

Comment #~~149~~ 149**Porter, Stacy**

From: David Lancisi - Applimotion [dave@applimotion.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 4:15 PM
To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; soliver@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: Folsom Launch Point Closure
Importance: High

Dear Bureau of Reclamation and US Army Corp of Engineers

I am writing this email to you to register our strong objection to the closure of the Folsom Launch Point as proposed for the purposes of Folsom Dam improvements. This is a HUGE recreation area for our town and one of the main reasons why people buy homes and live here. It absolutely was for our family. The closure of this facility will make it virtually impossible for Folsom residents to use this very highly regarded resource called Folsom Lake. It will force the residents to use other already over-crowded launch points such as Browns Ravine and Granite Bay. I can assure you that this will create major problems for these other areas as well.

As our town has grown, the use of the Launch Point as well. As a matter of fact, you would be hard-pressed to find a weekend day that it wasn't completely filled. We reside in the Briggs Ranch area and use this resource extensively.

In addition to the chaos you would create at the other launch ramps, this would also have other major negative impacts, such as property value implications, increased traffic of trailered watercraft through the already overwhelmed downtown streets of Folsom as people try to make their way to Granite Bay. Browns Ravine is already so small, it will hardly be an alternative launch point. The largest impact will be the movement of construction vehicles through the area. This will create major issues with noise, pollution, congestion and access to city street for the residents in that area and those travelling through Folsom, which as we already know, is a very large amount (see ATD numbers from your previous traffic studies)

One solution would be to use the lookout point farther up the dam road for these purposes. This would allow Launch Point to remain open and keep the construction activities away from the local resident. In the past, this was used for that purpose.

In any case, we strongly object to the closure of this recreational area for many reasons and are sure you can find an alternate solution to fit the construction needs.

Sincerely,

David Lancisi
COO
Applimotion, Inc
916 652 3118 X202 Tel
916 652 3171 Fax

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From: mcderbymadness@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 10:57 AM
To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; soliver@mp.usrb.gov
Cc: rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: Folsom Point

To whom it may concern.

I am a resident of Folsom and have been for nearly 14 years. Six years ago my husband and I built a home right across the street from Folsom Point. This is where we planned on staying until our children are done with school. My youngest is 8 years old. When you talk about closing the Point for 7 years you are talking my children's childhood.

We use the lake on a weekly basis. We walk there, take the dog, swim, boat, picnic and bike. You are talking about changing a part of our lifestyle. This may be temporary for you, but it is not for us. This will permanently change our life.

On others levels, this will decrease our property value and cause much undue traffic and congestion. It will create a mess on the streets with trucks coming and going. You will be destroying the shore line with the trucks traveling back and forth. Our school walks there for field trips to see the wildlife and learn about nature. You say you will be done in 7 years but for the lake to return to what it is now will take years past the damage you will be creating.

The businesses that depend on that summer tourism will be destroyed. All of my neighbors who have speed boats say they will sell them if you close the Point. The impact upon the other launches will discourage those from boating on the lake.

I hope you really understand the impact you will have on the community if completely close the point. These are our homes and ways of life that you will be effecting. Please make sure you have pursued **all** of your options and make the decision that is best for EVERYONE.

Thank you for your time.
Ann Lindner

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From: Heather Sibilla [hsibilla@folsom.ca.us]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 1:58 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: FW: Folsom Point Closure

From: ltomiak@comcast.net [mailto:ltomiak@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 8:35 PM
To: lungren.info@mail.gov; The Mayor; corrprincess@ardennet.com; admin dept; eking@erik.org
Subject: Folsom Point Closure

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 CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

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.

It is our belief that this closure will have deep and dramatic effects on families, businesses, tourism and the environment. The consequences are far reaching. This is a family community. We bring our children to the lake to walk, bike, swim, picnic, fish, boat and just enjoy nature. This scenario is repeated over and over again. Folsom Point is one of the reasons people buy homes in this area. This park is one of the jewels of Folsom. Bird Watchers frequent the park. I might point out that even though the Bald Eagle is no longer on the endangered species list, it is still protected by the "Bald and Gold Eagle Protection Act". It is my understanding that one of the afforded protections is not to disturb the nesting area or flight pattern area. This needs more investigation. We have not been given adequate time to investigate the impact that this proposal will have on our environment. We have other migratory birds that now nest there as well. The enviromental impact on our air quality could be dangerous for residents. This is a pathway for many other animals as well. Rattlesnakes also reside at Folsom Point.

The businesses in Folsom will definitely realize a financial impact. Our business owners look forward to the summer months when tourists and other lake traffic provide much

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needed revenue. Our businesses suffered with the closure of the Dam Road and now this may be the proverbial "straw" for financial loss. Business owners have expressed a great concern.

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.

We ask all of you, as our voice and representatives, to please aid us in this endeavor.

Respectfully,

Concerned Citizens and Residents of Folsom, California

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From: Heather Sibilla [hsibilla@folsom.ca.us]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 2:00 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: FW: Folsom point

From: mcderbymadness@comcast.net [mailto:mcderbymadness@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 4:01 PM
To: The Mayor
Subject: folsom point

Dear Mayor Morin,

I know that you have recieved several e-mails about the closing of Folsom Point but I wanted to inform you about the rally that will be taking place on Saturday at 12pm in the church parking lot as you enter Folsom Point.

As mayor of the city, we, as a community, are expecting your support on this matter. Whether we can appeal to the Bureau of Reclamation and the Corp of Engineers, we still need to know that you and your council stand behind your community.

We hope to see you all there!

Thank you ,
Ann Lindner

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From: Heather Sibilla [hsibilla@folsom.ca.us]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 2:02 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: FW: Folsom Point closure

From: Lynn Derrick [mailto:lderrick5@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2007 8:55 PM
To: Jeff Starsky
Subject: Folsom Point closure

Mr. Starsky,

As a homeowner of Folsom, and specifically, Briggs Ranch, I wanted to write to you. I understand the City Council will be deciding whether or not to close Folsom Point for the next 7 years while the new bridge is constructed. I wanted to let you know I am very opposed to this idea. One of the reasons we live in the Briggs Ranch area is because it is so close to Folsom Lake and the quick and easy access to the boat launch at Folsom Point.

I am also very concerned about all the construction trucks that will be disturbing this residential area. I am also concerned what this closure and construction will do to property values in the Briggs Ranch area. This closure can only hurt our lake and boating experience as well as tourism to Folsom Lake.

Please vote on the side of your fellow residents and the welfare of your community. Voters have good memories about these issues when election day rolls around again!

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lynn Derrick
207 Briggs Ranch Dr.
Folsom, CA

Porter, Stacy

From: Heather Sibilla [hsibilla@folsom.ca.us]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 2:02 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: FW: closure of Folsom Point for dam construction

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Lehman [mailto:jdlehman@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2007 8:29 AM
To: The Mayor; ericking@folsom.ca.us; Steve Miklos; Jeff Starsky; soliver@mp.usbr.gov; corrprincess@ardennet.com
Subject: closure of Folsom Point for dam construction

Mr. Mayor,
We am very distressed at the idea of closing the Folsom Point (Dyke 3) recreation are for seven years as it is used for a site to stage the dam reconstruction. We feel this is removing a vital part of the recreation for the city for an extended length of time. Not to mention the construction vehicles that will be traveling in and out the site for seven years.

This will impact the traffic on Natoma (which will just be opening up for traffic across the dam once the new bridge is built), and will negatively effect our neighborhood due to the traffic and noise. We can not believe that there is not a more appropriate place on the opposite side of the dam that cannot be used for this purpose. Our city and neighborhoods have taken such a hit in the past 5 years, can you not give us a break and use an area that will not negatively effect us for the next seven years? Please rethink your possibilities.

Thanks,
Terry and Jim Lehman

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From: Heather Sibilla [hsibilla@folsom.ca.us]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 2:03 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: FW: Closure of Folsom Point for Folsom Dam Safety Project

From: gregfales@comcast.net [mailto:gregfales@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2007 5:23 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Cc: The Mayor
Subject: Closure of Folsom Point for Folsom Dam Safety Project

Dear Sir

I am writing to let you know my great concern and disapproval of shutting down Folsom Point for any length of time. My family and I moved to Folsom over ten years ago and we use all of the parks located at the lake on a regular basis. Having access to Folsom Point or any other Park at Folsom Lake is a big reason that we moved to Folsom and it's part of the quality of life that we paid for when buying our home. Giving up access for even one summer is not acceptable, let alone for seven years.

Please keep the parks open.

916-849-3200

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Greg Fales.

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Porter, Stacy

From: Heather Sibilla [hsibilla@folsom.ca.us]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 2:03 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: FW: Folsom Point Closure

From: Doug Pepper [mailto:doug.pepper@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2007 10:00 PM
To: The Mayor
Subject: Folsom Point Clousre

Andy,

I just read on www.myfolsom.com that the Bureau of Reclamation is considering planning on closing Folsom Point for 7 years as part of the flood protections changes planned for Folsom Lake. There apparently has been no public notice of this (at least that I saw) and yet I read there is a public hearing on Wednesday night. Does the city have a position on this? Folsom Point is the only lake access point (day use and ramp) in the Sac County portion of the lake. It appears that once again the Bureau is doing whatever it wants without concerns for Folsom. Will the City Council be responding to this with a position? I won't go into all my concerns at this point, hoping that the city officials share the same concern. I'm hoping that the city will back many of us who will be showing up at the meeting on Wednesday night.

Thanks,
Doug Pepper

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From: Heather Sibilla [hsibilla@folsom.ca.us]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 2:02 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: FW: Folsom Point

From: vkytkytovy@comcast.net [mailto:vkytkytovy@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2007 9:57 AM
To: The Mayor; ericking@folsom.ca.us; corrprincess@folsom.ca.us; Steve Miklos; Jeff Starsky
Subject: FW: Folsom Point

Dear Mr. Morin, Ms. Howell, Mr. King, Mr. Miklos and Mr. Starsky,

Attached is the e-mail that I just sent to you regarding the closing of Folsom Point. While messages are making the rounds in our neighborhood encouraging us to voice our displeasure at the closing of Folsom Point, my understanding was that the closure was due to the building of the planned bridge.

After reading another e-mail which I received just shortly after the one I sent you, I see my mistake and that the closure is due to the retrofit of the dam.

However, my comments remain the same as this is yet, as I said below, another slap in the face for the residents of Briggs Ranch. How many ways can The City and the Bureau of Reclamation choose to affect one neighborhood?

My request is that another location for the staging area be chosen. The residents of Briggs Ranch stand to loose property value, have increased traffic pouring through, and the noise levels caused by the construction of the bridge followed by it's use, will be unpleasant to deal with to say the least. To add to that the closure of Folsom Point, is just not right. Not to mention the mess, traffic issues and noise due to the construction of the retrofit.

Thank you for listening, Vicky

----- Forwarded Message: -----

From: vkytkytovy@comcast.net (Vicky Cackler)
To: themayor@folsom.ca.us, ericking@folsom.ca.us, corrprincess@folsom.ca.us, smiklos@folsom.ca.us, jstarsky@folsom.ca.us
Subject: Folsom Point

Date: Wed, 17 Jan 2007 17:34:11 +0000

Dear Mr. Morin, Ms. Howell, Mr. King, Mr. Miklos and Mr. Starsky,

My husband and I are Briggs Ranch residents and understand that you plan to close Folsom Point to use as a staging area for the building of the new bridge.

I want to express my concern for several reasons. For the residents of Briggs Ranch (there are over 600 homes in this neighborhood), who have already been hit hard by the closing of the dam road in the first place, and will be dramatically effected by the increase in traffic once the new

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bridge opens due to building up of the Empire Ranch and El Dorado Hills areas in the years since the dam was closed, this is just another slap in the face.

The building of the bridge stands to cause huge noise levels, increased traffic pouring through and behind our neighborhood, and thus, a decrease in our property values. Closing Folsom Point, which is one of the features that draws people to live in Briggs Ranch, will further cause a decline to the value of our neighborhood specifically.

My second area of concern is for the residents of Folsom in general. Folsom Point serves as an entrance for many in the area of recreation. People bike, walk and boat from this point, and while yes, there are other areas to begin your day of fun, this is a convenient place for so many and again a reason to have chosen to live in the immediate area.

I think I definitely speak for the residents of Briggs Ranch when I say - **we have had enough**. While building a bridge is necessary due to the increased population - we are already being hurt by it's determined placement and the flow of traffic to enter and exit when there were other options. It is time to spread some of the pain and find another location to work from.

I have also sent this same message to Mr. Shawn Oliver at the Bureau of Reclamation and Becky Victorine at the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Sincerely,

Vicky Cackler
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Folsom, CA 95630

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Porter, Stacy

From: chantell harp [gcharp@pacbell.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 7:38 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov

Save Folsom!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Porter, Stacy

From: Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 4:37 PM
To: Shawn Oliver
Subject: Fwd: Closure of Folsom.

>>> <Ericksenbob@aol.com> 01/25 4:35 PM >>>

I heard a rumor that there is a possibility that Folsom Point on Folsom Lake might be closed temporarily so it can be used as a staging area for construction of the new bridge at Folsom Dam. I am a Civil Engineer and I specialize in heavy construction so I understand the need for a laydown yard and staging area but I must protest the use of this vital recreation area for construction use. This is a heavily used lake and the facilities for lake access are already impacted and overused. The boat ramp and parking lot at Folsom Point are always filled to capacity especially on weekends. This would be a tremendous impact on the community and should be avoided at all costs. The location itself does not lend itself to use as a laydown and staging area for the bridge as there is no overland access to the bridge site without entering the public right of way. The size and type of equipment and material needed for constructing this bridge would not be allowed to travel on the public roads. I would think the property bounded by the Jail, Natoma Rd. and the exiting Dam Rd. would be better suited for this purpose. As a resident of Folsom and frequent Lake user I urge you consider other alternatives to closing Folsom Point.

Thank you for your time.

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From: Robert Flores/Divers Cove [diverscove@diverscove.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 2:29 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Opposed to Folsom Point Closure

To Bureau of Reclamation,

I am submitting this letter to you regarding the irresponsible actions you and your administration are taking in your plans on closing Folsom Point (Dike 8)

It is to be noted that over 140000 persons use this location to view and use Folsom Lake. Thus far Folsom has lost the use of the access the lower point parking lot near Negro Bar (After the construction of the new bridge), Then in 2001 you decided to close Vista Point due to security reasons (This decision did little to improve security by any means, I am a security specialist and Army Veteran) And now finally you want to close Folsom Point.

I own a scuba shop in Folsom and made the decision to build here due to easy access to the lake. Over the years I have adapted to the closures of the other two sites and found myself training students off of Folsom Point. While the restrictions have become difficult, they were manageable. It has taken over 10 years of my life to build and develop a successful business here in Folsom. Your lack of conducting a financial impact study or minimum impact study is atrocious to say the least.

I have having difficulty in understanding why the Bureau of Reclamation cannot use the parking lot at Vista Point (currently closed site) for a staging area for its equipment. Why is it that you cannot use an area that has security guards, with restricted vehicle access already in place. If equipment needs to be moved via water that a simple boat ramp could not be graded in place. I have surveyed the area at Vista Point both on land and underwater and It would seem to me that a boat ramp could easily be built there at minimum cost without impacting the general public. This option would not effect the general public at all, and with security being present and limited access all of your equipment would be in a much more secure location. The parking lot at Vista Point is large enough to secure any equipment you have for the entire project. I realize that this may also cause you some minor logistics issues as equipment may have to be moved to the work area. But the needs and desires of the many out weight the needs and the desires of the few.

As far as impacting the boating general population, I have seen lines as far back as 20-30 boats waiting to use Folsom Point during the summer. Now you expect these same people to go to Browns Ravine, Beales Point or Granite Bay to launch their boats. With their compacity already over 100% use. One only has to contact the Folsom Parks and Receptions Officers and ask them how many times, altercations have occurred, over boat ramps being used beyond their limits. Short tempters due to long waits in line, just to gain access to launch at Granite Bay or Browns Ravine are normal already. The closure of Folsom Point and redirection of these boaters to above mentioned launch ramps, will no doubt have considerable repercussions on the entire lake area.

If the Bureau of Reclamation has a need to conduct repairs or construction, I am confident that

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you have known of these repair for quite some time, You have had plenty of time to prepare for this repair, and part of it should have included an impact study and preparations should have been made long in advance with notification being given to local businesses and residence to address this issue. Poor planning results in poor performance.

The actions over the last few years regarding the access to the water at: Lake Natoma, Vista Point and now Folsom Point. Seem to show little if no regard to impact on the public use of these facilities. I would be willing to bet that if a endangered field mouse or other species had habitat in the area you would halt this action. But no thought has been given to the HUMANS that paid for access to use of this facility.

Dropping the decision on our laps, with little response time, and little ability to react, only demonstrates that the Bureau of Reclamation was not interested in hearing about any of the repercussions of its decision. It further demonstrates that a totalitarian attitude of the Bureau of Reclamation exists and needs to be addressed.

I am opposed to closure of any part Folsom Point (Dike 8) for any amount of time. You have made decisions without looking at the **financial** or environmental impact it will have on Folsom. The general population and all businesses and will be impacted by this poor decision, including mine. Our government is supposed to work for us not against us. This aligns on a 12000.00 dollar Air Force hammer purchase, as far as government overlooking spending and decision making abilities.

Robert Flores
Divers Cove
Folsom CA 95630
916-984-6185

I am interested in a responsible response, as I have over 4000 clients on my email list that are eagerly awaiting your response. I can only pray that I do not receive an automated reply.

CC: State Govt
White House
Local Media

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Porter, Stacy

From: Shawn Oliver [soliver@mp.usbr.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 5:39 PM
To: Porter, Stacy
Subject: Comment:

From: nkwooten@juno.com [mailto:nkwooten@juno.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 5:51 PM
To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Cc: diverscove@sbcglobal.net
Subject:

To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not close Folsom Point to scuba divers! We have already lost several important local spots. Folsom Point is a convenient place to practice skills when I cannot get to Monterey. I have spent many hours there honing my skills and having fun, and I hope to continue to do so in the future. I think it's an especially great place to have scuba classes because you don't have to deal with surf, salt, and sand; diving there reduces stress for new divers or those of us practicing skills.

Thank you for reading my opinion.

Sincerely,

Naomi Wooten

3625 Black Eagle Dr., Antelope, CA 95843 (916)729-4028

Shawn E. Oliver
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Porter, Stacy

From: Kris Olding [oldingfamily1@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 4:07 PM
To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: DO NOT CLOSE FOLSOM POINT!

It has been bad enough that the DAM Road has been closed but to ruin the wonderful recreation area of FOLSOM POINT by closing it for 7 years is ridiculous. Do the construction at Beale's point or at the DAM road or on the prison grounds but don't wreck our lives by closing the Folsom Point.

**DO NOT CLOSE FOLSOM
POINT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Sincerely,
Kristine Olding
Nigel Olding
Sheldon Olding
Philip Olding
Kirk Olding
Thomas Olding
Folsom Residents since 1988 DO NOT CLOSE FOLSOM POINT!

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Porter, Stacy

From: Jerry Stieve [dstieve@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 4:27 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: Folsom Point

Shawn, Becky

I feel that closing Folsom Point is not in the best interest of the area business and boat dealers, Lake recreation would be cut by at least 35 % , Granite Bay and Browns Ravine are a zoo with Folsom Point open, closed it would be impossible to access the lake, the monetary loss to state parks is also added into this situation including my yearly pass.

I'm sure that other areas could be used for staging, A 5-6 acre site at the north and south ends of the dam could be used that are now growing weeds and the area behind Morman island dam, I'm sure the city of Folsom would assist as well.

Thank You
Daryl Stieve
908 Persifer st
Folsom CA 95630

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Porter, Stacy

From: EBSevents@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 2:19 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: DO NOT CLOSE: Folsom Point Closure

To who it may concern:

I am writing this to you in hopes that you will reconsider the closure of the Folsom Point Boat Launch area. Folsom has already been hit hard with the closure of the Damn Road. Folsom is a beautiful community with a great lake that supports, Granite Bay, El Dorado Hills and Folsom, having three entrances into the lake for boat launching. You have already crippled the city with the damn closure; now you want to attach our Lake. You can only load your boats in three different locations, which accommodates many local cities, with a lot of boaters. This is what drew people to buy in this area. The "Lake" is the "draw" to Folsom and the surrounding cities. Why would you do this to us? Closing this point will effect all of our summer actives. Please, Please reconsider this for our community. We have a boat, we love the lake, this is where our we and our neighbors spend time in the spring, summer and early fall. Do not take this away from us!!!!
Thank you in advance,
Dan & Sheri Stafford, and family

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Tisthammer, Troy

From: robert halldorson [archamedez@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 26, 2007 3:35 AM

To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov

Subject: folsom point

Losing folsom point for seven years, this is a bad idea all around. There has got to be another way. I say you don't let them proceed until they find it!

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Porter, Stacy

From: Hall, Garth [ghall@ebmud.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 1:34 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Cc: Donovan, Karen
Subject: Comments on Folsom Dam EIS/EIR
Attachments: Comments Folsom Dam EIS-EIR Final 1-24-07.doc

Hi Shawn ...

Thanks very much for calling to offer your help in answering questions. The attached is an electronic version of comments submitted to you today via FedEx. I thought it may help in your compilation to have an electronic version.

Please use me as your primary contact at EBMUD in this regard.

Best regards,

Garth C. Hall
East Bay Municipal Utility District
375 Eleventh Street, MS 407
Oakland, CA 94607-4240
tel: 510.287.2061
fax: 510.287.1295

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January 24, 2007

Mr. Shawn Oliver
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
7794 Folsom Dam Road
Folsom, CA 95630

Ms. Rebecca Victorine
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
1325 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-2922

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

Dear Mr. Oliver and Ms. Victorine:

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS/EIR prepared on the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction project. EBMUD is responsible for supplying water to parts of Alameda and Contra Costa counties on the eastern side of San Francisco Bay in northern California. EBMUD's water system serves approximately 1.3 million people in a 325-square-mile area. In 2006, the District executed a long-term renewal contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) for a supplemental dry-year supply from the Central Valley Project (CVP). As a CVP contractor, the operations of Folsom Dam and its appurtenant facilities are of concern to EBMUD. It is in this context that we offer the following comments on the Draft EIS/EIR.

1. The document does not adequately support the use of the 400,000/670,000 acre foot variable reservation of flood control space (operating rule) as a key assumption in the No Action Alternative.

The Interim Flood Operations Agreement (Agreement) between the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) and Reclamation includes an interim 400,000/670,000 acre foot operating rule. The Agreement and operating rule were intended only to provide a temporary, interim flood damage reduction benefit until the Corps' outlet modification project was completed. At this time there is no mechanism in place to compel continuation of the interim operating rule beyond 2018. NEPA requires that a no action alternative account for a predicted change in future conditions. Given that the agreement is currently scheduled to expire shortly after or during the construction of the improvements described in the DEIS/EIR, the no action alternative should use the pre-1993 400,000 acre foot rule as the default.

2. The Draft EIS/EIR's discussion of impacts and alternatives is insufficient because the document fails to address the implementation of new operations.

The document states that any consideration of the impacts of changed operations cannot be determined and defers this discussion and development of operational alternatives to a point after this project has commenced. At that later point, however, operational alternatives could be constrained or favored by the physical solution that is selected and constructed. In addition, the range of alternatives examined in the Draft EIS/EIR does not encompass alternatives involving downstream levees. Where the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 contemplates development and implementation of a flood damage reduction plan for the American River, no such plan is accounted for in the Draft EIS/EIR. As a result, the flood control alternatives and their impacts are too narrowly described in the Draft EIS/EIR to meet the requirements of NEPA. The studies should be completed and described in a more comprehensive set of alternatives before a revised draft EIS/EIR is issued and operational impacts should be considered to the extent possible.

3. The Draft EIS/EIR should address the range of financial impacts on CVP water contractors.

Because the Draft EIS/EIR has deferred any discussion or evaluation of operational rules, there are no estimates of the economic/financial impact to CVP water contractors, due to likely changes to the operation of Folsom reservoir resulting from the Proposed Project and other alternatives. In turn, no remedies have been identified to compensate CVP water contractors for likely operational changes that could result in reduced water supply. The document, in other words, has failed to consider the indirect and cumulative impacts that are likely to result from the project.

EBMUD requests that the Corps and Bureau of Reclamation consider these issues in finalizing the Draft EIS/EIR. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this document and look forward to future opportunities to participate in the changes contemplated for Folsom Dam.

Sincerely,

Alexander R. Coate
Manager of Water Supply Improvements

ARC:GCH:acr

cc: Rob Alcott, EBMUD
Karen Donovan, EBMUD

Comment #167

Porter, Stacy

From: Kelly James [kjames@apple.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 12:08 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Point

Hello,

I saw the article on Folsom Point on the News 10 website regarding the closing of Folsom Point for seven years. I live in Folsom and use the lake on a regular basis. Closing a major ramp and parking lot is going to cause major problems during the summer, not only for Folsom residents but for all who use Folsom's recreational facilities.

I urge you to find another solution that will not adversely impact the community.

Thanks

Kelly James
kjames@apple.com
Office 916-399-5216
Mobile 916-628-3905

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Comment #168

Porter, Stacy

From: Gary Devers [gdtwo@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 11:19 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; 'dotis@water.ca.gov'
Subject: Folsom Point Closure

Dear Sir:

If you intend on closing Folsom Point I will sell my boat and for the first time in twenty years not buy a season pass. This launch is used by myself and most of my friends in the area. Please revise your staging area somewhere else, my family loves the lake and will miss it in the event you use the parking lot for a staging area.

Gary Devers

1/26/2007

Comment #169

Porter, Stacy

From: Margarita Sanchez [MSANCHEZ@dbw.ca.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 11:07 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Point Recreation Area
Importance: High
Attachments: 01 23 07 Shawn Oliver.doc

Attached please find letter from Director Raynor Tsuneyoshi to Shawn Oliver. Original was mailed January 22, 2007.

Thank you.

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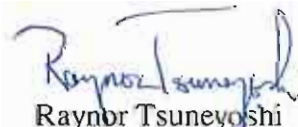
Shawn Oliver
 Bureau of Reclamation
 7794 Folsom Dam Road
 Folsom, CA 93630

Dear Shawn Oliver:

The California Department of Boating and Waterways strongly urges the Bureau of Reclamation to refrain from closing the Folsom Point recreation area to visitors while Folsom Dam is undergoing modification.

The Folsom Point boat launching facility is very important to the thousands of recreational boaters each year who rely on this launch ramp for access to Folsom Lake. While there is another boat launching ramp at nearby Browns Ravine, it is not large enough to handle the additional boater demand that would be created by the closure of the Folsom Point launching facility.

Sincerely,


 Raynor Tsuneyoshi
 Director

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Comment #170

Porter, Stacy

From: Karin Miller [KarinM@bentleymortgage.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 11:00 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Closure of Folsom Point
Attachments: image001.wmz; oledata.mso

I would like to voice my opinion not to close Folsom Point. My husband and I moved here from our childhood homes in the Bay Area specifically to be close to the lake and enjoy the recreation of the Folsom area and quaint neighborhood. We live in Briggs Ranch and bought a boat two years ago, we take my 10-yr. old son and his friends on the boat each summer and feel privileged to be so close to the lake.

The reason people move to Folsom is for all of the wonderful things (especially the lake). We hope you make decisions that are for the benefit of the people that live their today! Thank you.

Karin Miller

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Comment #171

Porter, Stacy

From: J [safari111@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 10:59 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Yes on folsom Pt closure

***Mr. Oliver, sacrifice is necessary, even though we will be affected.
Those same people that are against the closure would be the 1st to put the blame on the
gov. if there was a flood.***

Do the right thing!

Joel & Cathy Miller

Comment #172

Porter, Stacy

From: Leslie Nagel [lwnagel@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 10:01 AM
To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Point

Mr. Finnegan:

I would like to put my two cents in about the possibility of closing Folsom Point for work on the dam at Folsom Lake. My family and I are against the closing of Folsom Point and would prefer that an alternate site be found.

Sincerely,

Leslie Nagel

500 Williams Street

Folsom, CA 95630

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Comment #173

Porter, Stacy

From: Reinbolt,Derek K [DREINBOL@travelers.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 10:30 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil
Cc: Debbie Reinbolt; Derek Debbie Reinbolt
Subject: Folsom Dam Spillway and Folsom Point staging area

Mr. Shawn Oliver, Bureau of Reclamation and Ms. Becky Victorine, US Army Corp of Engineers

Hello, My wife Debbie, our two school age children and myself have lived in Folsom since August of 1993. One of the main reasons we moved to Folsom was the wonderful lake (Folsom Lake), located in the town. This lake provides much needed recreation, boating, picnicking, etc.... for area residents during the warm months of the year. We frequent the lake often during the summer and have enjoyed many days boating there. We have introduced many families and children to boating, water skiing, tubing and other water sports over the years.

As you may or may not be aware, there is VERY limited access to the lake and there are principally only three boat ramps. Granite Bay, Browns Ravine and Folsom Point are the launching points on the lake for power boats and each includes limited parking for lake guests and car/trailer parking. On most weekends and holidays, these three ramps are busy most of the day and parking lots filled by late morning, at which point no more boats are permitted on the lake. Browns' Ravine has the most limited facilities for launching boats and parking vehicles. If Folsom Point was to be closed, this would leave two ramp/parking facilities, one of which is the least desirable of the three.

The Folsom community was injured after the events of 9/11 when the Bureau of Reclamation took advantage of this opportunity to close the Dam road. Many businesses have closed, were forced to relocate to stay in business or have been strapped financially due to the traffic created as a result of this closure. The community has endured the closure of a main artery to and from Folsom and is hopeful that the bridge connecting Granite Bay with Folsom will be built soon. Closing Folsom Point for SEVEN years will deal the community another blow and likely cause property values to fall, businesses to close, increase traffic and hurt the style of living that many of us moved to Folsom to enjoy. Some might say "it is only seven years". In seven years my oldest daughter will be a junior in college and my youngest will be a senior in high school. The Folsom community is primarily families and I would fully expect that most feel the same way about the possible closure.

The best location for construction and staging is right next to where the spillway is scheduled to be built. This area has been closed to the public since 9/11 and would be ideal, as it is not currently used and the materials would be at the closest point for ultimate construction placement. There is ample truck access to this area as existing roads could be used and the area is already secured from the public. Security and safety would be better than anywhere else as a result.

We understand that another spillway may be needed for Folsom Lake. The people of Folsom are not against building the spillway, only the negative impact on this great community as a result of closing one of the few access points to Folsom Lake in Folsom that is simply not necessary. Please reconsider the location for staging the spillway construction and keep Folsom Point open to the public so the community can enjoy this wonderful Lake.

Sincerely,

Derek & Deborah Reinbolt
347 Flower Drive
Folsom, CA 95630

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From: Mefford,Stacey [SMEFFORD@travelers.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 10:56 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: Folsom Dam Spillway and Folsom Point staging area

Mr. Shawn Oliver and Ms. Becky Victorine,

As a user of the Granite Bay launching point to Folsom Lake I'm very concerned over the news I heard about the closure of Folsom Point for seven years!! It is already very crowded at the launch areas on the weekends and closing another point will make it even worse.

We have already had to endure the closure of access to Folsom with the closure of the Dam road, which hurt Folsom deeply. Aren't there some alternatives for the construction and staging like right next to the spillway where a road was already closed to the public?

I understand that the spillway is needed but can't it be done without more inconvenience to the residents and uses of the lake? Please reconsider the location for staging and the spillway construction and keep Folsom Point open to the public so we can enjoy the lake.

Sincerely,

Stacey Mefford

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Orangevale, CA 95662

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From: Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 6:01 PM
To: Shawn Oliver
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Closure of Folsom Point State Park

>>> Cheryl Kurimay <cherand2@yahoo.com> 01/25 12:55 PM >>>
Dear Mr. Finnegan,
and To all of you who can make a difference:

As a resident of Folsom, I am asking that you do everything in your power to keep Folsom Point State Park open.....

It is such a Blessing to have this beautiful park in our midst. What a loss it would be if it was taken away.....

This is a family community. We bring our children and grandchildren to the area to walk, picnic, fish and enjoy nature....At the least it is such a peaceful place to get away from busy schedules and just reflect on what is important.....and this issue is important!!

Also, this is a popular boating area and the closure would definitely impact the businesses in the area, especially in the summer.. Business owners have expressed great concern. Folsom has already suffered a lot of business closures due to the impact of closing the DAM Road.

We ask you please to help us in this endeavor,

Respectfully,
Cheryl & Andy Kurimay

Cheryl Kurimay
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Comment #176

Porter, Stacy

From: Heather Sibilla [hsibilla@folsom.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 8:50 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: FW: Folsom Point Closure

From: cherepresley@aol.com [mailto:cherepresley@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 8:11 PM
To: The Mayor; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil
Cc: bpresleyjbc@aol.com; mschlegel2@comcast.net
Subject: Folsom Point Closure

January 24, 2007

To all of our honorable representatives:

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 US 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.

It is our belief that this closure will have deep and dramatic effects on families, business, tourism and the environment. The consequences are far reaching. This is a family community. We bring our children to the lake to walk bike swim, picnic, fish, boat and just enjoy nature. This scenario is repeated over and over again. Folsom Point is one of the reasons people buy homes in this area. This park is one of the jewels of Folsom. Bird Watchers frequent the park. I might point out that even though the Bald Eagle is no longer on the endangered species list, it is still protected by the "Bald and Gold Eagle Protection Act". It is my understanding that one of the afforded protections is not to disturb the nesting area or flight pattern area. This needs more investigation. We have not been given adequate time to investigate the impact this proposal will have on our environment. We have other migratory birds that now nest there as well. This is a pathway for many other animals as well. Rattlesnakes also reside at Folsom Point.

The businesses in Folsom will definitely realize a financial impact. Our business owners look forward to the summer months when tourists and other lake traffic provide much needed revenue. Our businesses suffered with the closure of the Dam Road and now this may be the proverbial "straw" for financial loss. Business owners have expressed a great concern.

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. We need counsel as to our rights and the right of the wildlife who cannot speak for themselves.

We ask all of you, as our voice and representatives, to please aid us in this endeavor.

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Respectfully,

Chere' Presley
Concerned Citizen and Resident of Folsom, California

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Comment #177

Porter, Stacy

From: Heather Sibilla [hsibilla@folsom.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 8:47 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: FW: USBR closure of Folsom Lake facilities for 7 years

From: Dan Otis [mailto:danford2@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 10:49 PM
To: The Mayor
Subject: USBR closure of Folsom Lake facilities for 7 years

Mayor Morin:

I want to urge you to take action to weigh in on the potential USBR closure of the major recreation and boating facilities at Folsom Lake at Folsom Point and other locations. This could eliminate the major recreation and boating access for up to 7 years! My 13 year old son would be an adult by the time the facilities reopened for our family's use.

USBR needs to revise its draft EIR to include the use of other areas for spillway construction staging-- other areas besides those already in use by hundreds of thousands every year. I am sure that there are sites that could be developed at slightly more cost than already developed areas such as boat launch facilities, but those minor costs are small in such a huge project as that being done on Folsom Lake. We all agree that the work needs done, but USBR needs to find alternatives that will allow uninterrupted use of the Lake's boating facilities at the busiest State Park in the area. That is a very high value, especially for Folsom residents.

Please let USBR know that you want an alternative that does not use the valuable boating facilities as the cheapest location for construction staging. Comments are due by this Friday, and can be emailed to USBR at: soliver@mp.usbr.gov and mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov, 916-988-1707.

Thanks for helping us protect the use of Folsom State Park recreation and boating facilities for the hundreds of thousands of California taxpayers using the facilities, and the residents and businesses of Folsom.

Dan Otis
420 Rockport Circle
Folsom, CA 95630
916-651-9683

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Comment #178

Porter, Stacy

From: Heather Sibilla [hsibilla@folsom.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 8:47 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: FW: Proposed closure Folsom Point State Park

From: sean mclaughlin [mailto:seanandangie@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 11:06 PM
To: The Mayor
Subject: Proposed closure Folsom Point Stata Park

The closure of Folsom Point by the Bureau of Reclamation will have a deep effect on our family community. We take our children to Folsom Lake to swim, bike, hike, fish, boat, & enjoy nature. This is our only access to the lake in this area.

Closing it will hurt businesses & have a definite financial impact. Businesses in this area have already been hurt by the closure of Folsom Dam. It will also effect housing in the area.

The environmental impact also needs to be investigated before any decision is made.

Folsom citizens were not given proper notice of this "Proposed" closure.

Please help prevent this closure.

Thank you,

Angie McLaughlin (Folsom Resident)

Porter, Stacy

From: Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 2:42 PM
To: Shawn Oliver
Subject: Fwd: Closure

>>> Liz Young <write2liz@yahoo.com> 01/19 11:58 AM >>>
To whom it may concern;

I strenuously object to the proposed closure of Folsom Point State Recreation Area. This proposition is unacceptable to me and to the citizens of Folsom and our surrounding communities. Folsom Point is used by many thousands of community members throughout the year for outdoor recreation (walking, biking, running, boating and picnicking) and sometimes just contemplation. The closure would be an outrage and detrimentally impact the quality of life for those in Folsom. Since the Dam Road closed, it has been the only access to Folsom Lake within the City of Folsom and has been a serious draw for visitors as well.

Please choose an alternative solution, as closing Folsom Point is absolutely unacceptable. Thank you for your consideration.

Liz Young
182 Dulverton Circle, Folsom

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Comment #180

Porter, Stacy

From: Teresa Romero [teresaromero@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 5:46 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Point

To whom it may concern;

I am concerned about the proposed closure of Folsom Point State Recreation Area. It seems that Folsom Point is used by many different people in the community for both recreation and just plain old peace and quiet. My husband and I go up there with our lunch and sit and talk, it has become a place where we can relax, be away from all the craziness of our everyday lives. It is so peaceful and tranquil up there, overlooking the lake. Please do not take that away from us. Please choose an alternative solution, as closing Folsom Point seems tragic to me. Thank you for your time.

Teresa Romero
121 Burrill Dr.
Folsom, CA 95630

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Porter, Stacy

From: Chris Landry [landrycp@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 5:24 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: folsom point

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly encourage you to find other options to the Corps of Engineers levee work than to closing Folsom Pt. My family and I are frequent visitors to Folsom Pt, and the proximity and ease of use of Folsom Pt is one of the primary reasons we chose the neighborhood that we now live in. The closure of Folsom Pt is simply unacceptable. Thank you for your consideration.

Chris Landry

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Comment #182

Porter, Stacy

From: Carolyn Tatoian-Cain [CTatoian@dtsc.ca.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 4:06 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Don't close Folsom Point

I strongly object to the proposed closure of Folsom Point State Recreation Area! This proposition is unacceptable to the citizens of Folsom and surrounding communities. Folsom Point is used by thousands of community members throughout the year for walking, biking, running, boating and having picnics. It's closure would be an outrage. Folsom Point is the only access to Folsom Lake in the City of Folsom. Please consider alternative solutions, as closing Folsom Point is absolutely unacceptable.

Carrie Cain
114 Rocky Cove Ct.
Folsom, CA 95630

1/22/2007

Comment #183

Porter, Stacy

From: Maria Errante [iammer@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 12:24 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Apposed to Proposed Closure of Folsom Point State Recreation Area

To whom it may concern;

I strenuously object to the proposed closure of Folsom Point State Recreation Area. This proposition is unacceptable to me and to the citizens of Folsom and our surrounding communities. Folsom Point is used by many thousands of community members throughout the year for outdoor recreation (walking, biking, running, boating and picnicking) and sometimes just contemplation. The closure would be an outrage and detrimentally impact the quality of life for those in Folsom. Since the Dam Road closed, it has been the only access to Folsom Lake within the City of Folsom and has been a serious draw for visitors as well.

Please choose an alternative solution, as closing Folsom Point is absolutely unacceptable. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Maria Errante
2611 Raleigh Way, El Dorado Hills, CA

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Mr. Shawn Oliver
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Mrs. Becky Victorine
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
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Re: Comments on Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Draft EIS/EIR (DEIS/R)

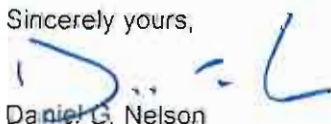
Dear Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Victorine,

The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Authority) supports and endorses the comments on the subject DEIS/R submitted by the Central Valley Project Water Association. The Authority is most concerned about three key issues that are embodied in both general and specific comments. Although it was our understanding that these issues had previously been resolved, the language of the subject document could lead to some confusion in these areas. The three issues are as follows:

1. Any costs attributed solely to Flood Damage Reduction must not be reimbursable by CVP contractors. For example, since Reclamation has determined that a dam raise and operable spillway gates are not required for Dam Safety, the DEIS/R should make it clear that any costs for a dam raise or in excess of the cost of a fuseplug spillway will not be borne by water and power users.
2. The bridge to be constructed immediately downstream of the dam is not related to either Dam Safety or Flood Damage Reduction and no portion of the costs for the bridge are to be borne by CVP water and power users.
3. We understand the Folsom operations are not a part of this environmental review, but some of the language in the DEIS/R could be confusing regarding this issue. It should be made clear that the Interim Operations pursuant to the agreement between Reclamation and SAFCA is a temporary plan and has not been analyzed under NEPA or CEQA as a long-term operations plan. Therefore the baseline or "without project" alternative must be based on the 400,000 AF flood reservation only and not the variable flood reservation levels in the Interim Operations agreement.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the subject document and look forward to working with Reclamation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as you move forward on this project.

Sincerely yours,


Daniel G. Nelson
Executive Director

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January 19, 2007

Shawn Oliver
Bureau of Reclamation
7794 Folsom Dam Road
Folsom, CA 95630

RE: Folsom Dam Safety/Flood Damage Reduction Action Draft EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Oliver:

The Northern California Marine Association (NCMA), a non-profit trade association, represents approximately 300 member companies, the majority of which are located in Northern California. These small business firms represent businesses involved in the recreational boating industry; including boat dealers, brokers, marinas, boat yards, chandleries, marine equipment and electronics suppliers, publishers, and marine finance and insurance specialists. In addition to supplying the needs of California's 3.5 million boaters and anglers, the recreational marine industry has a significant impact on the state's overall economy. California's Department of Boating and Waterways recently determined that statewide, boating contributed approximately \$16.5 billion to the Gross State Product annually. In addition, boating contributed \$1.6 billion in state and local taxes annually. There were 8,500 boating related businesses in the state that provided more than 284,000 jobs to the economy.

The economic health of Northern California's recreational marine industry depends on maintaining access to the area's navigable waterways. The alternatives outlined in the Draft EIS/EIR rely on closing Folsom Point for use for up to seven years as a staging site and storage area for the project. This proposal would seriously impact recreation access for the approximately 125,000 annual visitors to the site. Over the six to seven year life of the project 816,021 visitors would be lost. Not only would this severely impact recreational marine businesses, but it would also impact the area's local economy, since many of these visitors patronize local supply shops, restaurants, gas stations, and grocery stores. Furthermore, disrupting recreational activity at Folsom Point threatens to create congestion at other entrances to the Folsom Lake Recreation Area. The California Department of Parks and Recreation, which operates the Folsom Lake Recreation Area, would suffer a serious economic loss if this were to occur.

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State Parks already diverts \$27 million from the Department of Boating and Waterways' Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund. Those funds, paid for by the gas taxes California boaters pay to fuel their boats, are used to repair and build marinas, launch ramps, and other boating facilities throughout the state. The \$27 million diversion has already negatively impacted the Boating Department's ability to adequately address the state's boating infrastructure needs. Putting further stress on the State Parks' budget, by closing Folsom Point for an extended period of time, would likely result in further attempts to divert funds from the Revolving Fund. Therefore, the economic impact would ripple throughout the state and would not just be limited to the local area.

At the public hearing at the Folsom Community Center on January 10, several representative stakeholders from Folsom's recreational community suggested alternatives that would not so severely impact access. They suggested that the Bureau and the Corps host a series of forums with the stakeholders to identify mutually beneficial alternatives. The NCMA strongly supports this suggestion. We believe that there are alternatives that would allow the Bureau and the Corps to carry out its vital work without crippling the local and state recreational community. The NCMA would also be more than happy to participate in and to contribute to this process.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact me at 510-334-8866 or at ncma-gr@comcast.net.

Sincerely,

(Ms) M'K Veloz
Administrative Director

Cc: Becky Victorine, USACOE

Comment #188

Porter, Stacy

From: Jane Pearson [So_sure@mindspring.com]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 9:54 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Lake access closures

I am sickened to hear that Dyke 8/ Folsom Point has a planned closure. I object to this decision as it is the only access to the residence of Folsom on this side of the lake. We just bought a boat and launching is already problematic due to over crowded conditions. I cannot fathom how we will be able to access the lake as the proposed closures will no longer make boating feasible for those of us on the East (?) side of the lake.

I live near Briggs Ranch Road. I've lost easy access to Roseville and I-80 North bound due to the closure of the Dam road, now I am hearing that my close residential boat launch access is being curtailed. I have been a resident of Folsom for 20 years and each "improvement" has adversely effected my quality of life. Please don't close Folsom Point to the residence of the city. Please explore other options that are available.

Sincerely,
Jane Pearson

351-1575

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Comment #189

Porter, Stacy

From: JENNIFER OBENAUUS [jenniferobenauus@comcast.net]

Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 9:41 AM

To: rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil; soliver@mp.usbr.gov; mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov

Subject: Former Dyke 8

Please do not close this valuable and heavily utilized recreation area. It is a part of our neighborhood and one of the reasons we chose to live here.

Thank you,

Branton and Jennifer Obenaus
131 Briggs Ranch Drive
Folsom, CA 95630

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Porter, Stacy

From: Michael.V.Avakian@jci.com
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 9:18 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Cc: Rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: Folsom Point Closing - Please Do Not Close

Mr. Oliver,

I am a recent resident of Briggs Ranch. A major decision in moving to this neighborhood was the Lake access at Folsom Point. We lead a very active life and enjoy the close Lake Access and have become very concerned that Folsom Point would be closed to Stage the construction of a new Dam Road.

I ask that the team please consider a new location for staging their equipment. Why would this project want to impact the quality of life for Folsom Residents in such a negative manner. Please consider other locations.

Thanks,

Michael Avakian
Sales Engineer
Johnson Controls
916-294-8811

Comment #191

Porter, Stacy

From: Kari MacTaggart [kmactee4@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 11:01 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Closing Folsom Point is the wrong thing to do

Hello,

I recently became aware of the proposal to close Folsom Point in order to increase flood protection.

I have been a Folsom resident for the past 16 years and 2 years ago I was finally able to purchase a boat.

My family and I use it year round exclusively in Folsom Lake for water sports, fishing, picnics etc.

Folsom point is not only the best access on the whole lake, it is the most convenient for us.

I have attempted to put my boat in at both Browns Ravine and Granite Bay in the past. While Browns Ravine is not that far away, the boat ramp is often extremely crowded and the boat trailer parking is limited when the water level is high as it is for several months during peak fishing and boating season. Granite bay is at least a half hour drive away, and also it is often crowded due to the easy access from I80. If Folsom Point was closed for the proposed 6 years I am very sure that the utilization of my boat would be cut in half

if not more. My kids are in their early teens and we have been able to strengthen our family bond through our many outings on our boat.

By the time Folsom Point opens up again, my kids will be going away to college.

Essentially this means we would miss out on critical time

with our children during their teenage years. This prospect troubles my wife and I greatly.

In addition to the loss to my family, I am also concerned about the loss to the Folsom economy. We have already suffered business loss due to the damn road closing....now this. I am one of those people who throws money into the Folsom economy to support my boating lifestyle. If that lifestyle is significantly cut back, I will be significantly cutting back on the money I spend in Folsom to support my boating activities. This includes fuel, food, drinks, boating accessories, and maintenance costs. This kind of scenario will likely happen to a lot of Folsom boating families and the city business will also suffer from the loss of people coming from out of town to use Folsom Point.

I personally do not understand why another area can not be used in the same capacity as the proposal for Folsom point. For instance the old parking lot by the dam has not been used in years. At the very least if the proposal for closing Folsom Point does get approved it should require that better access and trailer parking should be provided at Browns Ravine to help make up for the loss.

Thanks for allowing me to comment on this subject

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Marcus MacTaggart
129 Penwood Lane
Folsom, California 95630

Comment #192

Porter, Stacy

From: Jill Ellis [ellis4@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2007 11:09 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: The closing of Folsom Point

Dear Mr. Oliver,

I live in the Briggs Ranch area in Folsom, and I am hearing that the Bureau of Reclamation is planning on closing Folsom Point while the bridge is under construction. I urge you not to do that. Folsom Point is a place where many people walk their dogs, go for runs and use the boat ramp for water recreation. During the summer Folsom Point is so busy. Closing it would cause major traffic congestion at the other boat ramps. One of the reasons I chose Briggs Ranch to live was because it is so close to the lake. I understand there needs to be an area for the bridge construction equipment, but please consider a different area. Closing Folsom Point for **seven** years would not be the right decision.

Thank you for listening!

Jill Ellis

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Comment #193

Porter, Stacy

From: LEONARD AND MAIR AUERBACH [xxa@webtv.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2007 10:52 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: folsom point closure

i am writing to object strongly to any idea of closing folsom point, also to the underhand way this whole affair appears to have been handled. mair auerbach

1/22/2007

Comment #194

Porter, Stacy

From: ltomiak@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 6:41 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Closure of Folsom Point Dam Retrofit EISR

Mr Oliver,

I writing you to voice my opposition to planned closure of Folsom Point. This proposal will impact this community in such a severe way that it may never recover, destroying the lives and financial stability of residents still struggling to recover from the closure of the dam road. Your planned proposal will not only effect the quality of life but the health and safety of residents and wildlife.

According to the Bureau's Findings:

Destruction of wetlands or possible permanent loss of wetlands

The loss of wetlands will effect many species of birds, mammals, protected amphibians, fish, and endangered insects. Our need for more water is going to impact the wildlife of the lake possibly forever.

Damage to Water Quality:

Folsom lake is known for its beautiful clear water. Families flock to enjoy it. The increased turbidity and siltation will make this impossible.

Air Quality

This is my greatest concern. I live in Brigg's Ranch, the neighborhood directly across the street from Folsom Point. I have two daughters that have asthma. Your own study says that NOx and Particulate PM10 emissions will exceed deminiis thresholds. How is this going to effect their already challenged lungs? How are they going to hang out in their own backyard when you poison the air? What are the long term effects of breathing these chemicals. Another issue to air quality is the naturally occurring asbestos in the soil, it is not an issue until you start moving it around. The soil relocation and blasting will put these carcinogenic chemical into the air to poison Folsom Families.

Significant Impact to Roadways:

Getting around Folsom has been challenging to say the least since the Dam Road closure. Natoma Street is already severely overcrowded, the addition of construction traffic will make it impossible to navigate the city and dangerous for residents. Emergency vehicles may have difficulty responding to emergencies due to traffic congestion. The increase of traffic will also damage our roadways.

Permanent Loss Of Lake Views:

Many of us in Folsom bought our homes because of Folsom Lake and the beautiful views. This proposed closure is going to adversely effect the property values of our homes. This will have a huge impact on the financial stability of this community. The loss of lake views is going to eliminate the very reason we moved to this community.

Increased Noise Levels:

According to your study Noise levels will surpass levels at the three receptor sights. Day and nighttime noise will be an issue. Daytime blasting will cause loss of quality of life and possible damage to our homes. The solution of scheduling truck traffic during daytime hours will only further impact our

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roads. How are residents supposed to deal with the increase noise levels. You are destroying our quality of life.

Change in Folsom Point State Park:

What will be left of Folsom Point after your proposed project? With increased water levels how much of our park will remain?

Loss Of Recreation:

I personally use Folsom Point on an almost daily basis. I enjoy morning walks around the lake for exercise, my dog enjoys walking and swimming in the lake, my family picnics and celebrates special events in the picnic area, boating and fishing are also family favorites. The lake and easy access is why we bought our home where we did. If you close Folsom Point the other local boat launches will be overwhelmed and unable to handle the added traffic.

Public Works:

Folsom recently went through the headache of putting in the Natoma pipeline. This was a necessary inconvenience for residents. Your proposal includes the possible damaging or relocation of this pipeline. What impact will this lead to on our community. It also mentions the creation of solid waste. This is a beautiful state park you are callously using as cement factory and staging area. This delicate environment and the many animals that call it home could be permanently destroyed and that is just too high a price for more water.

One issue you did not address was our resident Eagle (aka lovingly known as Folsom) Although the Bald Eagle may no longer be on the endangered species list, it is still protected by the "Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act" It is my understanding one of the afforded protections is not to disturb the nesting area or flight pattern. Is your proposal in violation of this Act?

Folsom is a wonderful family oriented community, the proposed closure of Folsom Point will destroy our quality of life. Please develop an alternative plan that will not create such adversity.

Sincerely,
Lisa Tomiak
144 Singer Lane
Folsom, CA 95630

(916) 671-9808

Porter, Stacy

From: jackie kolander [Jackie_kolander@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 8:18 PM
To: Rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil; soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Point closing for 7 years.

I grew up water skiing on Folsom Lake, and although I don't water ski there right now, it is one of the reasons we chose to move into Briggs Ranch 9 years ago when coming back to this area after college. We use the area to hike to often as a family and walk from our home. Closing the bridge for 7 years is unreasonable amount of time. My kids will be grown and out of the house in 6 - 10 years. Closing the bridge for that long will change the memories we have of hiking and exploring along the lake shore. It will affect the property values in Briggs Ranch. It is not reasonable to close off a highly utilized access to Folsom Lake because of the construction of the new bridge for a period of 7 years. I want you to know I object to closing Folsom Point, as one of the great things about living here is access to the lake.

Sincerely,

Jackie Kolander

Porter, Stacy

From: Dan [dsconstruction@onemain.com]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 10:48 PM
To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Cc: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Point "Recreation" area ??!

To whom this may concern.

The Folsom Point Recreation Area (FPRA) is just what it is called; a "recreation Area". However, the unacceptable and unnecessary closure to the area would require a name change.

What is sad is that there are alternative sites which can be used for the same purpose as that which the FSRA would serve.

Also the unforeseen costs (the adverse of the benefits of having the rec. area) to the community which has come to depend on it as a way of life would and do far outway the costs of forgoing the use of this site for another one.

These benefits such as : biking, boating, running, walking, nature seeking, picnicing and simpley a place to relax from the everday stresses the local and regional taxpayer encounters.

Having the recreation area is not a luxury to the people of Folsom and its surrounding areas BUT a Necessity!

Therefore it is strongly reccomended and ecouraged that another site is chosen. It must be unstood that at any additional cost, it is well worth it to adapt another site than that of the FPRA.

Thank you,
DS

Porter, Stacy

From: John and Cheryl Mandsager [johnmandsager@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 8:12 PM
To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; soliver@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: Don't Close Folsom Point!

Importance: High

Return-path: <johnmandsager@comcast.net>
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From: "John and Cheryl Mandsager" <johnmandsager@comcast.net>
To: <mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov>,
<soliver@mp.usbr.gov>,
<rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil>
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Importance: High

We understand the Bureau of Reclamation is proposing to close Folsom Point/Dyke 8 to all visitors for a duration of up to 7 years effective Fall 2007 while the Folsom Dam is retrofitted. While we support the dam project, we understand there are many other alternatives that have yet to be explored. These alternatives would allow Folsom Point to remain open to the public.

Since we enjoy visiting Folsom Point many, many times a year, this closure would have a negative impact on our family. We imagine the impact on most, if not all, of the families in our neighborhood would be the same. We urge the Bureau of Reclamation to pursue the Dam project in a manner that will allow Folsom Point to remain open to the public.

Thank you.

John and Cheryl Mandsager
110 Woodard Lane
Folsom CA 95630

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 launch 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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Project	CVP
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George R. Koch
 4400 Barrett Road
 Carmichael, CA 95608

Mr. Shawn Oliver
 Bureau of Reclamation
 7749 Folsom Dam Road
 Folsom, CA 95630

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January 13, 2007

Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Reduction

Dear Mr. Oliver

In relation to the hearing which was recently held regarding the possible use of Folsom Point as a supply and equipment depot for the forthcoming raising of Folsom Dam, please allow me to point out what time and evolution of purpose has occurred:

We are well aware of the original purpose of Folsom Dam and Lake was to provide flood protection and water source and power for our area. Well and good idea. That was a long time ago. Since then, population has more than doubled. The recreational potential of the lake has been fulfilled in that access to it is, although minimal during the warmer months of the year, has been developed to the great enjoyment of the public.

Any reduction in access at this time will have drastic consequences for the public in their use of the lake, for during busy time at the launching areas long lines of vehicles and boats must wait patiently for launching. Likewise, water craft seeking to return to shore have quite a time slipping in to a dock to gain their turn.

Any reduction in access to the lake must make matter worse and simply cause many to go elsewhere, or simply reduce their water recreation. Of course, reduced income for access is a certainty.

Surely for a project as large as raising the level of the lake, a process taking years, justifies a specific area for both stockpiling materials and equipment and could also have its own lake access for barge transport. Yes, additional cost is involved, but, compared to the cost of the project and the benefit to the public and the reduction in income from users, it seems justified.

Thank you for allowing me to contribute my feelings in this matter.


 George R. Koch

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January 12, 2007

Shawn Oliver
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
794 Folsom Dam Road
Folsom, CA 95630

Becky Victorine
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1325 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Folsom Bridge Project Comments

Dear Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Victorine:

We represent the interests of hundreds of outdoor product dealers and serve as the *de facto* representatives of the millions of local outdoor enthusiasts who have visited the Sports, Boat and RV Show in its 54-year history. While we support the flood control and security measures planned for Folsom Dam and the surrounding dykes, we wholly oppose the closure of the lake, launch ramps and surrounding trails during the construction.

Folsom Lake is an important asset for outdoor recreation enthusiasts. Closing access to its shorelines and boat ramps will be very detrimental to the people who use those amenities and extremely harmful to the boat, recreational vehicle and outdoor products retailers in the region. Some of those, which depend on their proximity to Folsom Lake for their success, would very likely be forced out of business by the closure.

The access points to the lake are already highly impacted. While there is plenty of room on the water, space on the launch ramps is limited during peak times. If one launch area closes or is reduced in its capacity, the others cannot handle the increased load. Other waterways in the region, such as the American River and Sacramento River, also cannot handle the increase.

As boaters, we know the impact we, and the hundreds of thousands like us, have on the local economies. A typical day at the lake starts with a visit to a gas station and store to stock up on snacks, beverages, ice and fuel. When the day ends, we refill the fuel tanks and usually visit a restaurant for dinner. Even a small group of people spending a day on a boat brings hundreds of dollars to local businesses before and after a trip to the lake.

As representatives of the industries impacted by access to the lake and local outdoor recreation enthusiasts, we encourage continued access to the lake and its shoreline before, during and after any construction takes place.

Sincerely,

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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: 1/16/07

NAME: Carole + David Jones

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TELEPHONE: 916-353-2829

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COMMENT: We wholeheartedly agree with the need for this project and understand the benefit to all. We are impressed with the collaboration between the departments involved.

As a Briggs Ranch resident, we are concerned about the noise and traffic impact during what will be a project lasting years, not months. We have the impression we may be more impacted than other sites. Please keep affected residents informed of the work schedule, maybe on your website.

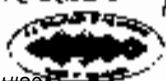
2) Monday - Saturday 7-7 will seem very long. Please give us our Saturday afternoons in summer and standard holidays to enjoy!

3) Please discourage water and truck vehicles from using Briggs Road as a short cut!

Please put yourselves in our position. We hope this will not affect our quality of life too drastically.

Remember, we are homeowners and voters!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION



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US Army Corps of Engineers
Sacramento District

Comment #202

Porter, Stacy

From: Miller, Rick [rmiller@amerisourcebergen.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2007 12:38 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; Rebecca.A.Victorine@usace.army.mil.
Subject: Re: Folsom Lake Dam Retro Fit

Dear:

Mrs. Vicky Victorine
Mr. Shawn Oliver

I am writing as to my opposition to any plan to use the area known as MIAD (N. of Green Valley Rd, E. of Natoma) for any staging, construction, rock crushing and any like activity regarding the Folsom Lake Dam construction project.

I am a resident of Folsom and live in the foothills community of Empire Ranch which is across from Green Valley Rd. The noise levels are already extremely high from normal road activity 24 a day. As noted in the current Executive Summary, noise levels will increase to unacceptable levels. This valley is shaped like a bowl, so noise would travel without being muted.

Also, the prevailing wind comes out of the north blowing across the current structure over our community. In addition to 'carrying' the noise further distances, a potentially greater issue or threat to this family community is the exposure to asbestos and other construction dust and debris and the health problems these will create now and in the future.

In closing, the option would be unacceptable and would likely lead to considerable resident disruption and legal activity.

Please feel free to call me. Thank you

Rick Miller
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Folsom, CA 95630

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Porter, Stacy

From: David.B.Graves@jci.com
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 2:38 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; Rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: Shock - The closing of Folsom Point

Shawn Oliver
Becky Victorine,

I am strongly opposed to the closing of Folsom Point. I have lived in Folsom for 17 years and I am currently building a custom home in the Vista Del Lago development on East Natomas right next to the Lake. One of our major decisions to build in that custom development was the proximity to the Folsom Point recreation area. I have (2) teenage boys 14 & 16 and own a ski boat to enjoy family time with them. The next 5 years are critical & special years for us as a family prior to both of them going off to college. My wife and I created a strong long term plan to build and enjoy their High School years in our new custom home right up the street from Folsom Point. Our whole family enjoys boating, picnicking, and jogging at the lake for family time. All of which we do by accessing the Lake at Folsom Point. You can imagine our disappointment and shock when it was announced January 9th 2007 the Folsom Point recreation area would be closed for the next seven years. This would devastate us as a family let alone our life investment into the custom home we are building just up the street from Folsom Point. Our house is approximately 2 months from completion and I can only imagine what this is going to do to its value and our Family plan of living in this new house. You just can not get back these next 5 years that we are entering into with our boys. These years only come once in a life time and we thought we had a very solid plan ready to be realized in a couple of months.

I urge you to reconsider this plan. Please find another location to stage construction that would cause much less impact for seven years. Many sites come to mind, primarily the look out point on the dam road which is already inaccessible to the public. That is a huge area in close proximity to your project. Even if a temporary boat launch is required for project construction access to the lake it would be a straight shot to the dam and completely accessible from the dam road that is already closed to traffic. To build a boat launch when the lake is low would be a much better idea for all. Financially I am sure it would calculate out as well when compared to the lost revenue of losing Folsom Point for 7 years, and to the lost revenue to the local businesses that rely on the Lake. The increased traffic at Folsom Point on Natomas street and loss of property values would be a huge negative impact to the City of Folsom Residents.

Also, there is plenty of state land on either end of the dam road that could be utilized for construction staging as well that would create less impact to the City of Folsom. Please provide an impact report for consideration of all of these sites prior to taking the easy one of Folsom Point.

Please consider the Fiscal Impact to the many Folsom Residents & Local Businesses that have a similar story to mine. Please understand the additional stress of building a custom home for the last two years right down the street from the lake access that was just announced to be closed for seven years.

I throw myself at your mercy and plea with you to find another location more suitable for the community.

Thank you for your consideration. Please keep me informed via e:mail or telephone to the outcome of this decision.
Have a good day!

David Graves
(Folsom Jr. Bulldog & High School Coach) Account Executive- Major Projects Johnson

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Folsom, CA 95630

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Comment #204

Porter, Stacy

From: John and Sandii Dalessi [dalessi8@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2007 9:52 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: Proposed Closure of Folsom Point

To whom it may concern;

We strongly object to the proposed closure of Folsom Point State Recreation Area and urge you to choose an alternative solution. Folsom Point is used by many thousands of community members in the Folsom and El Dorado Hills area throughout the year for outdoor recreation (walking, biking, running, boating and picnicking) and sometimes just contemplation. The closure would be an outrage and detrimentally impact the local economy and quality of life for those in Folsom. Since the Dam Road closed, it has been the only access to Folsom Lake within the City of Folsom and has been a serious draw for visitors as well. Please choose an alternative solution, as closing Folsom Point is absolutely unacceptable. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincereley
John and Sandii Dalessi
El Dorado Hills

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Folsom Pt. Park Closure comment:

During the spring, summer and fall months numerous bass fishing tournaments have been held (almost every weekend) at this boat ramp site. ~~to~~ Similarly Granite Bay is crowded. Will accommodations be made to accommodate loss of access to lake.

Comment given to me by Steve Sherer on 1/18/07
✓
anonymous

Porter, Stacy

From: Leard, Thomas E. [tom.leard@hp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 4:19 PM
To: themayor@folsom.ca.us
Cc: rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil; mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: "PROPOSED" CLOSURE OF FOLSOM POINT STATE PARK (AKA) DYKE 8) by BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

January 24, 2007

To: Mayor Andy Morin
CC: Shawn Oliver at Bureau of Reclamation & Becky Victorine at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

RE: "PROPOSED" CLOSURE OF FOLSOM POINT STATE PARK (AKA) DYKE 8) by BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Please be advised that we, citizens of Folsom, CA have been put on notice that a proposed closure of our local state park is scheduled for the fall of 2007. The 100% closure is for a lengthy period of 6 - 7 years. 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.

It is our belief that this closure will have deep and dramatic effects on families, businesses, tourism and the environment. The consequences are far reaching. This is a family community. We bring our children to the lake to walk, bike, swim, picnic, fish, boat and just enjoy nature.

This scenario is repeated over and over again. Folsom Point is one of the primary reasons people buy homes in the area. The park is one of the jewels of Folsom. Bird watchers frequent the park. I might point out that even though the Bald Eagle is no longer on the endangered species list, it is still protected by the "Bald and Gold Eagle Protection Act". It is my understanding that one of the afforded protections is not to disturb the nesting area or flight pattern area.

This needs more investigation at Folsom Point Park. We have not been given adequate enough time to investigate the impact that this proposal will have on our environment. We have other migratory birds that now nest there as well. This is a pathway for many other animals as well.

The business in Folsom will definitively realize a negative impact. Our business owners look forward to the summer months when tourists and other lake traffic provide much needed revenue. Our businesses suffered with the closure of Dam Road across Folsom Dam, and now this may be the proverbial "straw" for financial loss. Business owners have expressed a great concern.

We do not oppose positive improvements on the dam. But, we request a staging area that will not hurt so many families, livelihoods, 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 us to discuss the closure is Friday Jan 25th, 2007. That is essentially "no notice." We need counsel as to our rights and the right of the wildlife who cannot speak for themselves.

We ask you, as our voice and representatives, to please aid us in this endeavor.

Respectfully,

Thomas E. Leard
Concerned Citizen and Resident of Folsom, California.

916-294-0199

Comment #207

Porter, Stacy

From: pmjklugo@sbcglobal.net

Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 7:42 PM

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

My family and I moved to Folsom recently for amny reasons but one of the main reason was Folsom Lake. We bought our home in Empire Ranch partly because it was close to Folsom Point boat launch.

The idea of closing this access point would essentially take away a large family activity. My children are currently 6 and 8 which mean if Folsom point was to close for 7+ years then this would prevent us from this enjoyment.

Please - DO NOT CLOSE!

Phil, Jacqueline, Joshua and Gianna Lugo
Folsom, CA

PS: Brown Revine is already impacted for many summer weekends as it is - closing Folsom Point would make this situation worse.

1/25/2007

Comment #208

Porter, Stacy

From: Theodore White [tjwhite6693@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 7:18 PM
To: themayor@folsom.ca.us
Cc: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; Rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: PROPOSED CLOSURE OF FOLSOM POINT

This e-mail is in protest of the possibility of closing Folsom Point during the building of the new span across the American River.

After 911 the dam road was closed creating a hardship on many people and businesses. Instead of using less fuel for our vehicles we increased gas usage. The reason for the closure was that someone could blow up the dam from the roadway. I'm a retired California Highway Patrolman and I know that anyone that wants to can blow up ANY dam they want to can by filling a boat up with explosives and driving it into the dam itself. This would cause more damage than a vehicle sitting on the road at the top of the dam with explosives. Now, your considering closing Folsom Point for the duration of building the new span.

I have a boat and use Folsom Point every week during the summer. The launching areas available now are so busy in the summer that there's a good chance you can't even get in. On the weekends when the weather is exceptional all of the parking facilities for the lake fill up quickly. If you close Folsom Point that leaves only one other facility on the east side of the lake, Browns Ravine, to launch. Browns Ravine is very limited in parking.

I know for a fact that there are other places on the dam property that could be used, i.e. the parking lot at the east end of the bridge is an ideal place. It would be out of the way and would not affect anybody. Thousands of residents have been affected with the closure of the dam road and now thousands more will be affected.

From the flyer's I've read the public was given notice on January 9, 2007 with with 3,000 flyer's???????????? The city of Folsom has a population of approx 63,000 and then there's El Dorado Hills and other surround cities that use Folsom Lake We were given a deadline to discuss the closure of January 22, 2007. Our elected officials are suppose to look at the overall picture and do what's right for the residents in the area - THIS WHOLE THING SMELLS TO ME.....

Please think of the public when you make your decision as to this issue.

PS: We moved to your city to have quick access to Folsom lake. If you close Folsom Point I would consider moving.....

Ted and Maggie White

1/25/2007

Comment #209

Porter, Stacy

From: Dearoledad@comcast.net

Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 7:27 PM

To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov

Cc: Folsom point

To whom it may concern,

It seems that you think that all the rest of the launches will handle the extra traffic that closing Folsom point would create do not do this. I pay taxes and fees just like everyone else.

Mark Rucker

1/25/2007

Porter, Stacy

From: Nigel Olding [nigelolding@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 7:37 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Cc: rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil; Kris Olding
Subject: RE: Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Draft EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Oliver,

I am writing to provide feedback to you about the Draft document published recently.

As a Folsom resident, I believe that the closure of Folsom Point for up to 7 years will be a disaster for the City and local area, and must be reconsidered immediately. The impact on local business and residents will surely equal the other disastrous decision made by agencies out of the local area - namely, the closing of the Folsom Dam road due to 'security threats'. It is plain to me by looking at the condition of the historic area that the road closure has had a profound effect on the City, and the closing of facilities at the dam - Folsom Point - will surely have another negative effect, and hardly can be considered a 'fair' or 'shared' impact on the local community. Any plan that calls for the closing of existing recreational areas for multiple years, or other huge local impact, has to be regarded as flawed, particularly in light of the damage done to the City in the last few years by similar ill-considered closures.

What are the other options that were considered and discarded? Why can't a staging area be constructed elsewhere to have a lesser impact on the existing recreational facilities? A project of this magnitude should surely be capable of including the construction of a staging area in an area with less impact. If not, why not?

Please amend this draft plan to include staging in an area that will have far less local impact.

Thank you.

Also, I would like to point out that the EIS/EIR PDF documents are currently unavailable for review at the www.usbr.gov/mp website - any attempt to access them simply crashes the browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox or Opera). Is there an explanation for this sorry state of affairs?

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Olding
111 Arrowsmith Dr
Folsom, CA 95630

Comment #211

Porter, Stacy

From: Beth Beckmann [bradyandbeth@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 7:21 PM
To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.vov; soliver@mp.usbr.gov; Rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: Folsom Point Closure

To all concerned,

Our family was astonished when we heard of the possibility of Folsom Point closing.

We moved to Folsom 6 years ago and access to the Lake was one of our key purchase decisions. We bought a boat because of our vicinity to the lake. We poured a driveway and re-landscaped our yard to store our boat. We have purchased an annual pass every year and we use the lake all of the time!! Our kids are 7 and 10. They both learned to kayak, kneeboard, waterski on doubles then on a single ski and now are venturing into wakeboarding. We go fishing, swimming and sometimes just drive around the lake and meet up with friends to have picnics and enjoy our incredible surroundings.

Closing Folsom Point will dramatically effect the quality of our lives. It is not like we can just drive down the road and launch at Brown's Ravine. The other launch ramps will NOT be able to keep up with the demand on the lake. Most of us will be turned away on the weekend.

A seven year closure will mean that our "Family Time" on the boat is gone. Gone until my kids are 14 and 17. High school and college age. In essence, the rest of their childhood. Please do something to STOP THIS!!!

Is it possible to stage the work equipment on property closer to the Dam Road or the prison? I just cannot fathom another hit on the residents and businesses of Folsom.

Please recognize this decision a complete disaster for the residents of Folsom.

I sincerely appreciate your efforts to find another solution to this problem.

Thanks in advance,
Brady, Beth, Kristen and Alex Beckmann

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Comment #212

Porter, Stacy

From: Brett Heeke [bheeke33@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 4:41 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Point closure proposition

I am a Folsom Resident living within walking distance to Folsom Point/Dyke 8 and am very opposed to the proposition of closing the Folsom Point.access.

This will be heavily destructive to our community and a lifestyle which makes Folsom such a great place to live.

Please use all means necessary in finding an alternative for the Folsom Dam retrofit project.

Sincerely,
Brett Heeke
104 Fath Court
Folsom, CA

1/25/2007

Comment #213

Porter, Stacy

From: Matt Henry [mattwheny@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 3:04 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Dam Upgrades

Dear Shawn Oliver,

I am sending you this e-mail to voice my opinions about the Folsom Dam Upgrades. I think that upgrading Folsom Dam is an excellent project. My feeling is that it is not a matter of if there is another major flood in the area only a question of when. Post Hurricane Katrina I don't think is responsible to ignore any reasonable opportunity to improve flood control. I am a White Water Guide on the South Fork of the American River and so my initial thoughts regarding dams are usually negative. However, I think this is a very positive project. I'm sure you know the arguments better than I regarding this project so I will not rehash what I know. I am a local Sacramento resident and spend much time around Folsom lake. Thank you for your consideration.

Matt Henry
(760)715-9920
PO Box 432
Davis, CA 95617

1/25/2007

Comment #214

Porter, Stacy

From: Mssonarita@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 3:03 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: "Proposed" closure of Folsom Pt. State Park

Dear Mr. Oliver,

My e-mail message is in regard to the "proposed" SEVEN" year closure of Folsom Point State Park (AKA Dyke 8), with the purpose being, to use this beautiful state park as a staging area for different work projects on the dam and Mormon Island Spillway. I just cannot figure out why in the world, the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, would ever make this decision, when there are other properties available, nearby, in which to use as a staging area?

Closing a California State Park to thousands and thousands of families, for SEVEN years makes absolutely no sense to me, and I am outraged!!!! What are you thinking?

I do not oppose positive improvements to the dam, of course, but there should be more consideration, and thought, given to these many, many families, businesses, and the environment, of which all, will be directly affected by this ridiculous proposal. Closing a very, very utilized state park for SEVEN years is just plain nuts!!!

Please explain to me why our government came up with this particular site, when there are other nearby areas that could be used, with far less impact on the community?

Our two daughters, and their families, live in Folsom and are absolutely devastated with this "proposal". Please, Mr. Oliver, look into your heart, and choose an alternate site for this project.

Sincerely,

Sonia Deauville
7461 N. Teilman
Fresno, Ca 93711
mssonarita@aol.com

1/25/2007

Porter, Stacy

From: Diane Star AndersonHicks [andersonhicks@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 11:41 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Lake

To Bureau of reclamation.

We are very concern about the potential closure of various recreations area at Folsom Lake. Our family utilizes the Lake at least 2 times a week. How can we obtain more information about this issue?

Thank you
Mr. Darrell Fullerton
Mr. Robert Hicks
Mrs. Diane Star AndersonHicks

Comment #216

Porter, Stacy

From: Meisenbud4@wmconnect.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 11:50 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: appalled

AT this idea to close Folsom Pt for 7 years. Why? I find this unacceptable as well. You people are terrible. This is a drought year coming up, we take all our kids there to beat the heat. This is the LAST open area of Folsom left. F_ck off with this!!!!

I'm going to the meetings to protest and I live in Carmichael and vote.

P McM

1/25/2007

Comment #217

Porter, Stacy

From: Patchett, Susan@DCSS [Susan.Patchett@dcss.ca.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 12:09 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Closing Folsom Point

Why not use the Folsom Dam Road recreational area for a staging area? There is a large parking lot that could be used and also there would access to the lake.

[Susan Patchett](#)
[Department of Child Support Services](#)
[Accounting Services Branch](#)
[\(916\) 464-3906](#)
Email-Susan.Patchett@DCSS.ca.gov

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Comment #218

Porter, Stacy

From: Kelley [pioneerflt@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 1:49 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Cc: Rebecca.A.Victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: Folsom point closure opposition

Dear Mr. Oliver,

Today I read in the Folsom Telegraph newspaper of intentions to close Folsom Point at Folsom Lake. I am shocked and dismayed that it is the intent of the government to close a recreation area that is so important to so many. Just as the Bureau looked for ways to close the most beautiful scenery (Folsom Dam road) in the area, now you look to take away even more from area residents. I go on record as opposing the closure. Surely there must be a compromise.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kelley V. Thorn
500 S. Lexington Dr.
Folsom, CA 95630
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Comment #219

Porter, Stacy

From: Barbara [bangeja@directcon.net]**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2007 1:47 PM**To:** mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; soliver@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil**Subject:** Folsom Point

I am writing to ask you PLEASE do not close Folsom Point(Dyke 8) while you retrofit the Folsom Dam. We suffered the loss of our travel trailer spot on Lake Berryessa where we used to launch our boat because of Federal Bureau of Reclamation issues and purposely moved to Folsom to be able to continue our pleasurable boating, fishing, and waterskiing. If you close Folsom Point, we will never be able to use Brown's Ravine without the risk of overcrowding because of the closure of Folsom Point.

We have our son and his family (an 8 yr. old and 4 yr. old) who love to water-ski and go out on the lake in our boat.

Please consider other options for your retrofit project and do not close any of the launching facilities on Folsom Lake.

I look forward to your reply.

1/25/2007

Comment #220

Porter, Stacy

From: Heather Sibilla [hsibilla@folsom.ca.us]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 1:11 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: FW: Do not allow the closure of Folsom Point!

From: gaudyf@comcast.net [mailto:gaudyf@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2007 4:17 PM
To: The Mayor; ericking@folsom.ca.us; corrprincess@ardennet.com; Jeff Starsky; Steve Miklos
Subject: Do not allow the closure of Folsom Point!

City Council Members,

I would like to express my disapproval for any plans to close Folsom Point as was suggested by the Fed Govt. The city has already been affected greatly by the quick closure of the Dam Road, and this move would severely impact all of the residents of Folsom and the surrounding areas that use Folsom Lake for recreation.

Fernando Gaudy
104 Flood Ct.
Folsom,

1/25/2007

Porter, Stacy

From: allarea@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 10:53 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: E-mail-A-Friend: Folsom Point closure protested

Comment:

We won't stop fighting this just because the comment period ends....look for our full page add too.

Story:

Folsom Point closure protested
Hundreds attend Saturday's rally in effort to save lake access

Protesters angry over the Bureau of Reclamation's proposed closure of Folsom Point showed up at the recreation area on Saturday.

By 12:15 p.m., approximately 150 people filled the parking lot at the corner of East Natoma Street and Folsom Point and more continued to stream in throughout the afternoon. Many took to the sidewalks to wave signs and encourage drivers to honk in protest.

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Porter, Stacy

From: bob@premiumheatingandair.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 9:02 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Cc: Rebecca.A.Victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: folsom point closure

Shawn and Rebecca,

I am writing to voice my displeasure with the proposed closure of Folsom Point. As a husband and father of two, the recreational access afforded by Folsom Point is an integral part of my family's outdoor life. We launch our boat to fish, ski and picnic from Folsom Point year round. It is unacceptable to fully close a major part of our life for convenience and cost savings by construction crews. The remaining launch points for Folsom Lake will be shut down with regularity during peak season due to severe overcrowding. As it is, Folsom Point gets overcrowded occasionally. Please re-consider closing Folsom Point and create a floating barge and/or temporary platform system for staging equipment. It is important to all of us, in Folsom, and beyond, that a part of our livelihood remains accessible. Our children's' formative years are the most critical, do not deny their opportunities for the sake of convenience. There are more reasons that Folsom Point should remain open, but I feel I have stated the most important one. Thank you for reading this letter and please feel free to respond at any time.

Sincerely, Robert Jeffrey

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Comment #223

Porter, Stacy

From: Charlie Parrish [charlesparrish@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 8:47 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Cc: Rebecca.A.Victorine@usace.army.mil; admindept@folsom.ca.us; sryan@folsom.ca.us; prdept@folsom.ca.us; themayor@folsom.ca.us; jstarsky@folsom.ca.us
Subject: Proposed Closure of Folsom Point

To Bureau of Reclamation & Army Corp of Engineers,

I was shocked this morning to open up the Folsom Telegraph and read about the proposed closure of Folsom Point. Along with many of the protestors at Folsom Point last week, I too live in the area and my family spends many summer days at Folsom Point picnicing and boating. The entire Folsom Dam issue including the road closure has been a real sore spot for me and many Folsom residents and my family and adding to that for another seven years is ridiculous.

According to the newspaper article, the city has already proposed alternatives which appear to have gone unrecognized by your two organizations.

As you continue to restrict access to the lake more and more, we, the residents of Folsom, become more and more angered by your actions.

Look for an alternative and keep access to our lake OPEN!!

Folsom Resident,
Charlie Parrish

1/25/2007

Comment #224

Porter, Stacy

From: clifford [cbpayne1@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 8:08 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Point

I've lived in Folsom for 13 years. I have no problem with the closer of the point so that you can do the work you need to do. People in this town are greedy, and selfish. They only care about themselves. Since the closure of the Dam road traffic has increased on Green valley. I say close Dyke 8 and get rid of the drugs, drinking and traffic for the next 7 years. If you go somewhere else in Folsom they will only complain over that spot too.

1/25/2007

Porter, Stacy

From: Victoria Walasek [vickyw@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2007 10:30 AM
To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; soliver@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: Folsom Point

Please keep this place open to boaters!!!
Vicky Walasek

Comment #226

Porter, Stacy

From: benson dawn [predawn2001@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2007 8:53 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Point Closure

As a long standing member of the community of Folsom, I have seen many changes to our community throughout the years. I know that the City Leaders could care less if **Folsom Point** is closed for seven years, but the economy is going to be greatly altered for surrounding businesses, not only in **Folsom**, but also **El Dorado Hills**. Many locals rely on the Spring, Summer and Fall recreational use of the lake to greatly supplement their income. Closure of Folsom Point could be disastrous for many local businesses. **Folsom Point** is not just a boat launch, but also an area for locals to run, walk and bike throughout the year. Seven years (if not longer), is a long time to not be able to enjoy what little of nature we have left. As a concerned, uninformed community, we encourage you to find an alternative area to store your equipment for upcoming projects. **Please**, help us to save what little open space we have left to enjoy. Think about what affect the closure of Folsom Point will have on other communities, such as El Dorado Hills and Granite Bay. The closure could prove to be an overwhelming blow to an already busy, overcrowded recreational season.

Thank you for your time,

Andy Benson

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Porter, Stacy

From: Teresa Black [teresalblack@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2007 8:46 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; %20mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Point Closure

To whom it may concern;

I strenuously object to the proposed closure of Folsom Point State Recreation Area. This proposition is unacceptable to me and to the citizens of Folsom and our surrounding communities. Folsom Point is used by many thousands of community members throughout the year for outdoor recreation (walking, biking, running, boating and picnicking) and sometimes just contemplation. The closure would be an outrage and detrimentally impact the quality of life for those in Folsom. Since the Dam Road closed, it has been the only access to Folsom Lake within the City of Folsom and has been a serious draw for visitors as well.

Please choose an alternative solution, as closing Folsom Point is absolutely unacceptable. Thank you for your consideration.

Teresa Black

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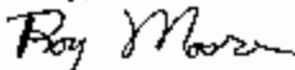
Dear Shawn,

I take exception to closing the Folsom Point ramp for seven years. You undoubtedly heard much about economic impacts already. I hope someone already mentioned that these impacts constitute quality-of-life issues that would likely be reflected in real estate values, etc.

Please consider another staging site, or if it is the ramp that you need, please build a new ramp at Browns Ravine or nearby then close Folsom Point. I'd even be happy with a good ramp system at Beales Point.

I worked in state government long enough to understand the trouble not-in-my-backyard attitudes can cause. I hope we can avoid such attitudes with the Folsom Lake upgrade.

Sincerely,



Roy Moore
9193 Winding Oak Drive
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

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January 16, 2007

Shawn Oliver
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
794 Folsom Dam Road
Folsom, CA 95630

Becky Victorine
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1325 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Victorine:

I am writing to both of you on this topic, as I was unable to attend a meeting at 6 p.m. on the 10th at the Folsom Community Center, 52 Natomas Street. I received an email from one of my neighbors that morning. Unfortunately I was on the east coast for meetings, otherwise I would have been able to attend. I was a little taken aback however on the extremely short notice for this meeting.

Folsom Lake is an important asset for outdoor recreation enthusiasts and as such has a very big impact on home values and our economy. Closing access to its shorelines and boat ramps will be very detrimental to the people who use those amenities and extremely harmful to the local home values in the region. Some of the local businesses, which depend on their proximity to Folsom Lake for their success, could very likely be forced out of business as well.

I myself just purchased a home in Briggs Ranch. It closed in May and I just moved in last July. I paid a premium, even though we were in a "down" market, for the specific purpose of having access to Folsom Point. There were several families at that point competing for homes in this area and it was at a time when there were surplus homes that were, and still are, available in other areas for VERY attractive comparative prices. Now to think of losing this access for up to seven years is, to say it politely, very disappointing. Not only from an access to the lake point of view, but from the perspective of the impact it will have on my investment. All of the sudden, Folsom becomes a bad investment. Is this truly the impact you wish to have on our community?

The impact will be enormous, not only to me but our community. In the light that there are other alternatives to consider, I hope you will give this further thought. I would suggest considering the sides of the now closed Dam Road as well as the large parking area to the closed vista/picnic area, also closed to the public.

I find it interesting that the announced time of the meeting came out on the same day of its occurrence. I would obviously not be alone in being extremely disappointed to loose continued access to the lake and its shoreline before, during and after any construction takes place.

Sincerely,

Jim Kinnicutt

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

Re: Draft EIS/EIR Folsom Dam Modifications

Dear Mr. Oliver,

You are undoubtedly familiar with the location of Pinebrook Plaza and Pinebrook Village because of the proximity to your office. We have two major concerns with the proposed closing of Folsom Point and the raising of the Dam.

It is a natural presumption that closing Folsom Point would not impact this side of the river. This is not true. Because Folsom Lake is one of the most popular recreational areas in the State, we often feel the impact from Beal's Point. There is an inclination to slash one or more cars in our parking lot at the Plaza so that a third car is the only one charged a Park entry fee.

Beal's Point is also closed a number times throughout the summer because of overflow crowds. We again find the park users filling our parking lot. Any reduction in access to Folsom Lake, although it may be on the other side of the river, will bring more abuse of our available parking. Fourteen businesses will be adversely influenced. The Plaza is the closest point of entry to Beal's Point where a car can be left when roadside parking is unavailable or the park is closed. Recreational users walk into the lake leaving their vehicles at Pinebrook Plaza. If Folsom Point is not available they will come to this side of the river further aggravating the current problem.

We also have a continuing concern about the high water table in this area. Because manufactured homes are installed on piers, any loss of stability of the soil is a concern.

We feel these items should be considered when authorized changes in the project are under consideration. Folsom Point must remain open to meet recreational needs.

Sincerely,

Neva J. Cimaroni
Co-owner

cc: Kerry Miller, City Manager, City of Folsom

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Mr. Shawn Oliver
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Dear Mr. Oliver,

Thank you for discussing the Folsom Lake Flood Control Project with me at the Public Hearing last week. I'm writing to you to voice concerns on behalf of the Sacramento Valley Marine Association. The organization I represent has 30 Members who have boat dealerships within the greater Sacramento Metropolitan area and generate in excess of \$100 million dollars in annual sales.

I hope to provide information that will help the Bureau of Reclamation better understand the impacts this project will have on the Boat Dealers, Merchants, City of Folsom, Parks and Recreation and the local economy in the Sacramento region.

As an organization representing the recreational industry we support properly managed valuable water resources, the flood control upgrade and the bridge crossing at Folsom Lake. It is not our desire to stop this project, but instead help minimize or eliminate the impacts to the business community. As stated in the EIR with interpretation, this project will cause hardship on the local economy.

The City of Folsom, Eldorado Hills and the South Placer Communities use Folsom Lake as the barometer for success. The business community is directly tied to lake levels, public access, and water availability at this facility. After reviewing the EIR for this project, it suggests the closure and or partial closure of several major access points on Folsom Lake which include Folsom Point, Beales Point and Granite Bay. Closure or restriction of any access points to the lake will have significant revenue impacts on the local Boat Dealers and merchants, the City of Folsom and Parks and Recreation who solely depend on this facility for their revenue.

We ask that you allow us to provide input and include us in any way possible to help mitigate the lost revenue exposure described in the current plan. We submit to you there are alternate options and ways to complete this project that will minimize impacts to lake access and maintain a healthy business environment for the merchants.

The following items should be considered as options

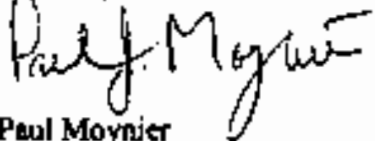
- Identify alternate staging areas to eliminate park access point closure.
- Minimize or restrict construction during peak summer season time.

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- Construct additional lake launching access points and possibly retain after construction is complete.

On behalf of the Sacramento Valley Marine Association, we look forward to providing input and working together to make this project business and community friendly. If you wish to contact me for further discussion, I can be reached at 916-988-1704.

Sincerely,



Paul Moynier
President
Sacramento Valley Marine Association
7450 Folsom Auburn Rd.
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Mr. Shawn Oliver
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Mrs. Berky Victorine
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 1325 J Street
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Victorine:

This letter responds to your December 21, 2006 request for comments on the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction (DS/FDR) Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR). The Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) provided oral comments at the public hearing on January 9, 2007, and this letter supplements those statements.

NCPA supports the flood damage reduction features proposed for this project. In our review of the document, however, we believe more thorough explanations of some of the features and relationships of the project are needed. The following comments address those concerns.

We recommend that the EIS/EIR more clearly state in the opening paragraphs the various components of the DS/FDR, which agency has the responsibility for completion of each component, and the proposed cost sharing responsibility. Table ES-1 could be expanded to include the above request, and should include ecosystem restoration and L. L. Anderson work. The opening paragraphs should clarify that the only joint federal project is the auxiliary spillway.

The process to allocate the joint federal project auxiliary spillway costs between safety of dams and flood control should also be discussed, along with the opportunity for public input on the proposed allocation. The 2002 Corp of Engineers Chief's Report indicated that approximately 48% of the proposed project cost would be allocated to safety of dams and 52% would be allocated to flood control. The basis for this determination was not disclosed. Later, a computation error was found in the report, and the proposed allocation was changed to 43% for safety of dams and 57% to flood control. Again, the basis of the allocation was not disclosed. We recommend the cost allocation process be made transparent for all of the project features and allow for public input.

We believe the *separable cost/remaining benefits* allocation procedure should be used to allocate the joint federal project costs for the auxiliary spillway. The costs that are specific to the Corps of Engineers should be allocated to flood control, and Reclamation costs specific to safety of dams should be allocated in accordance with the existing safety of dams formula. We also believe that the estimated costs of the five alternatives, along with the benefits, should be included in the EIR/EIS. The estimated cost and benefits for the preferred alternative were shown on an informational display at the public hearing, but were not shown in the socioeconomic section of the EIS/EIR.

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We are concerned that a flood control reservation is being set at between 400,000 acre feet and 600,000 acre-feet for Folsom Dam, when a more flexible reservation system would greatly increase the value of the water resource. A flexible reservation should include factors such as the water year type, the ability to make earlier releases to increase the flood control reservation as needed, and forecast based operations. Thus, for example, a drier water year would have a smaller reservation for flood control, allowing more water to be kept in Folsom Dam to meet recreation, water temperature, water quality, environmental, irrigation, municipal and industrial, and power needs. Pre releases could be made if a large storm approaches the area in order to create a larger flood control reservation. A strict acre foot flood control reservation system may create too large of a hole in a dry water year to allow the reservoir to fill and meet the Folsom Dam water requirements.

We also support the continued utilization and improvement of forecast based operations to predict flood events. We believe it is important for the Corps to incorporate an advanced release methodology based on weather forecasts to reduce the flood exposure in California. A discussion of how the Folsom Reoperations Study ties into this EIS/EIR should be included in the document.

There is little discussion on the temperature control shutters in the document. We believe this presents a great opportunity to design a more comprehensive temperature control device, similar to that being used for Shasta Dam, where water can be gathered from all levels of the reservoir and put through the generation penstocks. This would greatly enhance the ability to control American River temperatures, and would also eliminate the need to bypass the generators in dry water years, which deprives California of greenhouse gas emissions free power generation.

My last comment relates to the security features, which are only obliquely discussed under the alternatives listed in this EIS/EIR. The document did not provide any details regarding the anticipated cost or how those costs would be allocated to the various project purposes. We believe these issues should also be vetted in a public forum.

We appreciate your consideration of these comments. Please contact Jerry Toenyes at (916) 781-4297 or Alan Zepp at (916) 781-4238 of NCPA staff if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,



JAMES H. POPE
General Manager

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Comment #233

Porter, Stacy

From: CoopKiss@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2007 1:54 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Point Closure

S Oliver,

I am writing in protest to the proposed closure of Folsom Point. Many people in this area have purchased homes here because of the easy access to the lake. Businesses and residents alike have suffered because of the closure of the dam road. Now we are having to take another blow with the possible closure of our access to the lake. There has got to be another way to accomplish what needs to be done without closing this park.

The lookout point by the Dam itself sits empty and is already set in an area with easy access to the Dam. The road there is already closed and would put no one out.

Please find another way to accomplish your task.

Kristi Cooper
Folsom Resident

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Porter, Stacy

From: Alan Daily [alan@daily.org]
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2007 2:31 PM
To: rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil; soliver@mp.usbr.gov; mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov
Cc: alan@daily.org
Subject: Folsom Point

We live a few blocks from Folsom Point and would be very disappointed to have it closed for any length of time. Closure and storage of construction equipment would have a serious negative impact on this residential area.

Please utilize other non-residential and less used areas. Closure would negatively impact locals as well as thousands of others who come to the lake for year round enjoyment.

Please remember that the Folsom Dam road has already been closed with a significant negative impact. No more, please.

Marilyn Daily
Alan Daily

213 Briggs Ranch Dr
Folsom CA 95630

Comment #235

Porter, Stacy

From: Matt and Emily Brayton [mattemilybrayton@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2007 5:08 PM
To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; soliver@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: Do not close Folsom Point

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We appreciate the hard work you are doing for retrofit the Folsom dam; however another alternative needs to be found that would allow Folsom Point to remain open to the public.

The economic impact of closing Folsom Point would hurt businesses and home values in the area. The availability of Folsom Lake for people to enjoy would be greatly diminished. Already the lake fills quickly on summer days. With Folsom Point being closed many recreational enthusiasts would not be able to enjoy the lake.

Please do not close Folsom Point.

Sincerely,

Matt & Emily Brayton
188 Singer Lane
Folsom, CA 95630
916-985-3931

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Comment #236

Porter, Stacy

From: Mike Butler [mikebutlerj@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2007 2:12 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Dam project

Dear Shawn,

As a long time River Park resident in Sacramento, I have lived one block from the American River for 45 years. Folsom Dam has provided adequate protection during these years. If funds are available now, why not complete the unfinished Auburn Dam that would give us added flood protection, ample water storage, clean hydroelectric power and recreation. Wouldn't this be a better safety valve than one added spillway?

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Comment #237

Porter, Stacy

From: Sherri McNear [cody19@pacbell.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2007 1:00 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Point Closure

To whom it may concern;

I strenuously object to the proposed closure of Folsom Point State Recreation Area. This proposition is unacceptable to me and to the citizens of Folsom and our surrounding communities. Folsom Point is used by many thousands of community members throughout the year for outdoor recreation (walking, biking, running, boating and picnicking) and sometimes just contemplation. The closure would be an outrage and detrimentally impact the quality of life for those in Folsom. Since the Dam Road closed, it has been the only access to Folsom Lake within the City of Folsom and has been a serious draw for visitors as well.

Please choose an alternative solution, as closing Folsom Point is absolutely unacceptable. Thank you for your consideration.

Have a great day!!
Sherri 🌹

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Comment #238

Porter, Stacy

From: Tom Econome [econome@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2007 12:40 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Point

Mr. Oliver,

I am writing to express my disappointment regarding the potential closure of Folsom Point. This is the ONLY boat ramp my family used in 2006 because of its proximity to our home, ease of use and overall courtesy of fellow boaters. I have seen the crowds and heard horror stories regarding lengthy wait times and lack of parking at other boat ramp facilities, and do not desire to experience it first-hand. Boating traffic is increasing, not decreasing, thus it seems foolish to consider closing one of the needed facilities. There must be other alternative sites that will not interfere with the recreational aspects of Folsom Lake. Please find a better solution!

Sincerely,
Sandy Econome

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Comment #239

Porter, Stacy

From: dennis wierzba [gade05@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2007 12:44 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: concerning Folsom dam project

Dear Shawn Oliver, Bureau of Reclamation, we are property owners who live not 6mins. from Lake Folsom launching area.

We object serverly the proposal to close down Folsom Point recreation area for storing equipment while building a new spillway etc.

First off we believe as many others that upping security of the orginal dam road was a better option than closing it in the first place. Most of which I do believe was politically motivated .

If dam worked is done there are many other options for storage along the lake edge that would not infringe on the recreation of all Folsom residents and others in the surrounding areas.

For starters there is the Folsom Prison on prime real estate that has access to being right on the lake.

Lot's of property that could possibly be loaned out to the citizens of this area for your purposes of storing equipment.

If not that idea, there are plenty of spaces along the lake edge to be created that will accomplish the same thing without distrubing a beautiful recreation and park area we presently enjoy very much.

Six to seven years of closing this facility is outrageous and insensitive to the rights of many good families in the area.

We bought our home knowing the asset of living near the lake and having direct access to it was a big plus. Our homes in our neighborhood have many boats that use this facility with their family and friends.

I'm sure that this can be worked out to where another location can be made workable. It may take alittle more effort to be creative but I do believe it is highly possible to do so.

Sincerely, Gail and Dennis Wierzba 3311 Bellingham Place E.DH. Ca. 95762.

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Comment #240

Porter, Stacy

From: Linton Brown [LLN01@clearwire.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2007 8:54 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Dam

Mr. Oliver:

I am staring at this web page:

http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_projdetails.cfm?Project_ID=1808.

which shows a dozen or so reports, all with the same name (or close to it). How utterly unhelpful!

Can you point out a place where an interested party can discover (in two pages or less) the answer to this obvious question?

What is it that you propose to build (or modify), and when?

The environmental analysis process has reached, indeed gone far beyond, information saturation. It has certainly lost track of the need for clarity and conciseness in governmental reports.

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Linton A. Brown
22360 Lariat Lane
Red Bluff CA 96080
(530) 527-0177

Comment #243

Porter, Stacy

From: Sharlene and Calvin Kasadate [ckasadat@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2007 8:35 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: Opposition to Closure of Folsom Point State Rec. Area

To whom it may concern.

I have heard about the recent proposal to close Folsom Point State Recreation Area for up to 7 years, and I am strongly opposed to this closure. We live in Briggs Ranch, and often enjoy having convenient access to Folsom Lake. With the proposed closure, we would no longer have this access. Many people who live in Folsom and the surrounding communities use Folsom Point for all sorts of recreational activities (ie-walking, biking, running, boating, etc.).

I hope you will consider other alternative solutions, rather than the closure of Folsom Point. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sharlene & Calvin Kasadate
104 Estabrook Way

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Comment #242

Porter, Stacy

From: Debra Baratta [barattafam4@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2007 7:47 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Point

To Whom it may concern,

I object to the closure of Folsom Point. Folsom Point is one of the only access points here in my vicinity to the Lake. We are new business owners to this town and have lived here for almost 8 years. I like living here and what this town has to offer. With the closure of the Dam road it not only was an inconvenience but had a negative effect on traffic.....I could go on and on. I'm sure you have heard this many times. I'm sure this is an important phase in revamping the Dam road, I only hope that there are other options to consider.

Thank you,

Deb and Tony Baratta

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Comment #243

Porter, Stacy

From: Ray Hart [rhart@geiconsultants.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2007 11:19 AM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; Rebecca.A.Victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: Folsom Dam Safety -- Environmental Review

Shawn and Rebecca, this e-mail is to submit comments on the EIS for the Folsom Dam Safety improvements. Specifically, my comments pertain to the multi year closure of Folsom Point recreation area to create a construction staging area. As you know closure of this highly used recreational area will cause millions of dollars in economic impacts to the Folsom community.

Have you evaluated another and potentially much less costly alternative to closing Folsom Point; which is to lease land from the State of California that is currently used for cattle grazing adjacent to Folsom Prison along Natomas road? With the construction of the new bridge just downstream of the Dam on recently acquired prison property, it would seem that additional land could be leased that would allow for construction operations for both projects. Once the new bridge is ready to open, construction traffic for the dam improvements could be handled via a temporary traffic light on the new road servicing the bridge.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I look forward to your response.

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Comment #244

Porter, Stacy

From: Jason Fanselau [jason@fanselau.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2007 3:59 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; Rebecca.A.Victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction EIS/EIR

Please consider this e-mail my formal comment in support of the project evaluated in the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction EIS/EIR.

I am in favor of the project and believe that all of the environmental impacts have been sufficiently minimized and mitigated for in your plan.

The project is important for the greater metro area of Sacramento and will greatly reduce flood risk to the families and businesses that make this area their home.

Thanks to the staff at the US Bureau of Reclamation and the US Army Corps of Engineers for their hard work.

Jason

Jason Fanselau
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Carmichael, CA 95608

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Porter, Stacy

From: Bruce Thomas [brt_brt_brt@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2007 9:23 PM
To: Shawn Oliver
Subject: I support the Folsom Dam project

Shawn Oliver, Bureau of Reclamation, 7794 Folsom Dam Road, Folsom, CA 93630.

Dear Mr. Oliver,

Folsom Dam upgrades are needed to increase protection against flooding in Sacramento. Sacramento currently has the least protection against flooding of any major city in the US. Upgrading of Folsom Dam is cost-effective for taxpayers. It also protects the environment by reducing the need for new water development projects elsewhere.

Sincerely,
Bruce R. Thomas
2477 Sycamore Ln, Apt G6
Davis, CA 95616

Porter, Stacy

From: Jim Carlsen [jimcarlsen@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2007 3:24 PM
To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Cc: bethcarlse@aol.com
Subject: Folsom Point

To Whom in May Concern:

I am writing this note to express my displeasure with the suggestion that you may close Folsom Point to use it as a staging area for Folsom Dam repairs. I have lived in Folsom for over 15 years and I use the park EVERY DAY. I was there yesterday and saw at least 20 groups of people out enjoying nature and enjoying the resource. Folsom Point is sacred to our community. I am deeply disturbed that our government would even consider closing a well used, existing park. Are you kidding me? For SEVEN YEARS. Are you nuts? There is alot of land around and certainly you can find a better alternative.

For the record, you already took away the gateway to our community by closing the Dam Road. Please be assured that most people in Folsom don't believe that the Dam represented a "terrorist threat" and that was just a smoke screen that the Bureau decided to hide behind.

I'm sorry that this sounds like an impolite note, but when you come up with something as absurd as closing a jewel park for 7 years, it is hard to be subtle when expressing an opinion. Quite frankly, the Bureau's back to back ideas of closing the Dam Rd and now Folsom Point has caused me to lose all confidence in your organization.

Sincerely,

Jim Carlsen
916-425-4921

Comment #247

Porter, Stacy

From: Jeff Angeja [jangeja@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2007 4:14 PM
To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; soliver@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil
Cc: bangeja@directon.net; jillyandheather@comcast.net; dpiecemaker@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Folsom Point

Please, please, please come up with any alternative that does not close Folsom Point (Dyke 8) while you retrofit the Folsom Dam. I live less than 10 minutes from Folsom Point and use those facilities all year long. I am sure you are aware over 820,000 people use that site. If you close it, all of those people will have to use Brown's Ravine, Beal's Point, or Granite Bay. Those places are already overcrowded, and what will happen is they will fill up and people will be turned away (as it happens to people at all of the locations on holiday weekends even now). In short, if you close this site (one of the largest) it will result in a DENIAL of access to all but the lucky few who get to the remaining sites first. This is a tragedy, and there MUST be another option.

On a personal note, closing that site will damage my family life on multiple levels. I have 2 children (8 and 4 years old) who love waterskiing and riding the jet ski with me, and my parents are heavily into fishing. My children have been enjoying quality, wholesome family togetherness while learning these sports, and if you close Folsom Point for 8 years, **THEY WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS TO FOLSOM LAKE DURING THEIR CHILDHOOD**. They will be well into their teenage years before you reopen it under your recurrent proposal. This is a travesty.

There must be other options. You have already closed the Dam road, which includes that moderately-sized vista point parking lot just before the dam and it has easy access to the water's edge. It seems to me that it would not take much to modify that area to use for a staging area for equipment and materials, with the added safety and security of the now-closed Folsom Dam Road being the **ONLY** access road to this alternative site. It may not be as readily available as Folsom Point, but the cost to fix the vista point area is a **VERY REASONABLE** option in light of the loss of wholesome family recreational opportunities, not to mention the devastating fiscal impact on local businesses.

I look forward to your response, please.

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Porter, Stacy

From: amberkennedy@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2007 9:09 PM
To: Shawn Oliver
Subject: Folsom Point

To whom it may concern;

I strenuously object to the proposed closure of Folsom Point State Recreation Area. This proposition is unacceptable to me and to the citizens of Folsom and our surrounding communities. Folsom Point is used by many thousands of community members throughout the year for outdoor recreation (walking, biking, running, boating and picnicking) and sometimes just contemplation. The closure would be an outrage and detrimentally impact the local economy and quality of life for those in Folsom. Since the Dam Road closed, it has been the only access to Folsom Lake within the City of Folsom and has been a serious draw for visitors as well.

Please choose an alternative solution, as closing Folsom Point is absolutely unacceptable. Thank you for your consideration.

Amber Kennedy
Folsom resident & avid park user.

Porter, Stacy

From: vwandmw@juno.com
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2007 9:06 PM
To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Closure of Folsom Point

To Whom it May Concern:

It has recently come to my attention that there is a possibility that Folsom Point will be closed for the next 7 years. This is the first that I have heard of this and I am wondering why the public was not notified of this earlier. I am a resident of Folsom and I live very close to the Folsom Point entrance. I'm concerned about possible noise of the construction equipment being in such close vicinity to my house, disrupting my quiet neighborhood. I'm also concerned about property values going down due to this and also due to the fact that we no longer will live in walking distance to the Folsom Lake entrance, which is a great selling point. Also, we will not be able to enjoy boating at Folsom Point. True, Brown's Ravine is only 1 mile away, but is much more crowded and will be even more crowded once Folsom Point is closed.

Are there any other alternatives for places that can be used as a staging area? What about the big open grassy area off Natoma St. and Folsom Dam Rd? I believe that is part of the prison property. Couldn't that be used instead? Or what about the parking lot of the overlook on Folsom Dam Road, just before crossing over the dam? Please consider other options before using Folsom Point. The Folsom Point entrance is very close to residential neighborhoods and would be a great inconvenience and affect our quality of life, as well as our property values.

Margaret Wong

Comment #250

Porter, Stacy

From: Ron Wisdom [rwisdom@softcom.net]**Sent:** Sunday, January 21, 2007 7:19 PM**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov**Subject:** Folsom CA dam modification

- > I strenuously object to the proposed closure of Folsom
- > Point State Recreation Area. This proposition is
- > unacceptable to me and
- > to the citizens of Folsom and our surrounding
- > communities. Folsom Point is used by many thousands of
- > community members throughout the year for outdoor
- > recreation (walking, biking, running, boating and
- > picnicking) and sometimes just contemplation. The
- > closure would be an outrage and detrimentally impact
- > the local economy and quality of life for those in
- > Folsom. Since the Dam Road closed, it has been the
- > only access to Folsom Lake within the City of Folsom
- > and has been a serious draw for visitors as well.

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Comment #251

Porter, Stacy

From: Mark Younger [markyounger@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2007 5:35 PM
To: Shawn Oliver
Cc: Rebecca.A.Victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: New Folsom Bridge EIR

I have been unable to complete my reading of the EIR due to the time allotted and the volume of the document.

My initial comments are:

1. The road noise currently exceeds noise standards. The City of Folsom has been promising a "rubberized road surface" for the past decade. How is the increase in noise of construction traffic going to be mitigated? (Tire and exhaust)
2. There is an Elementary School within 400 yards of the site. How will you mitigate harmful particulate matter?
3. How and when will the damage to the surrounding roadway be repaired?
4. The original dam road had a traffic burden of less than 10,000. How is the noise impact from the increase to 40,000 with the new bridge going to be mitigated?
5. I personally built my home in it's present location for me and my family to utilize the Dyke 8, now Folsom Point, facilities. My understanding is the closure will be so long that my elementary school children will be out high school when and if the facility is reopened. What additional facilities are going to be added to on the south side of the lake to supplement the removal of Folsom Point?
6. Will foot traffic to the lake be allowed or will the the area from Brown's Ravine to Beal's Point be inaccessible? (approximately 6 miles)
7. My primary access is thru Briggs Ranch Drive at either light. How many and how long are road closures expected to be?
8. What alternate access to Briggs Ranch will be provided during the closures?
9. For how long, where and how many noise sampling stations are going to be utilized to provide quantitative noise impact data?
10. For how long, where and how many particulate pollution sampling stations are going to be utilized to provide quantitative pollution control?
11. How is the additional road debris from construction going to be cleaned up?

Thank you for you time,

Mark Younger

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January 16, 2007

Bureau of Reclamation
Mr. Shawn Oliver
7749 Folsom Dam Road
Folsom, CA 95630

RE: Possible Closure of Folsom Point Recreation Area

Dear Mr. Oliver,

I am writing to you as the voice of a concerned citizen and local business man. I have spoken with several business owners and Folsom lake enthusiasts who are virtually up in arms over the possible closure of Folsom's only lake access point. While it is obvious that there may be sacrifices needed to finally get the new bridge built and the Folsom Dam reinforcement work, it seems like we in Folsom keep getting hammered while Placer and El Dorado counties are business as usual.

There are several businesses that have been living on a shoestring since the Dam closed and now you are taking away their last minute shoppers who are planning for a day at the lake. This will likely be a last straw for many of these small businesses. It seems to me that there are plenty of access points that may be able to share in this endeavor and thus allow Folsom's citizens their access during these next few years. Let some other's share the pain. It is the right thing to do after five years of suffering.

Sincerely,

C. Fred Wilcox
RE/MAX Gold Commercial

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Hello Shawn,

This letter is in regard to the closing of Folsom Point Recreation Area.

I'd like to ask you and the powers that be not to close Folsom Point because since the terrorist attacks, Folsom has been messed up as I'm sure you know. Business has suffered greatly and some have gone out of business. The traffic situation is not good due to the closing of the Dam Road. My wife and I as well as many others really enjoyed going up to the parking area on the Dam Road for the views and others went there for the great fishing and scuba diving.

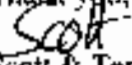
I really don't want to sound like a whiner and do understand why the Dam Road was closed. However, we and many others love Folsom Point for picnics, fishing, launching boats and the scenery. My wife and I use Folsom Point almost every single weekend during the summer and as long as possible until the water level gets too low.

I don't know anything about your business, but I realize that flood control is necessary and that what you are doing is good. However, if there are any other arrangements that could be made that would work just as well without greatly disrupting life in Folsom any further, I hope that you would please consider it. I don't know, but maybe you could still keep Folsom Point open for us and still run your operation from there.

The whole idea of closing Folsom Point down for 7 years is a total bummer to us and many others. It always seems like one thing after another is taken from us.

That's my selfish point of view but more importantly Folsom businesses don't need another hit like this. They've already been hit hard by the closing of the Dam Road.

Please consider all alternatives and don't close Folsom Point because thousands of people depend on it for many different reasons.

Thank you,

Scott & Teri Becker
916-984-6840

January 10, 2007

Shawn Oliver
Bureau of Reclamation
7249 Folsom Dam Road
Folsom, CA. 95630

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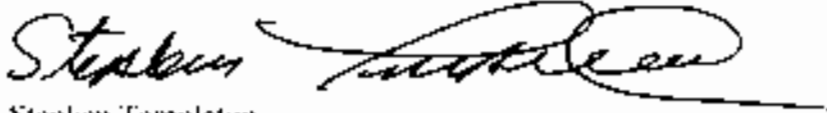
Dear Mr. Oliver:

Folsom Bridge Project Comments

Have lived in Folsom for 17 years and have experienced many changes, for which the most part have been good.

However, am quite concerned about the 7 year project proposed for the new bridge. With the closing of the dam road for 911, and the blocking off of certain streets in Folsom, it has presented a driving nightmare as it relates to the traffic congestion and the flow of traffic trying to get over both bridges. There has to be a well-thought-out plan prior to the beginning of the work, to insure that the flow of traffic in and out of Folsom will not be more adversely effected than it is now. With the increase of the population and added traffic on a daily basis, your plan must be appropriate so that the traffic flows better than it does now.

Respectfully,



Stephen Templeton
223 Silberhorn Drive
Folsom, Ca. 95630

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January 16, 2007

Mr. Michael Finnegan, Area Manager
Federal Bureau of Reclamation
7794 Folsom Dam Road
Folsom, CA 95630

Dear Mr. Finnegan:

This is to request that you reconsider using the parking and boat launching facilities at Folsom Point State Recreation Area for construction activities associated with the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction project currently under the environmental review process.

We have heard from many constituents in Folsom and the surrounding areas attesting to the devastating economic impact that closing the Folsom Point facility for the duration of the construction project would have on the local community. After the economic consequences of the closure of Folsom Dam Road nearly three years ago we do not feel that an additional economic impact should be imposed on the City of Folsom and the State of California at this state-owned facility, especially since there are nearby alternatives available. We urge the Bureau to meet with the City of Folsom and stakeholders concerned about the impact of this proposed action to seek resolution prior to the publication of the final environmental impact document.

More than 100,000 visitors per year use the Folsom Point recreation facility. And surrounding boat ramps cannot handle this level of use. If Folsom Point is closed for seven years or longer due to the actions of the Bureau of Reclamation, the economic damages could be severe and even more permanent than the action taken to close the Folsom Dam Road. This in our minds is not acceptable.

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Please take our comments, which we make on behalf of our constituents, into consideration as you take comments on the overall Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction project. We look forward to your timely response.

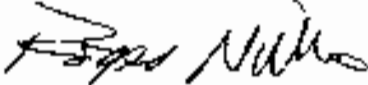
Sincerely,




DAVE COX
Senator, First District



ALAN NAKANISHI
Assemblyman, 10th District



ROGER NIELLO
Assemblyman, Fifth District



TED GAINES
Assemblyman, Fourth District

Comment #256

Porter, Stacy

From: Rana Heller-Church [rheller-church@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 5:03 PM
To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Closing Folsom Point

We are opposed to closing Folsom Point. Don't you think Folsom residents have been inconvenienced enough. You close the Folsom Dam Road, not Folsom Point. That is the only place we take our boat to launch. We paid for a season pass, we should have that opened to us. Had I known, I would not have bought a pass.

Rana and Bryan Church
493 Williams Street
Folsom, CA 95630
916/353-1998

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Comment #257

Porter, Stacy

From: Jeanne Pfaff [tahoequeen2003@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 5:21 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Cc: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Closure of Folsom Point

To whom it may concern;

I am concerned to hear of the proposed closure of Folsom Point State Recreation Area. This proposition isn't an equitable and sound solution to the problem. We have been residents of Folsom for 7 years. We moved to Folsom to be near Folsom Lake and all the beautiful amenities the city of Folsom had to offer. Folsom Point is the only boat launch we have ever used and it is used by thousands of community members throughout the year for outdoor recreation such as walking, biking, running, boating and picnicking. Since the Folsom Dam Road closed, Folsom Point has been the only access to Folsom Lake within the city of Folsom and has been a serious draw for visitors as well. The closure of Folsom Dam Road was extremely inconvenient for Folsom residents and devastating to many Folsom businesses. Closing Folsom Point would be an outrage and will detrimentally impact the quality of life for Folsom residents as well as cripple many businesses. This would severely affect the economy in Folsom and adversely change the entire dynamics of the city. If there is work to be done or repairs needed, there are other alternatives to closing Folsom Point. There would be less of an impact to businesses and residents if the work was done during evening hours in the summer and full days in the winter when the weather is cold and there is less desire to use Folsom Point.

Please choose an alternative solution, as closing Folsom Point is absolutely unacceptable and not the right thing to do to residents of Folsom.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeanne and Albert Pfaff
(916) 608-9772

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Comment #258

Porter, Stacy

From: Jeff Hopkins - APR Appraisals [APR.LLC@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 7:15 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Cc: Rebecca.A.Victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: Folsom Point

There are other alternatives to Folsom Point for a staging area.
Please take the time to do some sort of cost/benefit analysis.
Upon hearing of the potential closure, I minimized the impact.
After some thought, I realize the negative impact will be greater than most think.
Please look at the alternatives.

Jeff Hopkins
Folsom homeowner

1/23/2007

Porter, Stacy

From: Rob Dulinski [Rob.Dulinski@SactoHomeLoan.com]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 4:45 PM
To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: folsom point

Mr. Finnegan

The idea to close folsom point would be a disaster for the folsom residence and business owners. I am a long term folsom resident and would like to be noted as opposing this action at folsom point.

Robert dulinski
505 williams street
folsom ca. 95630
916-985-6760

Comment #260

Porter, Stacy

From: shmarak@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 7:14 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Folsom Point

Mr. Oliver,

As a resident of Folsom who is not a boater, but who enjoys taking visitors to Folsom Point to view the lake and dam, I urge the Bureau not to close this delightful spot to the public!

As I recall, there was a large public parking lot along the old Folsom Dam Road (Folsom side) which is much closer to the dam, and, surely, is not getting any use from the public. Why not use that space as a construction staging area since it has already been taken away?

Thank you,
Arthur D. Shmarak
Folsom, CA
shmarak@comcast.net

1/23/2007

Comment #261

Porter, Stacy

From: LLondon1@aol.com
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 4:39 PM
To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: folsom pt. closure

I have been informed that there is a possibility that Folsom Point might be closed. I am AGAINST such a closure. There is little outdoor recreation for the citizens of our community in El Dorado Hills. We go to Folsom Point a lot and appreciate the hikes and nature. This is a wonderland in a town of concrete. Please do not let Folsom Point close.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lori Neal
Concerned Citizen

1/23/2007

Comment #262

Porter, Stacy

From: Troy Warr [troywarr@cpsusa.com]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 4:35 PM
To: mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: We are strongly opposed to closing dyke 8

We are Folsom residence and feel this is a mistake to suggest closing this area

Troy and Shari Warr

Comment #263

Porter, Stacy

From: jhdillon@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 4:14 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Cc: rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil
Subject: Comments on DEIS-EIR for Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Project
Attachments: Comments on DEIS-EIR for Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Project

Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Victorine,

Attached please find my comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Control Project. Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on this document, and please send me a copy of the Final EIS/EIR when responses to comments are completed.

Sincerely,
John Dillion
105 Sourdough Court
Folsom, CA 95630

1/23/2007

January 22, 2007

Mr. Shawn Oliver
Bureau of Reclamation
7794 Folsom Dam Road
Folsom, CA 95630
soliver@mp.usbr.gov

Mrs. Becky Victorine
United States Army Corps of Engineers
1325 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil

RE: Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Control Project

Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Victorine,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Project (FDSP). I would appreciate their inclusion in the official record for this document, and I look forward to responses to my comments in the Final Environment Impact Statement/Report. I acknowledge the level of effort and professional preparation of the DEIS/EIR, but I do not believe that it is an adequate assessment of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed FDSP which is the topic of the DEIS. In short, I do not believe that the DEIS/EIR is an adequate basis for the adoption of a positive Notice of Determination and environmental approval by the standards of the federal NEPA regulations, nor with the requirements of California's CEQA regulations. My comments are directed at the areas of Project Definition, Scoping of the DEIS/EIR, and the Assessment of Impacts in several categories.

The Project Definition and subsequent assessment of Project impacts are deficient. Analyses of the long-term consequences of the Project are not discussed in the DEIS/EIR, and these impacts are deferred to a future Facility Management Plan. This is a segmenting of the Project Description and environmental assessment process which is not consistent with NEPA and CEQA requirements regarding the complete disclosure of foreseeable consequences of a Project which will receive federal funds.

The Facility Management Plan is critical to the assessment of potential environmental impacts resulting from the higher Folsom Lake surface elevation which is the objective of the FDSP. The DEIS/EIR cannot accurately assess the impacts of the FDSP without consideration of the Facility Management Plan as an integral component of the Project Description. Following are comments

on specific topics which illustrate the inadequacy of the DEIS/EIR as a basis for a positive Notice of Determination for the proposed FDSP. Please provide responses to the general comment regarding the segmenting of the Project Description, as well as to the following specific comments:

- 1. The DEIS/EIR is not an adequate assessment of potential Project impacts due to a segmented Project Description which does not consider the operations of the expanded Folsom Dam facilities.** In the absence of the information which is to be provided in a future Facility Management Plan, it is not possible to accurately assess the impacts of the FDSP in several important issue areas. This segmenting of the Project description, and treatment in separate environmental reviews does not allow sufficient information for the FDSP, and is not consistent with federal and state environmental impact assessment practice and requirements.
- 2. The DEIS/EIR does not provide information regarding the extra days and extent of inundation for areas of the Folsom Lake federal property and surrounding private properties as a consequence of the elevated surface level.** This deficiency prevents the accurate assessment of potential impacts to terrestrial plant and animal species which will be displaced for greater periods of time, and forced into smaller habitat areas. This deficiency is an example of the infeasibility of segmenting the Project Description into “construction” and “management”. The environmental consequences of the FDSP are dependent upon the operation of the expanded facility, and cannot be separated in the DEIS/EIR for the proposed Project. Please respond by providing additional information about the impacts of additional days/weeks of inundation on terrestrial plant and animal species within the FLSRA and surrounding private properties.
- 3. The DEIS/EIR does not identify portions of the trail network or other public use areas within the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area which will be inundated for greater periods and to a greater extent than is currently the case.** For example, in the Beeks Bight/Doton Point area of the FLSRA, the parking lot and many of the trails in the area are currently inundated after the spring snowmelt. With the greater storage capacity and higher surface elevation of Folsom Lake, what will be the impact of additional days and areas of inundation on specific trails and other public use facilities within the FLSRA? Please respond by providing a detailed map of the expanded inundation area of the raised Folsom Lake, showing which trails and other public facilities would be impacted. Also, please assess the issue of extra days of inundation of areas within and external to the FLSRA in terms of lost availability for public use.
- 4. The DEIS/EIR does not adequately or accurately assess the construction and long-term impacts of the Project on all users of the FLSRA.** The DEIS/EIR acknowledges that its estimates of FLSRA park usage do not include users who enter on foot, by bicycle or on horseback. Based on empiric observation, many park users access the FLSRA on foot, by bicycle and on horseback. Therefore, the DEIS/EIR significantly underestimates the total number of actual FLSRA park visitors, and specifically excludes any information about trail user groups. Please respond by providing additional information about the levels of FLSRA park usage including the substantial number of visitors who access Folsom Lake on foot, on bicycles and on horseback. Please provide additional information on the number of park users who currently use trails or other facilities which will be rendered unavailable by expanded inundation, and on the resultant impacts to those specific user groups. Please provide specific discussion of the impacts of expanded days/areas of inundation on the Beeks

Bight/Doton Point Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) trail on disabled park visitors. Please discuss impacts to the disabled users of the FLSRA in terms of consistency with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

5. The DEIS/EIR does not adequately address Alternatives to the Project as proposed.

The DEIS/EIR dismisses upstream management of the American River drainage area, as well as any consideration of possible downstream flood control constraints or strategies as beyond the scope of the Project description. This ignores several potential alternatives to the FDSP, for example construction of additional upstream storage capacity. As these are feasible alternative to the Project as proposed, they should be considered within the DEIS.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my comments on the DEIS for the Folsom Dam Safety Project, and I look forward to responses to these comments in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Project,

Sincerely,
John Dillon
105 Sourdough Court
Folsom, CA 95630

Comment #264

Porter, Stacy

From: Mary Strauss [marykaystrauss@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 8:05 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Re closing Folsom Point

Please do not close Folsom Point. It is our main access to Folsom Lake. I am a Folsom resident and local business owner here for 17 years.

Thank you.

Mary Strauss
104 Kilsby Way
Folsom, Ca 95630

Comment #265

Porter, Stacy

From: amybc1@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 2:54 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; mfinnegan@@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Proposed closure of Folsom Point

To whom it may concern:

In regards to the closure of Folsom Point State Recreation Area I must say I am greatly opposed to this idea. Folsom Point is a wonderful recreational area not only for the communities within Folsom but those surrounding it as well.

Many people use this area year round for hiking, biking, running, boating, fishing, etc. and to take that away would have a devastating impact on Folsom.

Please reconsider using Folsom Point as a storage area for your equipment while working on the levee's. Folsom is a wonderful city who boasts at being "family and community friendly". Don't take that away from us. Thank you.

Amy Cooke
837 Willow Creek Dr.
Folsom, CA 95630

1/23/2007

Porter, Stacy

From: Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 2:35 PM
To: Shawn Oliver
Subject: Fwd: Closure of Folsom Pt. -Jan.22,2007

>>> "Paul freese" <paulfreese@msn.com> 01/22 1:57 PM >>>
Bureau of Reclamation-Attn-Mr. Finnegan and Mr. Oliver ,

I am writting this email to go on your Official Record that our entire family of seven is completely opposed to the closing of Folsom Point for many reasons. We built our first custom house on 107 Jumper Ct in Briggs ranch 16 years ago. Our family grew to 4 children plus a grandparent and we needed to build a second custom house. This was based on the complete joy of living so close to the beautiful Folsom Pt rec. area and boat launch.

This second house is at 106 McDerby Ct. which is very close to the Folsom pt entrance. We constructed a 6 bedroom 5 1/2 bath custom home that literally was built by tremendous sweat equity and much financial burden but we considered it all worth while because it would be a future asset to us as our children grew, went to college, married, and we retired. Our childrens ages are 16,15,13, and 11. All girls. My husband and I are 53 and 51. As you can see our huge expenses are quickly coming upon us and our major asset is our beautiful custom house that was to be our safety net as means of paying for these financial burdens of the future.

We have actively used this facility for 16 years and the thought that we could not launch our boat or go for a walk there is unbelievable,. If this facility is closed and used for a staging area for construction, Our family will be directly impacted. My mother is 85, who lives with us and she suffers from weakened lung condition which causes her to cough quite a bit now. With the added air pollution to our location I am very concerned to what this will do to her breathing problems. I also have 2 daughters with asthma - like conditions that will be inflamed with the dust and carbon emmisions. I am very concerned with the increased noise levels that will occur. We have a pool and I feel that will limit our use of it greatly. My biggest complaint though is what this 6-7 year closure will do to my property value that we worked so hard on all these years.

I have been told that there is something called eminent domain that could allow us to sue the gov. for restitution if in fact this project causes us to lose 100,000's of thousands of dollars on the future sale of this house. The dollars that would make all the difference to our future and that of our children. The quality of all our lives will be severely impacted if this closure project takes place so close to our residence. I feel that the people of Folsom have had no warning and little knowledge of what your agency's are about to do. I know the majority of the public would be outraged and against to Folsom Point closure. Please find a different plan and place for your construction staging area.

Connie Freese-916-985-3315. Dear Mr. Oliver,

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Connie Freese-916-985-3315.

Porter, Stacy

From: Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 1:30 PM
To: Shawn Oliver
Subject: Fwd: Don't close Folsom Point

>>> "Santos, Carmella" <carmella_santos@addisonavenue.com> 01/22 1:25 PM >>>

Opposed to the closing of Folsom Point. I wanted this on record, my opposition.

Carmella Santos

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From: Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 1:18 PM
To: Shawn Oliver
Subject: Fwd: Objection to Folsom Point Closure

>>> Carrie Cota <thecotafamily@sbcglobal.net> 01/22 1:15 PM >>>
To whom it may concern;

I completely object to the proposed closure of Folsom Point State Recreation Area. This proposition is unacceptable to me and to the citizens of Folsom and our surrounding communities. Folsom Point is used by many thousands of community members throughout the year for outdoor recreation (walking, biking, running, boating and picnicking) and sometimes just contemplation. The closure would be an outrage and detrimentally impact the quality of life for those in Folsom. Since the Dam Road closed, it has been the only access to Folsom Lake within the City of Folsom and has been a serious draw for visitors as well.

Please choose an alternative solution, as closing Folsom Point is absolutely unacceptable. Thank you for your considering another alternative solution.

Carrie, Folsom Resident

Comment #269

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From: Apeterson1974@aol.com
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 8:31 PM
To: soliver@mp.usbr.gov; mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: (no subject)

I strongly object to the proposed closure of Folsom Point State Recreation Area! This proposition is unacceptable to the citizens of Folsom and surrounding communities. Folsom Point is used by thousands of community members throughout the year for picnics, walking, biking, running and boating. Its closure would be an outrage.

Folsom Point is the only access to Folsom Lake in the City of Folsom. Please consider alternative solutions, as closing Folsom Point is absolutely unacceptable.
Sincerely,
Aimee Peterson

1/23/2007

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From: Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 1:11 PM
To: Shawn Oliver
Subject: Fwd: Closure of Folsom Point

>>> <jodyann11@comcast.net> 01/22 1:02 PM >>>
To whom it may concern;

I strenuously object to the proposed closure of Folsom Point State Recreation Area. This proposition seems unnecessary and unreasonable due to many other alternatives. My family and I have been residents of Folsom for 16 years. We moved to Folsom to be near Folsom Lake. Folsom Point is the only boat launch we have ever used and it is used by many thousands of community members throughout the year for outdoor recreation such as walking, biking, running, boating and picnicking. Since the Folsom Dam Road closed, Folsom Point has been the only access to Folsom Lake within the city of Folsom and has been a serious draw for visitors as well. The closure of Folsom Dam Road was extremely inconvenient for Folsom residents and devastating to many Folsom businesses. Closing Folsom Point would be an outrage and detrimentally impact the quality of life for Folsom residents as well as cripple many businesses. This would severely affect the economy in Folsom and adversely change the entire dynamics of the city. If there is work to be done or repairs needed, there are other alternatives to closing Folsom Point. There would be less of an impact to businesses and residents if the work was done during evening hours in the summer and full days in the winter when the weather is cold and there is less desire to use Folsom Point.

Please choose an alternative solution, as closing Folsom Point is absolutely unacceptable to all residents of Folsom.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jody Biaggi
(916) 608-2201

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From: Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 12:41 PM
To: Shawn Oliver
Subject: Fwd: I strongly oppose the closing of Folsom Point

>>> "Bob Grunsky" <Bob.Grunsky@KSBenefits.com> 01/22 12:36 PM >>>
To: whom it may concern

I have been a Folsom resident for nearly 17years. One of the primary reasons I moved here was because of the recreational activities provided by Folsom Lake. Access to the lake at Folsom Point was a huge factor in where I chose to purchase my home. I oppose the closing of this facility and would hope that you would hear the voice of the "recreation community" and if at all possible, select another location for your project.

Thank you,

Bob Grunsky

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From: Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 12:40 PM
To: Shawn Oliver
Subject: Fwd: Folsom Point

>>> Michele Flores <mflores916@comcast.net> 01/22 12:27 PM >>>
To whom it may concern:

In regards to the proposed closing of Folsom Point, I want to express my strong opposition to the plan. Please consider an alternate site to be used for the staging area during the dam construction.

Thank you,
Michele Flores
585 Borges Ct
Folsom, CA 95630

Sandra J. Gallardo PTA Treasurer
Folsom Youth Football & Cheer Secretary

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From: Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 12:40 PM
To: Shawn Oliver
Subject: Fwd: Folsom Point

>>> Christina Flores <christinarflores@yahoo.com> 01/22 12:06 PM >>>
To whom it may concern:

In regard to the proposed closing of Folsom Point, I want to express my opposition to the plan. Please consider an alternate site to be used for the staging area during the dam construction.

Thank you,
Christina Flores
441 Amhurst Circle
Folsom, CA 95630

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From: Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 12:40 PM
To: Shawn Oliver
Subject: Fwd: RE: Folsom Point

>>> Franco Salluce <salluce@yahoo.com> 01/22 11:32 AM >>>
Misters Oliver and Finnegan,

I am writing to ask that alternatives to closing the Folsom Point State Recreation Area be considered during the upcoming construction project at the Folsom Dam. I am an Elk Grove, CA resident and drive nearly an hour several times a year to enjoy the closest recreational lake to me and my family.

If an outright alternative is not viable please consider all the users of this site and restrict access only as necessary. Perhaps a compromise would allow public use during lulls in the project and/or peaks of recreational use.

Surely, the success of the Folsom Dam project lies not only in its completion, but also in the Bureau's consideration for the community.

Thank you for your time,

Franco Salluce

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From: Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 12:39 PM
To: Shawn Oliver
Subject: Fwd: Folsom Point Closing "NO"

>>> <Kevin.Z.Long@kp.org> 01/22 10:44 AM >>>
Closing Folsom Point ? "Please No!"

The reason we selected the house we live in (Briggs Ranch development) was to be near the Lake and the entrance to the Lake. Currently we are in the process of moving across the street (Natomas) to a new development to be even closer (LA Collina Del Lago) and this was never even noted that they may be closing access to the Lake.

Folsom Point is the only access we have in the City of Folsom and during the summer on many weekends Folsom Point is filled to capacity. If something needs to be closed it should be an area that has multiple points of access.

Please Do Not Close Folsom Point!

Kevin Long and Family Jill, Spencer and Hayden
916-985-2649

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Folsom Ca 95630

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From: Judynapa1@aol.com
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 11:57 AM
To: Soliver@mp.usbr.gov
Subject: Closing Folsom Point recreation area

There must be other places that can serve as a staging area for the repair work scheduled on the dam. I am a senior citizen and some of the entry points, to the lake, are gravel pathways which are slippery for me. This is a wonderful spot for me to walk, exercise my dogs and bring my family. Please don't destroy the quality of life this area brings to so many people by closing it off to the public.

Thank you,

Judy Henderson
3245 Appian Way
El Dorado Hills, Ca. 95762
(916) 941-6681

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