to notify the public that it is preparing an EIS for a project under consideration. Reclamation issued an NOI in the Federal Register on October 6, 2005. Appendix A of this scoping report includes a copy of the NOI.

1.1.2 California Environmental Quality Act

Although CEQA does not require public meetings, it encourages early consultation (or scoping) with affected parties. This early consultation often solves potential problems before they turn

into more serious problems further on in the process. CEQA describes two other benefits for early consultation:

- a) “Scoping has been helpful to agencies in identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant impacts to be analyzed in depth in an EIR and in eliminating from detailed study issues found not to be important.
- b) Scoping has been found to be an effective way to bring together and resolve the concerns of affected federal, state, and local agencies, the proponent of the action, and other interested persons including those who might not be in accord with the action on environmental grounds” (CEQA Section 15083).

Parallel to the process of the NOI for NEPA, CEQA requires public notification of the initiation of an EIR through a Notice of Preparation (NOP) (CEQA 15082). A copy of the NOP can be found in Appendix A of this scoping report.

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Chapter 2

Background

2.0 Background

Folsom Dam (Dam) and its associated structures were constructed in 1955 as a multi-purpose facility providing water supply, power, recreation, as well as flood control for the greater Sacramento metropolitan area. The Dam and its facilities are the joint responsibility of two federal agencies, Reclamation and the Corps. One of the principal reservoirs of California's Central Valley Project, Reclamation operates Folsom Dam to provide water, power, and recreational opportunities. The Corps supports operations for the purpose of flood control protecting people, residences, and businesses along the lower American River.

Congress has assigned to both Reclamation and the Corps the responsibility of ensuring the safety of federal dams. As a part of this responsibility, Reclamation has determined that there is a risk (albeit small) to public safety from dam failure due to seismic, static, and hydrologic concerns. These risks relate to the potential of an earthquake damaging the facilities, the ability of the earthen structures to control seepage, and the risk of the maximum predicted floodwaters from the upper American River watershed overtopping and threatening the structural integrity of the concrete portion of the dam, and all of the earthen structures.

The Joint Federal Project, currently underway, addresses Reclamation's Dam Safety Program objectives of improving public safety and Folsom Dam and all associated structures, and the Corps, SAFCA, and the State Reclamation Board's flood damage reduction projects that are designed to provide increased flood protection for the Sacramento area. Both Reclamation and the Corps have conducted engineering studies to identify potential corrective measures for the Dam and its associated facilities to alleviate seismic, static, hydrologic, and flood control concerns. These four agencies have combined their efforts resulting in common solutions for the structural and functional concerns of the Folsom Dam and its associated facilities.

The May 2007 *Record of Decision Folsom Dam Safety of Dams and Security Upgrades Project* documented that the preferred alternative for MIAD modification was to place an overlay and seepage control filters on the downstream (dry) side of MIAD and reinforce the MIAD foundation using a construction technique known as jet grouting. Subsequent investigations into the feasibility of the jet grouting as conceived in the Folsom DS/FDR EIS/EIR have indicated that the design of the modification will need to be changed to achieve Reclamation's existing risk standards for dam safety. Specifically, the utilization of jet grouting to stabilize the foundation of MIAD is unlikely to meet those risk standards.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to reduce the seismic and static risk of failure of MIAD. The modifications to MIAD originally proposed in the Folsom DS/FDR EIS/EIR have been determined to be ineffective in reducing risks; therefore a supplemental EIS/EIR is being prepared to address additional alternatives to modify MIAD. In this way, Reclamation will

achieve the existing standards for dam safety and reduce the risk of injury to those people living and working downstream of the Folsom Dam complex. This proposed project is a feature of the Folsom Dam Safety of Dams Project, and the analysis will tier from the March 2007 Folsom DS/FDR Final EIS/EIR.

Chapter 3

Project Description

3.0 Project Alternatives

Note: The alternatives summarized below were under consideration during public scoping. The alternatives will likely be refined as engineering studies are completed.

A range of alternatives are being considered in the MIAD Modification Project to meet Reclamation's objective of mitigating risks due to liquefaction, static stability concern for seepage and piping, and overtopping and erosion during a major flood event. The alternatives generally represent variations of excavation and replacement of the downstream foundation of MIAD.

1. Conventional Excavate and Replace – Excavate a fully open pit, remove foundation down to bedrock, replace with cement modified soil and granular material.
2. Single Wall Excavate and Replace - One variation on the excavation option being considered includes the construction of a structural wall on the downstream side of the open excavation.
3. Dual Wall Excavate and Replace – This variation of excavation option includes the construction of both an upstream and downstream wall system in an effort to minimize the amount of materials required to be removed, and reduce the dependency of the excavation on the dewatering system.
4. Cellular Excavate and Replace - Using excavation methods similar to those used in top down, coffer box or shaft construction, Cellular or Cross-lot bracing is useful in narrow excavations (60ft to 120ft) when tieback installation is not feasible. This variation of the walled excavation options includes either constructing the dual wall system with excavating from the surface in cellular segments with excavators using alternating cells as in-situ ground support or cellular Cross-lot bracing construction of a closed wall (sheet pile or soldier pile) type system.
5. No Action Alternative – No modification will occur.

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Chapter 4

Scoping Meetings

4.0 Scoping Meetings

Reclamation and SAFCA held three public scoping meetings in December of 2008, regarding preparation of the MIAD Modification Project EIS/EIR. Two meetings were held in the City of Folsom on Tuesday December 2, 2008, the first ran from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the second ran from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The third meeting took place in El Dorado Hills on Thursday, December 4 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Approximately 55 people attended the three meetings, including members of the public, elected officials, and representatives from public agencies, water resources, waterways, and electric power and flood control.

4.1 Publicity

To publicize the meetings, Reclamation distributed notices to approximately 2,100 interested parties in the project mailing list database, including state and local agencies, elected officials, and area residents. Print ads displaying the time, date, and location of the scoping meetings were published in local newspapers including the Sacramento Bee, Folsom Telegraph, El Dorado Hills Telegraph, and the Sacramento Union. Websites receiving the notice include FolsomLife.com, MyFolsom.com, and VillageLife.com. Reclamation also published a NOI in the Federal Register (Vol. 73, No. 217, Friday November 7, 2008). Appendix A of this scoping report contains a copy of the NOI, the press release distributed by Reclamation, and the print ads published in the local area newspapers.

4.2 Staff

The following is a list of agency staff in attendance during the public scoping meetings.

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Elizabeth Vasquez	Reclamation	Mike Nepstad	Reclamation
Janet Sierzputowski	Reclamation	Matthew See	Reclamation
Drew Lessard	Reclamation	Peter Ghelfi	SAFCA
Larry Hobbs	Reclamation	Tim Washburn	SAFCA
Gary Egan	Reclamation		
Matt Sheskier	Reclamation		
Laura Caballero	Reclamation		

4.3 Meeting Agenda and Content

All three public meetings were held in an open house forum. Attendees were asked to sign in and all names were entered into a database for the exclusive purpose of keeping participants up-to-date on future activities, meetings, and project information. Meeting materials included handouts outlining the information displays, information pamphlets, and comment cards.

Four information displays were set up to walk the public through the history of MIAD; natural resources in the project area; recreation, traffic, and safety issues; and, the proposed alternatives. A staff person was assigned to each display and invited the public to ask questions and voice concerns regarding each respective topic. Meeting attendees were encouraged to view the displays, ask questions, and submit written or verbal comments. Appendix B contains a copy of the displays and the handouts provided to all meeting participants. The displays included the following information:

Display 1. MIAD History

- History of MIAD construction and repair work; reason for MIAD; current conditions; descriptions of problems/technical need for project, risks; and hydrology.

Display 2. Natural Resources

- Generalized schedule; potential construction impacts on air quality, water quality, wetlands, groundwater; asbestos issues; endangered species; and dewatering issues.
- NEPA/CEQA explanation poster

Display 3. Recreation, Traffic, & Safety

- Recreation/hiking; traffic/road; possible relocation of Green Valley Road; City of Folsom easement issue (possible widening of Green Valley Road); safety concerns; and how to minimize construction risks.

Display 4. Alternatives

- Generalized schedule; purpose and need statement; and description of alternatives.

Chapter 5

Public Scoping Comments

5.0 Verbal Comments

During each of the scoping meetings, the public was encouraged to voice questions or comments. The following is an overview of the verbal comments and questions received during the scoping meetings.

Recreation

- The top of MIAD is used by several people as a place to fly small model glider aircraft.
- Will you pave the top of MAID when you are done so the trail will be easier/nicer?
- What are the time spans for the trail closure?

Wetlands

- Provide details on the water sources for the wetlands in order to show potential project impacts.
- Concern about cutting off water supply to wetlands.
- Water supply to wetlands should be cut off.

Traffic

- Do not close Green Valley Road.

5.1 Written Comments

In addition to verbal comments received at the public scoping meetings, agencies also accepted several forms of written comments including e-mails and letters. Copies of all written comments are available in Appendix C of this scoping report. The following bullets present a summary of the written comments received during the scoping meetings and scoping comment period.

Purpose and Need of Project

- The dam has appears to have been under repair for several years. Is this a separate project? What is being done that wasn't done from the extensive work performed previously?
- The dam was filled and re-compacted around 1990, why is this happening again?

Construction Impacts

- Any dirt from Mormon Island should be put outside of the Lake. The last time dirt was removed from Mormon Island, the dirt was dumped into the lake, which reduced the water capacity of the lake. I saw mounds of dirt on my Depth Finder on the bottom about 25 yards southwest of Mormon Island. This should not happen again.

Dam Failure

- Please provide information on the inundation area if Dike 8 (MIAD) fails.

Air Quality

- Air quality analysis should be done on the project to verify the significance of its construction-related air quality impacts.
- Ensure that construction activities abide by all SMAQMD rules and regulations.

Climate Change

- EIS/EIR should include a discussion on climate change.

Recreation

- Construct weekend access point to Dike 8 (near the church) where the vertical rise is only about 20-30. Forcing visitors uphill on a steep rise, competing with traffic is not good.
- Maintain access from Folsom Point to the Browns Ravine Trail, or build trail re-routes as was done near Dikes 6-4.

Traffic Impacts

- Maintain traffic at all times in both directions to avoid drastic affects to Folsom, El Dorado County, and Placer County traffic circulation.
- Consider temporary road to south of existing road even if you have to bridge the wetlands as an alternative to shoring north side of Green Valley Road.
- If possible, limit access to existing light at east end of project.
- If other access from Green Valley Road is absolutely necessary, utilize a light synchronized with existing light to east.

Costs

- Helpful to have a display on costs.

Chapter 6

Public Comment Summary

6.0 Public Comment Summary

The following bullets provide a summary of major issues from public comments received including verbal comments made during the public scoping meetings, and all written comments submitted during the scoping meetings and comment period.

- Purpose and need of the project.
- Recreation use and how it will be affected by the project.
- Potential for impacts to wetlands.
- Map of inundation area if MIAD fails.
- Traffic and air quality impacts during construction.

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Appendix A

NOI, Press Release, Print Ads

estate. There are approximately 3.2 million acres of BLM-managed oil and gas. The Powder River RMP area includes Powder River and Treasure Counties, and portions of Big Horn, Carter, Custer, and Rosebud Counties. The Billings RMP area includes Carbon, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland, and Yellowstone Counties and the remaining portion of Big Horn County. The Proposed SEIS/Amendment supplements the 2003 *Montana Statewide Final Oil and Gas Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Amendment of the Powder River and Billings Resource Management Plans* (Statewide Document).

The Statewide Document was approved on April 30, 2003. Several lawsuits were filed against the BLM's decisions. Two of the lawsuits resulted in an April 5, 2005, ruling by the U.S. District Court ordering the BLM to prepare the SEIS/Amendment to consider a phased development alternative for coal bed natural gas (CBNG) production in the Billings and Powder River RMP areas.

Topics addressed in the Proposed SEIS/Amendment include those provided or recommended by the U.S. District Court: Phased CBNG development, the inclusion of the proposed Tongue River Railroad in the cumulative impact analysis, and a discussion on how private water well mitigation agreements help alleviate the impacts of methane migration and groundwater drawdown. The Notice of Intent to plan for the Draft SEIS/Amendment was published in the **Federal Register** in Volume 70 FR Number 150, p. 45417, August 5, 2005.

The Draft SEIS/Amendment analyzed three new alternatives (F, G and H) to consider phased CBNG development. Under Alternative F, the BLM would limit the number of Federal applications for permit to drill (APD) approved each year cumulatively and in each fourth-order watershed. The BLM would also limit the percentage of disturbance within identified crucial wildlife habitat. Further, the BLM would place a limit on the volume of untreated water discharged to surface waters from Federal CBNG wells within each fourth-order watershed.

Under Alternative G, development of CBNG on Federal leases in the Billings and Powder River RMP areas would be done following the same management actions as described under Alternative F. However, while the BLM would limit the number of Federal APDs approved each year cumulatively, development would be limited to a low range of

predicted wells based on the Statewide Document's Reasonably Foreseeable Development scenario.

Alternative H, the BLM's preferred alternative, contained three key components. First, a phased development approach would be implemented where a CBNG proposal would be reviewed against four filters or screens to determine if the proposal needed to be modified. Second, this alternative would include extensive requirements that an operator must meet when submitting a project Plan of Development (POD). Third, mitigation measures, and subsequent modifications to existing operations via adaptive management, would be considered and applied to each POD, as appropriate.

The 90-day public comment period on the Draft SEIS/Amendment ended May 2, 2007. During the comment period, the EPA notified the BLM of air analysis deficiencies in the Draft SEIS/Amendment. As a result, the BLM prepared a draft supplement to the Draft SEIS/Amendment to demonstrate that predicted visibility effects in Class I and II areas could be mitigated. The 90-day public comment period for the additional air quality analyses ended March 13, 2008.

Public comments on the Draft SEIS/Amendment and supplemental air analyses were considered in the preparation of the Proposed SEIS/Amendment. Public comments resulted in changes to the Air Quality and Wildlife screens in the Draft SEIS/Amendment (Alternative H). The Air Quality Screen was modified to allow for better monitoring of air quality. The BLM also received comments on climate change, which have been addressed in the Proposed SEIS/Amendment. Consideration of climate change analysis did not result in any additional changes to the Air Quality Screen. The Wildlife Screen was modified to include population threshold levels for pronghorn, mule deer, and sage-grouse habitat. If the BLM management of habitat results in declines in the populations of these species, based on the established threshold levels, the BLM would implement mitigation measures to minimize impacts to wildlife habitat and maintain wildlife populations. The Wildlife Screen was also modified to include provisions that would allow for the implementation of protective measures for other species' habitats.

The Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, in the Department of the Interior is the responsible official for this proposed plan amendment on public lands. The *Federal Land Policy and Management*

Act and its implementing regulations provide land use planning authority to the Secretary, as delegated to the Assistant Secretary. Because the Record of Decision will be signed by the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, it will be the final decision for the Department of the Interior. This decision is not subject to administrative review (protest) under the BLM or the Department of the Interior regulations (43 CFR 1610.5-2).

The BLM has initiated activities to coordinate and consult with the Montana Governor. Prior to the issuance of the Record of Decision and approval of the proposed land use plan amendment, the Governor will be given the opportunity to identify any inconsistencies between the Proposed SEIS/Amendment and state or local plans and to provide recommendations in writing during the 60-day consistency review period required by the BLM land use planning regulations (43 CFR 1610.3-2).

Gene R. Terland,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Folsom Dam Safety of Dams Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam (MIAD) Modification, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) and notice of public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation, the lead Federal agency, and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), acting as the lead State agency, will prepare a joint EIS/EIR for the proposed Folsom Dam Safety of Dams MIAD Modification (Proposed Action). The purpose of the Proposed Action is to reduce the seismic and static risk of failure of MIAD. In this way, Reclamation will achieve the existing standards for dam safety and reduce the risk of injury to those people living and working downstream of the Folsom Dam complex.

DATES: A series of scoping meetings will be held to solicit public input on the scope of the environmental document, alternatives, concerns, and issues to be

addressed in the EIS/EIR. The scoping meeting dates are:

- Tuesday, December 2, 2008. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Folsom, CA.
- Tuesday, December 2, 2008. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Folsom, CA.
- Thursday, December 4, 2008. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., El Dorado Hills, CA.

Written comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR will be accepted until January 3, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The public scoping meetings will be held at:

- Folsom: Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630.
- El Dorado Hills: El Dorado Hills Community Services District, 1021 Harvard Way, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.

Written comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR document should be sent to Ms. Elizabeth Vasquez, Central California Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation, 7794 Folsom Dam Road, Folsom, CA 95630-1799; or e-mailed to FolsomDamMods@mp.usbr.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Elizabeth Vasquez, Central California Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation, at the CCAO general telephone number 916-988-1707, e-mail at: FolsomDamMods@mp.usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The March 2007 Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction EIS/EIR (Folsom DS/FDR EIS/EIR) included NEPA/CEQA analysis of modifying MIAD. The analysis in the Folsom DS/FDR EIS/EIR considered several methods to modify MIAD to achieve Reclamation's risk standards for dam safety. The May 2007 *Record of Decision Folsom Dam Safety of Dams and Security Upgrades Project* documented that the preferred alternative for MIAD modification was to place an overlay and seepage control filters on the downstream (terrestrial) side of MIAD and reinforce the MIAD foundation using a construction technique known as jet grouting. At that time, some of the required permits and consultations (Endangered Species Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and Sec 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act) were also obtained. Subsequent investigations into the feasibility of the MIAD Modification Project as conceived in the Folsom DS/FDR EIS/EIR have indicated that the design of the MIAD Modification Project will need to be changed to achieve Reclamation's existing risk standards for dam safety. Specifically, the utilization of jet grouting to stabilize the foundation of

MIAD is unlikely to meet those risk standards.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to reduce the seismic and static risk of failure of MIAD. In this way, Reclamation will achieve the existing standards for dam safety and reduce the risk of injury to those people living and working downstream of the Folsom Dam complex. This proposed project is a feature of the Folsom Dam Safety of Dams Project, and the analysis will tier from the March 2007 NEPA/CEQA environmental analysis, the Folsom DS/FDR EIS/EIR.

At this time, there are no known or possible Indian trust assets or environmental justice issues associated with the Proposed Action.

Special Assistance for Public Scoping Meetings

If special assistance is required to participate in the public hearings, please contact Ms. Elizabeth Vasquez at 916-989-7192, TDD 916-989-7285, or e-mail evasquez@mp.usbr.gov. Please notify Ms. Vasquez as far in advance as possible to enable Reclamation to secure the needed services. If a request cannot be honored, the requestor will be notified. A telephone device for the hearing impaired (TDD) is available at 916-989-7285.

Public Disclosure

Before including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: October 28, 2008.

Michael Chotkowski,

Acting Regional Environmental Officer, Mid-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Black Mesa Project Final Environmental Impact Statement, OSM-EIS-033

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the final environmental impact statement for the Black Mesa Project.

SUMMARY: The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (we or OSM), as lead Federal agency, announces the availability of the final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Black Mesa Project. The proposed project consists of Peabody Western Coal Company's (Peabody's) operation and reclamation plans for coal mining at the Black Mesa Complex near Kayenta, Arizona.

DATES: The waiting period for OSM's and the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) records of decision on the proposed project ends on December 8, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

OSM, Western Region, P.O. Box 46667, Denver, CO 80201, Dennis Winterringer, Black Mesa Project EIS Leader, telephone (303) 293-5048 or by e-mail at BMKEIS@osmre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 2006, under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), we prepared and made available for public review a draft EIS analyzing the effects of the Black Mesa Project. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the notice of availability on December 1, 2006 (71 FR 69562). The proposed project consisted of (1) Peabody's operation and reclamation plans for coal mining at the Black Mesa Complex near Kayenta, Arizona; (2) Black Mesa Pipeline Incorporated's (BMPI's) coal slurry preparation plant at the Black Mesa Complex; (3) BMPI's reconstruction of the 273-mile-long coal slurry pipeline across northern Arizona from the coal slurry preparation plant to the Mohave Generating Station in Laughlin, Nevada; and (4) the Mohave Generation Station co-owners' construction and operation of a water supply system consisting of water wells in the Coconino aquifer (C aquifer) near Leupp, Arizona, and of a water supply pipeline running 108 miles across the Navajo and Hopi Reservations from the wells to the coal slurry preparation plant. Peabody proposed to continue supplying coal to the Navajo Generating Station and the Mohave Generating Station. The coal slurry preparation plant, coal-slurry pipeline, and Coconino aquifer water-supply system were associated with supplying coal to the Mohave Generating Station.

Since the draft EIS was issued, the scope of the proposed project has been reduced to Peabody's operation and reclamation plans for coal mining at the Black Mesa Complex for supplying coal

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For Release On: November 20, 2008

Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam Modifications Being Planned (Dike 8 at Folsom Reservoir); Scoping Meetings to be Held

As part of ongoing Safety of Dams work at Folsom Reservoir, the Bureau of Reclamation will modify Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam (MIAD), also known as Dike 8, to reduce hydrologic (flooding), seismic (earthquake), and static (seepage) risks. Reclamation, the lead Federal agency under the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), the lead State agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, will prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environment Impact Report (EIS/EIR). The City of Folsom and California State Parks will work with Reclamation and SAFCA as Cooperating Agencies.

Reclamation is conducting studies to determine the preferred alternatives to improve the structure while minimizing impacts to the public, the environment, and the surrounding area. Three Scoping Meetings will be held to provide information and solicit public input. The meetings are being held in an open house format. Attendees are welcome to arrive at any time during the scheduled hours and talk with subject matter experts at several stations. Information will be provided, questions answered, and public comments will be welcomed. The Scoping Meetings are scheduled:

Two on Tuesday, December 2, 2008: Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA. An afternoon meeting will be held between 1pm & 4pm and an evening meeting will be held between 6pm & 9pm.

One on Thursday, December 4, 2008: El Dorado Hills Community Services District, 1021 Harvard Way, El Dorado Hills, CA. One evening meeting will be held between 6pm & 9pm.

The Public Scoping Comment Period on the MIAD Modification Project will be open from Tuesday, December 2, 2008, to Monday, January 5, 2009. Written comments on the scope of the project should be mailed to Ms. Laura Caballero at the Bureau of Reclamation, Central California Area Office, 7794 Folsom Dam Road, Folsom, CA 95630-1799, or e-mailed to lcaballero@mp.usbr.gov, or faxed to 916-989-7109.

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- To learn about previous work performed at the site and the reasons modifications are now needed.
- To learn about the alternatives under consideration, the types of construction methods that may be used, and expected construction timelines.
- To learn about potential construction impacts, mitigation, and safety measures that may be implemented during construction which could affect businesses, schools, and homes near MIAD.
- To learn about potential impacts and mitigation measures recreationists may experience related to use of trails and recreation access immediately adjacent to MIAD during construction.
- To learn about potential commuting impacts and mitigation measures that Folsom and El Dorado Hills commuters may experience during construction when traveling on Green Valley Road adjacent to MIAD.
- To provide your input and comments for consideration by project planners.

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Evening meeting between 6 & 9 p.m.
Folsom Community Center
52 Natoma Street

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El Dorado Hills, California
Evening meeting between 6 & 9 p.m.
El Dorado Hills Community Services District
1021 Harvard Way

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS WEEK

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Online:
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Placerville Planning Commission

Key agenda item: Consultants' plan for projects to improve traffic flow and safety on Placerville Drive, as well as to increase bicycle, pedestrian and transit use. The plan also proposes ways to encourage "smart growth" principles for development along the corridor.

Other issues: Request by El Dorado County to extend the conditional use permit for its animal shelter at 511 Placerville Drive to Jan. 2, 2011; request by Mosquito Creek Outfitters to

construct a two-story, 4,800-square-foot commercial building at 1145 Broadway.
Meeting: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Placerville City Hall, 549 Main St., Placerville
Online: www.cityofplacerville.org

Elk Grove public works

Key agenda item: Series of workshops on Elk Grove's Flood Control Drainage Master Plan
Meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday, Elk Grove City Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Parkway
For more information: Fernando Duenas at (916) 627-3434 or fduenas@elkgrovecity.org

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The West Sacramento woman owned the Ford

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Thunder Valley to scale back planned casino expansion

The Thunder Valley Casino will be scaling back a planned expansion in light of the current economic downturn, a casino spokesman said Tuesday.

United Auburn Indian Community, which owns the casino near Lincoln, will be assessing the scope of the expansion, said Doug Elmets,

supported Tuesday by the Placer County supervisors, who asked staff members to fine-tune the proposal and return it for a vote Dec. 9.

The proposal is similar to measures approved in Elk Grove, Folsom, Roseville and Sacramento County that were prompted by the slowdown of the housing and commercial development markets, said John Marin, director of the county's community development

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Meetings set on planned dam

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Sacramento – Twenty-Fourth
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Sacramento – Fremont
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Meetings seek public input on planned dam safety work

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Two public meetings are scheduled for next week about modifying Folsom Lake's Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam to reduce risks of flooding, seepage and earthquake damage.

The federal Bureau of Reclamation and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency are seeking public comment about issues to be covered in the environmental study for the project.

Folsom meetings will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 2 in the Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma St.

The El Dorado Hills meeting will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 4 in the El Dorado Hills Community Services District Pavilion, 1021 Harvard Way.

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– Cathy Locke

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Mormon Island Aux Dam Meetings

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New Food in Folsom

Though the economy is turning sour, it's not stopping new business. San Diego self-serve frozen yogurt store Nuyo has opened up in the Broadstone Marketplace (next to WaMu), and the Acorn cafe has been open across from city hall for a few weeks now. Stop by and tell them you heard about them on MyFolsom.com!

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Library Getting a Coffee Bar

Though it took a couple of years, the Folsom Library is finally getting a coffee bar. The area had long been planned but the original tenants backed out before the library opened. Cafe Quintessence will initially provide sandwiches, pastries, smoothies, and of course, coffee. The Library hopes to have it open by February 2009.

Labels: Folsom Library

Pioneers Join WCL

The Folsom Pioneers, Folsom's summer collegiate baseball league, have joined a tri-state league that has teams in Humboldt, Redding, Oregon, and Nevada. The Pioneers hope to get a good following in Folsom and to hopefully get a stadium built in Folsom.

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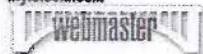
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
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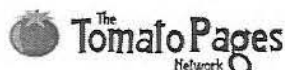


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Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam Modification Project Supplemental EIS/EIR

SCH Number: 2009042077**Type:** NOP - Notice of Preparation**Project Description**

The purpose of the MIAD Modification Project is to reduce the seismic and static risk of failure of MIAD. In this way, Reclamation will meet existing standards for dam safety and reduce the risk of injury to those people living and working downstream of the Folsom Dam concerning project impacts to terrestrial vegetation will occur on land owned by the California Department of Parks and Recreation at Mississipp Lake Natoma. The proposed project is a feature of the Folsom Dam Safety of Dams Project, and the analysis will tie from the Marc Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction (DS/FDR) Project Final EIS/EIR.

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Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency

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Project Location

County: Sacramento, El Dorado
City: Folsom
Region:
Cross Streets: Green Valley Road and E. Natoma Street
Latitude/Longitude: 38° 41' 57" / 121° 7' 4" [Map](#)
Parcel No:
Township: 10N
Range: 8E
Section: 29
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Highways:
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Waterways: Folsom Reservoir, Lower American River
Schools: Folsom Hills Elementary
Land Use: It is occurring on Federal property and therefore there is no zoning

Development Type

Other

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Other Action

Project Issues

Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading, Aesthetic/Visual, Air Quality, Archaeologic-Historic, Biological Resources, Drainage/Absorption, Ec
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Notice of Preparation **Of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report**

Date: April 15, 2009

Subject: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental EIS/EIR

Project Title: Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam Modification Project

CEQA Lead Agency: Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency

Introduction: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), acting as the CEQA lead agency, will work with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) (the federal lead agency pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act [NEPA]), to prepare a joint Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the proposed Folsom Dam Safety of Dams Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam (MIAD) Modification Project.

The purpose of the MIAD Modification Project is to reduce the seismic and static risk of failure of MIAD. In this way, Reclamation will achieve the existing standards for dam safety and reduce the risk of injury to those people living and working downstream of the Folsom Dam complex. Mitigation for project impacts to terrestrial vegetation will occur on land owned by the California Department of Parks and Recreation at Mississippi Bar, adjacent to Lake Natoma. The proposed project is a feature of the Folsom Dam Safety of Dams Project, and the analysis will tier from the March 2007 Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction (DS/FDR) Project Final EIS/EIR.

Background and Need for Supplemental Document: The March 2007 Folsom DS/FDR Final EIS/EIR analyzed the potential impacts of modifying MIAD. The analysis in the Folsom DS/FDR EIS/EIR considered several methods to modify MIAD to achieve Reclamation's risk standards for dam safety. The May 2007 Record of Decision Folsom Dam Safety of Dams and Security Upgrades Project documented that the preferred alternative for MIAD modification was to place an overlay and seepage control filters on the downstream (terrestrial) side of MIAD and reinforce the MIAD foundation using a construction technique known as jet grouting. At that time, some of the required permits and consultations (Endangered Species Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and Sec 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act) were also obtained. Subsequent investigations into the feasibility of the MIAD Modification Project as conceived in the Folsom DS/FDR EIS/EIR have indicated that the design of the MIAD Modification Project will need to be changed to achieve Reclamation's existing risk standards for dam safety. Specifically, the utilization of jet grouting to stabilize the foundation of MIAD is unlikely to meet those risk standards.

Purpose of Notification: This Notice of Preparation is being circulated pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21153(a) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15082. Public agencies and members of the public are invited to comment on the proposed scope and content of the supplemental EIS/EIR. **All comments must be submitted during the 30 day scoping period beginning April 15, 2009 and ending May 14, 2009.** Comments must be submitted in writing

through mail or e-mail to: Pete Ghelfi, SAFCA, 1007 7th Street, 7th Floor, Sacramento CA 95814; or e-mail: ghelfip@SacCounty.NET

In December 2008, Reclamation issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare a supplemental EIS/EIR and held three public scoping meetings in Folsom and Granite Bay for the MIAD Modification Project in January 2009, as required by NEPA. These meetings are considered sufficient to meet the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 1502(c). No additional scoping meetings will occur for the project.

Project Description: The modification of MIAD is necessary to reduce the seismic and static risk of failure. This modification is a feature of the overall Folsom Dam Safety of Dams Project, and improvements to MIAD were previously identified in the March 2007 Folsom DS/FDR EIS/EIR. However, subsequent investigations into the feasibility of the MIAD Modification Project as conceived in the Folsom DS/FDR EIS/EIR have indicated that the design of the MIAD Modification Project will need to be changed to achieve the existing Safety of Dam's risk standards. The conceptual MIAD project has changed as follows from the work described in the Folsom DS/FDR EIS/EIR:

- Jet grouting is ineffective and will not be used;
- Substantial excavation at the downstream toe may be necessary;
- Substantial dewatering of the excavation and discharge of those flows into the adjacent Mormon Island Wetland Natural Preserve may be necessary;
- Additional borrow areas may be necessary;
- Additional staging and stockpiling areas may be necessary;
- Relocation of Green Valley Road further to the south (into the adjacent Mormon Island Wetland Natural Preserve) may be necessary;
- Excavation of the toe of MIAD may increase risk of failure if open when reservoir is high; and
- Sequencing of other significant construction projects the Joint Federal Project, other Safety of Dams work, Green Valley Road widening, and the Folsom Bridge Project has changed.

It is expected that the favored construction alternative for modification of the foundation at MIAD will be excavation of the downstream foundation material and its replacement with compacted backfill and filter material. Structural and/or cutoff walls could be employed to reduce the risk of failure during construction.

Project Location: The MIAD Modification Project would occur at Folsom Reservoir in Sacramento and El Dorado Counties, in California. A regional map is shown in Figure 1. As depicted in Figure 2, MIAD is located on the southeastern shoreline of Folsom Reservoir, just north of Green Valley Road. It is east of the primary Folsom Dam and Spillway structure. The mitigation site for project impacts to terrestrial vegetation is located at Mississippi Bar, north of Lake Natoma as depicted in Figure 3.

Figure 1: Regional Map – Folsom Reservoir

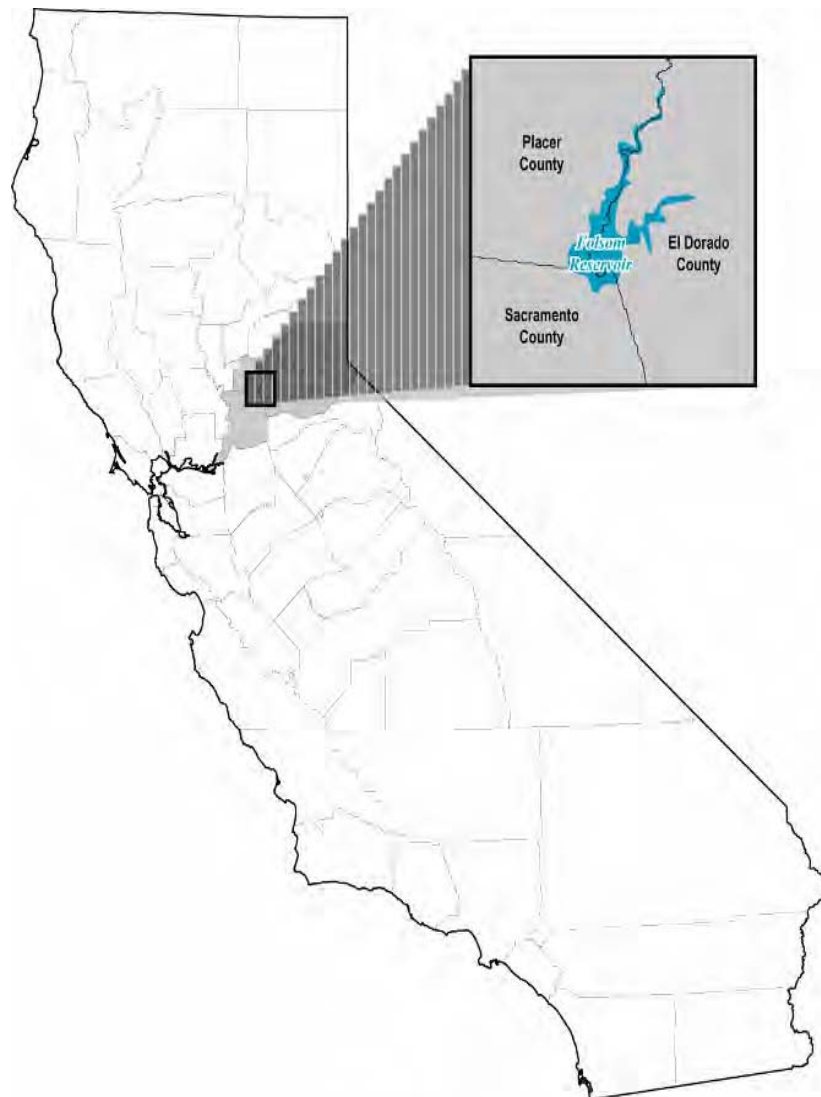


Figure 2: Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam (MIAD)

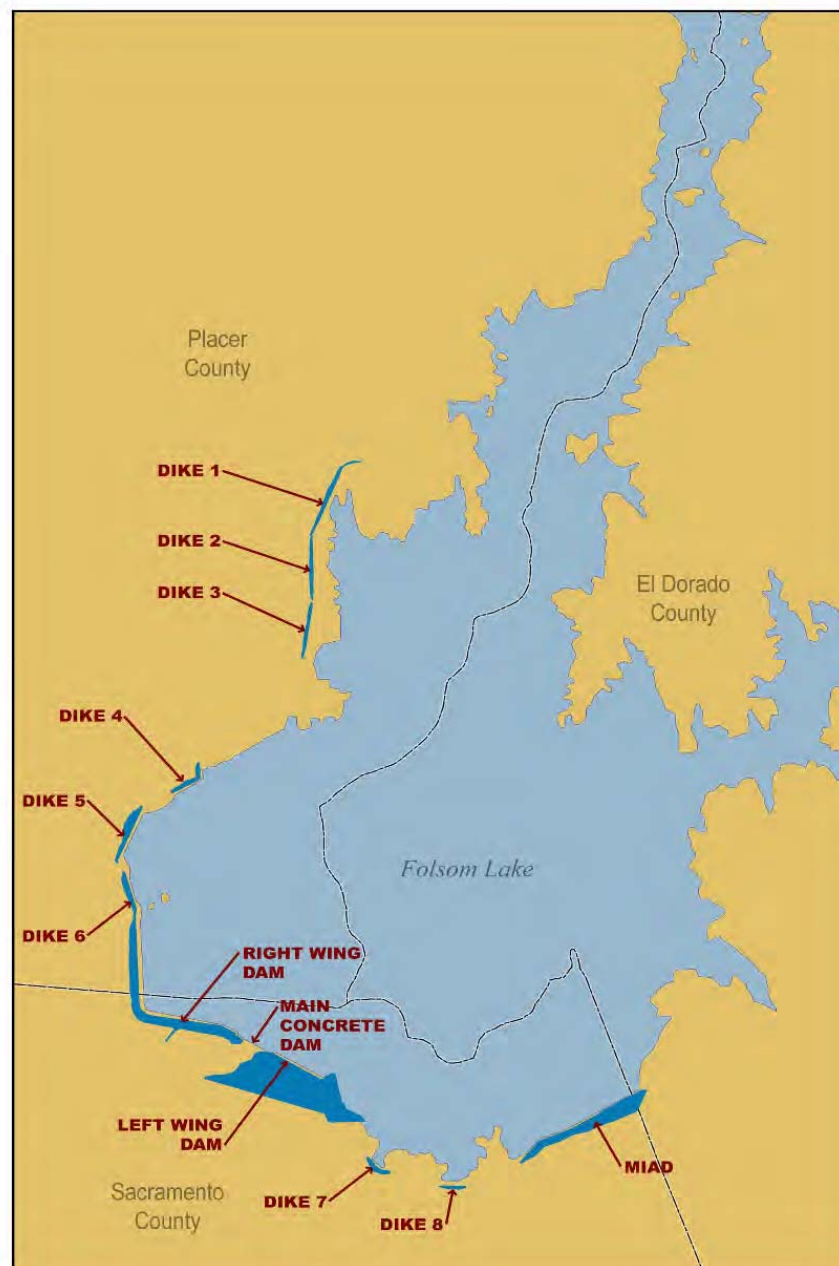
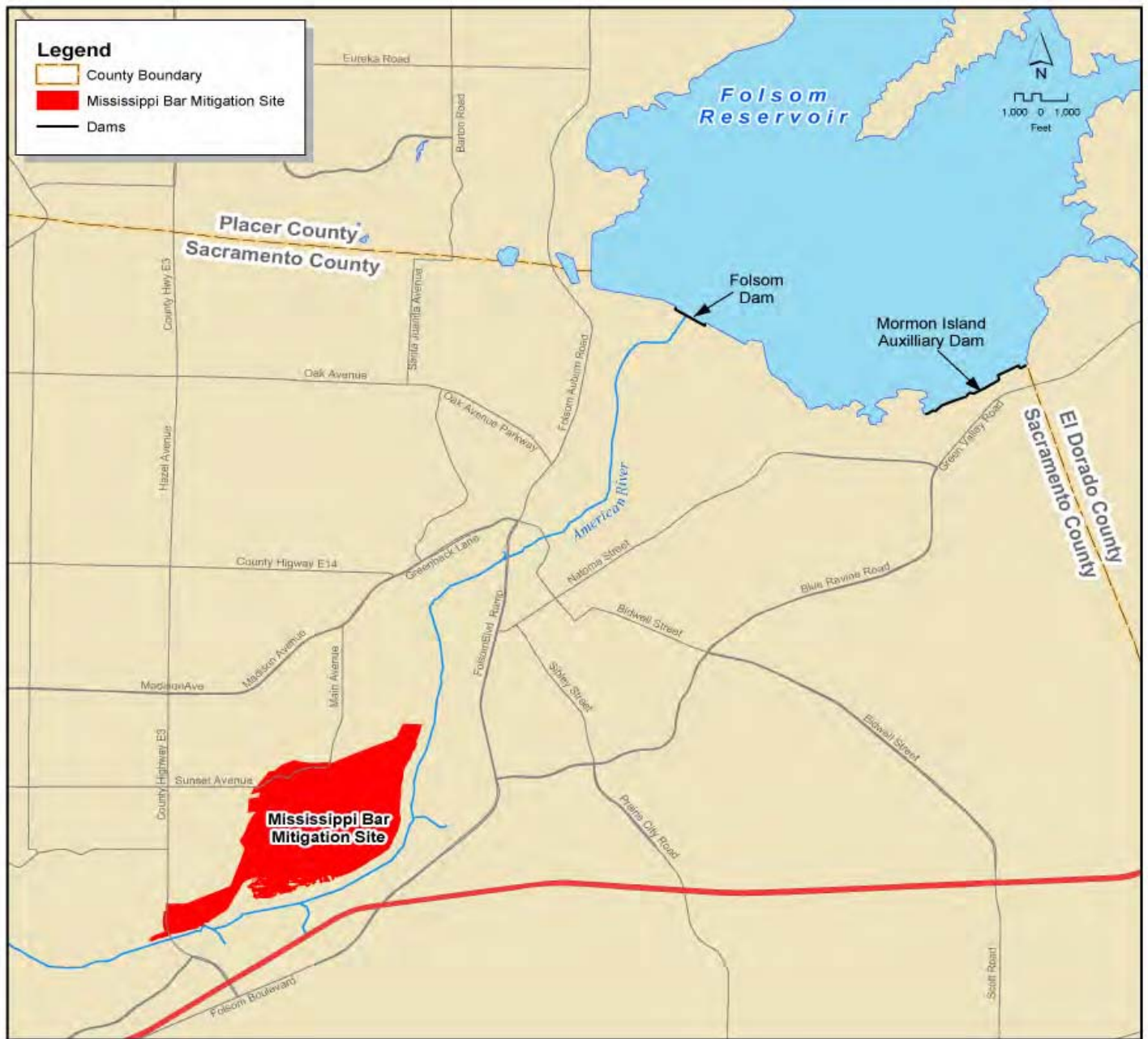


Figure 3: Mississippi Bar Mitigation Site



Potential Environmental Impacts of Proposed Project: The MIAD Modification Project has the potential to result in the environmental impacts identified below. The Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR will include a complete analysis of these potential impacts.

- Water quality impacts
- Groundwater impacts (dewatering)
- Impacts to wetlands
- Air Quality impacts
 - Monitoring for naturally occurring asbestos
 - Dust
 - Construction equipment emissions
- Noise impacts
- Endangered species concerns
- Public safety during construction
 - Minimizing construction risks
 - Protecting public safety
- Recreation impacts:
 - Closure of trails, parking lots, recreation areas
 - Impacts to recreationists
- Potential impacts to Green Valley Road

NEPA and CEQA Environmental Process: This Notice of Preparation will be submitted to the State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, and Trustee Agencies that may have jurisdiction over the project, as well as other interested parties and members of the public that have specifically requested a copy of this Notice of Preparation. After the 30 day review period for this Notice of Preparation, all comments will be collected and reviewed. The Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR will then be prepared in accordance with CEQA and NEPA. The EIS/EIR will analyze the potential environmental effects of the MIAD Modification Project. For any effects found to be significant, mitigation measures will be proposed to reduce or avoid those effects. The Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR will be made available for public review and comment. Copies of the document will be sent to several local libraries and will be posted to Reclamation's website. Anyone submitting scoping comments on this Notice of Preparation will be added to the project mailing list and will receive notification when the Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR is made available to the public.

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Appendix B

Scoping Meeting Materials

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Meeting: MIAD Scoping

Date: 12/02/08 Time: 1-4 pm Place: Folsom Community Center

Name	Organization	Phone FAX	Email	Address
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Pete Ghelfi	SALCA	(916) 874-0730		
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7. Jeff Barker	None	916-933-5234	jmb83@comcast. net	4881 Danbury Cir Folsom 95762
8. David Oliver	None	916-933-9561		1408 Lake Hills Dr El Dorado Hills Calif 95762
9. Jim A. Totten	None	916 983 1137	jim.a.totten@ gmail.com	10931 Peralta Cir Folsom

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MAD Seeping

Meeting: _____

Date: 12/02/08 Time: 1-4 pm Place: Folsom

Name	Organization	Phone FAX	Email	Address
10. Vic Becerra	Folsom resident	916 985 7117		105 SANBORN CT Folsom
11. Bryan Byrd	Folsom Point Church of Christ	916-608-4866	dp@folsomchurch.com	900 E. Natoma PO Box 492 Folsom, CA 95630
12. KYLE ERKSON	CITY OF FOLSOM - UTILITIES	916-607- 3850	KERIKSON@ FOLSOM.CA.US	50 NATOMA ST FOLSOM, CA 95630
13. Brian Parry	resident	916-205- 6026	b.parry@sbcglobal.net	2350 carlsle ct El Dorado Hills CA 95762
14. MARK RACKOVAN	city of Folsom	916 351 3320	mrackovme@folsom.ca.us	50 Natoma St
15. Stacy Porter	CDM	916 567-9900	portersm@cdm.com	2295 Gateway Oaks Dr, Sac
16. RUTH LORENZ	Folsom	355-7268	120KEN@folsom.ca.us	50 NATOMA ST. FOLSOM, CA. 95630
17. Jon Garcia	Folsom	355-7377	tgarcia@folsom.ca.us	50 Natoma Street
18. Bill Capps	/	530 637 9262		
19. Jim Kirstein	Folsom Point Folsom Parkway	983 0850	jimkirstein@earthlink.net	214 Keller Cir Folsom 95630

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Meeting: MIAD Scoping

Date: 12/02/08

Time: 1-4 pm

Place: Folsom

Name	Organization	Phone FAX	Email	Address
20 Bob Peterson				184 SINKER LN. FOLSOM, CA 95630
21 CHAI/NOVOPEN				488 Stone Hill Dr. Folsom CA 95630
22 ANDY MORIN				103 ROCKY COVE CT FOLSOM CA 95630
23 DENNIS BYRNE				2004 MEDIEI WAY EL DORADO HILLS 95762
24 DON REID				24 Cascade Falls Drive Folsom, CA 95630
25 Jeremy Bernal				501 FALCON CREST LN. EL DORADO HILLS, CA 95762
26 Bruce Woodbury				175 Keller Circle Folsom 95630
27 Bill Bryant				108 Candrum Cir Folsom 95630

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Meeting: MIAD Scoping

Date: 12/02/08

Time: 6-9pm

Place: Folsom

Name	Organization	Phone FAX	Email	Address
1. <u>Madeline Mayley</u>	<u>Trinidad of Sol. Parkway</u>	<u>985-3758</u>		
2. <u>RENNIE JAMES</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>351-5602</u>	<u>Renner1@comcast</u>	<u>175 Landrum circle</u>
3. <u>Dub Harper</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>984-8600</u>		<u>P.O. Box 2</u>
4. <u>KERRI HOWELL</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>844-6420</u>		<u>Folsom 95763</u>
5. <u>JOHN WAHLE</u>	<u>BUSINESS OWNER</u>	<u>967-8100</u>	<u>JOHN@LOCALCENTERS.COM</u>	<u>112 BURKE CA</u>
6. <u>Bob Bense</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>636-1809</u>	<u>bbense@comcast</u>	<u>POB 5310</u>
7. <u>Molly Wright</u>	<u>Sacramento Metro Air Quality Mgt.</u>	<u>874-4800</u>	<u>mwright@airquality.org</u>	<u>FAIR OAKS CA 95628</u>
8. <u>Ali Kleyman</u>	<u>CDM</u>		<u>kleymanah@edun.com</u>	<u>11340 White Rock Rd</u>
9. <u>Jim & Roberta Landis</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>353 1925</u>	<u>landistwasome@comcast.net</u>	<u>Rancho Cordova 95712</u>
10. <u>Glenn Hermanson</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>353-0831</u>		<u>777 12th St./3rd floor</u>
				<u>Sacramento CA 95814</u>
				<u>110 Strouse Ct.</u>
				<u>Folsom CA 95630</u>
				<u>165 Briggs Ranch Dr</u>
				<u>Folsom CA 95630</u>

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Meeting: MIAD Scoping

Date: 12/04/08 Time: 6-9 pm Place: El Dorado Hills

Name	Organization	Phone FAX	Email	Address
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✓ C.A. Hopper	Trisim Chamber			
✓ E.S. Michalik				1590 Zapata Dr. El Dorado Hills 95762
✓ Juanita Michalik			smartalika@yahoo.com	1590 Zapata Dr. EDH
✓ Steve Yunge				
✓ Jim & Carol Kinnicott				
✓ Keith Wootton				

Folsom Dam History

Folsom Dam was completed on the American River in 1956 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). Ownership then transferred to the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, and the dam became part of the massive Central Valley Project. Operated by the Central California Area Office, the 'Folsom Facility' comprises Folsom Dam and Reservoir, left and right earthen wing dams, Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam, and eight earthen dikes.

Benefits of the Folsom Facility

Folsom Dam is 340-foot high and 1,400-foot long. Folsom Reservoir's storage capacity is 977,000 acre-feet. In addition to flood protection, Folsom provides water for municipal, industrial, and agricultural use; generates about 10 percent of local hydropower needs; maintains water flows and temperatures for fish and wildlife; provides flows for Bay-Delta water quality; and offers recreation to some 2 million visitors annually.

Dam Safety

Under the Safety of Dams Program, Reclamation is working to reduce hydrologic (flood), seismic (earthquake), and static (seepage) risks at the Folsom Facility. Although these events are unlikely to occur, modifications are needed to ensure the protection of the public who live and work either next to or downstream of the Folsom Facility.

Flood Damage Reduction

The Corps, in partnership with the California Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) (formerly the State Reclamation Board) and the

Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), is working to reduce flooding risks in the Sacramento area, one of the most at-risk communities in the Nation.

Joint Federal Project (JFP)

The JFP's new auxiliary spillway is the key feature to improving Folsom's flood control ability. When completed in 2015, the auxiliary spillway will operate in conjunction with Folsom Dam's spillway gates to release water earlier during an extreme storm, thus reducing hydrologic risk. An unprecedented partnership among Reclamation, the Corps, the CVFPB, and SAFCA (the "Partner Agencies"), the JFP will achieve the Corps' objective to increase Folsom flood control to 1/200-year protection.

Recreation at Folsom During Construction

Construction at the Folsom Facility is expected to last until 2020, and some disturbances at certain recreation locations will at times be unavoidable. Reclamation will be as responsive to public interests as possible, while ensuring this critical work is accomplished. For example, most work will be done outside of the summer recreation season, trail detours will be developed and detour signs posted, the public will be notified of construction activities through the use of press releases, flyers, signage, updates to the JFP website (www.usbr.gov/mp/jfp), etc.

Public Input

Please call 916-988-1707 or e-mail FolsomDamMods@mp.usbr.gov if you have questions, comments, or concerns, or if you want to be added to the JFP Mailing List (please note this is not an e-mail list; it is for paper copy mailouts). If you call when the Central California Area Office is closed, someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

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FOLSOM DAM MODIFICATIONS

Improving Dam Safety and Flood Protection



Folsom Dam Joint Federal Project

April 2008



JOINT FEDERAL PROJECT

Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Construction Schedule Current as of April 2008 – Schedule is Subject to Change

Winter 2007 to Spring 2009	Phase 1 JFP Auxiliary Spillway Excavation
Winter 2007 to Spring 2009	Right and Left Wing Dams Static Modifications
Winter 2008 to Spring 2008	Folsom Point (Dike 8) Haul Road "Underpass" and "Overpass Bridge"
Spring 2008 to Fall 2008	Dike 5 Construction Site Access and Trail Detour
Fall 2008 to Spring 2009	Dike 5 Static Modifications
Fall 2009 to Winter 2011	Phase 2 JFP Auxiliary Spillway Construction
Fall 2009 to Spring 2010	Cofferdam Construction
Spring 2010 to Winter 2011	Stilling Basin Construction
Fall 2013 to Spring 2014	Dikes 4 and 6 Static Modifications
Fall 2011 to Fall 2014	Phase 3 JFP Auxiliary Spillway Construction
Winter 2014 to Spring 2017	Pier Tendon Installation at Main Concrete Dam
Summer 2014 to Spring 2016	Spillway Pier Wraps and Braces at Main Concrete Dam
Winter 2017 to Summer 2018	Modifying Existing Emergency Spillway Gates on Main Concrete Dam
To be scheduled	Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam (MIAD) Seismic and Static Improvements
To be scheduled	Up to 3.5-foot raise of Folsom Dikes by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

For further information on construction activities, please visit Reclamation's Safety of Dams website at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/sod>; click on "Folsom Dam Construction Information".



For additional information, please visit the Joint Federal Project website:

<http://www.usbr.gov/mp/jfp/index.html>

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Safety of Dams Project Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam (MIAD) RECREATION, SAFETY, AND CIRCULATION

**Scoping Meetings -
December 2 and 4, 2008**



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation

Recreation, Safety, and Circulation: Legal Context

**Some of the laws that address Recreation, Safety,
and Circulation:**

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

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Recreation, Safety, and Circulation: NEPA

- Completed by Reclamation prior to committing Federal resources to a project
- Requires the Federal agency to 'take a hard' look at those actions that affect the 'human environment'
- Primarily a disclosure law

Project Website:

<http://www.usbr.gov/mp/jfp/index.html>

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Timeline of NEPA Milestones



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