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

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

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

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

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

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3 waterways in the region, such as the American River and  
4 Sacramento River, also cannot handle the increase.

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17 leave their vehicles.

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19 long-term impact because it would improve the existing  
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Comment #26

# SPEAKER CARD

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

Name: Ian Cornell Affiliation: Spoti, Boat

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

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

Comment:

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

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Name: CRAIG JAMES Affiliation: BROTHERS BOATS

Address: 7430 FOLSOM AVENUE ROOM / FOLSOM, CA 95630

I would like to speak

I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

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

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2 up when you decide that you're going to raise the dam by  
3 seven feet or more.

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2 should be incorporated somehow into something, either

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### SPEAKER CARD

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Name: Eliner Brady Affiliation: Property Owner

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

I would like to speak

I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

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

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

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

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

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

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1 concerns to pretty much everyone's satisfaction.

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

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15 Island Dam has a known water seepage issue. Now at this  
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24 Mormon Island Dam were cattle pastures. Now there are  
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3 this project knowing we have this ticking bomb? I  
4 understand there's going to be an engineering study done  
5 on the bedrock and foundation of Mormon Island Dam. I  
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7 available to me. That's what I have.

8           PATRICIA GIBBS: Please identify any changes

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## SPEAKER CARD

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

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

I would like to speak

I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

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

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Name: Mike Coffman Affiliation: Resident of Folsom

Address: 152 Keller Cir macoffman@JPS.NET

I would like to speak

I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

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

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Like results of the engineering study to be conducted

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11 In March of 2003, the Bureau of Reclamation



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# COMMENT CARD

Folsom Dam Safety/Flood Damage Reduction Action

Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIS/EIR)

The public is invited to provide comment on the Folsom Dam Safety/Flood Damage Reduction Action Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report.

DATE: 1.10.07

NAME: PATRICIA GIBBS

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TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: fizzz@gartec.com

COMMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- Please identify any changes to trail use around Folsom Lake

This meeting was informative

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION



US Army Corps of Engineers  
Sacramento District

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

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

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

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

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

14 Folsom Dam and Folsom Lake were created by act

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 In the face of this closure, we will be

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9           It's not too late to remedy the situation.  
10 They can do it, we know they can do it because we had  
11 the same problems with the bridge closure and it was  
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Comment # 32

### SPEAKER CARD

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Name: Robert G Holderness Affiliation: Folsom Tourism Bureau

Address: 80 San Pablo Ave #118 Folsom

I would like to speak

I would like my comments to be read aloud

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

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4 minimum severely impacted. This impact should be  
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6 or creating an alternative recreation area during  
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8 corresponding economic impact on the City of Folsom and  
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18 access to the lake and that would have, you know, a  
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Comment # 33

### SPEAKER CARD

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

Name: DON REID Affiliation: RESIDENT

Address: 201 Cascade Falls Drive, Folsom, CA

I would like to speak

I would like my comments to be read aloud

Comment:

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### SPEAKER CARD

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Name: W.K. Veloz Affiliation: NCMA

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Name: VICTOR BECERRIL Affiliation: RESIDENT

Address: 105 SANBORN CT

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

Comment:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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21 their pets and their children. And also, there are many  
22 families that simply drive across Natoma Street from  
23 Briggs Ranch to launch their boats at the Folsom Point  
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Comment # 318

### SPEAKER CARD

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Name: KENT ZENOBIAN Affiliation: RESIDENT

Address: 133 DARRINGTON DR FOLSOM CA

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



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Comment # 37

### SPEAKER CARD

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

Name: KRIS GARDNER Affiliation: resident

Address: 208 Willow Creek Dr

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

Comment:

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

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### SPEAKER CARD

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

Name: Taylor Zenobia Affiliation: RESIDENT/STUDENT

Address: 133 DARRINGTON DR. FOLSOM, CA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SHERRI STARR, CSR No. 10245