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**From:** Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 10:43 AM  
**To:** Shawn Oliver  
**Subject:** Fwd:

>>> <pixlers2@comcast.net> 01/21 8:04 PM >>>

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From: pixlers2@comcast.net  
To: www.ca.gov, www.feinstein.senate.gov, www.boxer.senate.gov, www.house.gov/lungren, themayor@folsom.ca.us, pixlers2@comcast.net  
Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 03:57:34 +0000

Jan. 21, 2007

To our Honorable Representative:

RE: Closure of Folsom Point:

Please be advised that we are concerned 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 the different work projects on the Dam and Mormon Island Spillway by the Bureau and Army Corps of Engineers.

What a shame this would be for our already suffering local businesses, families that enjoy the park, tourism (boaters and fishermen come from far to use our park), to say nothing of the environment. The wild life there would be disturbed and run out of the area. Also this would run rattlesnakes and rodents into our neighborhood. This is a concern for us as we live in Briggs Ranch (thats adjacent to Folsom Point).

We realize that improvements need to be done and don't oppose to that. We request a staging area that won't hurt our families, businesses, wildlife and real estate values. We have had short notice of this project and not had adequate time to address the issues.

We ask that as our voice and representative to PLEASE aid us in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Sandra and Lanny Pixler  
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Folsom, CA.  
email address: pixlers2@comcast.net

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**From:** Philip Lee [pel911@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 11:21 PM  
**To:** Shawn Oliver  
**Subject:** Re: Folsom Dam Raise

Mr. Shawn Oliver,

Thanks for responding and extending the public comment period. I would like to submit the following comments regarding the proposed raise of Folsom Lake Dam:

I am in hearty agreement with the raise of the dam and dikes for flood control and seismic strengthening purposes. I am opposed to the flippant decision made to use the Folsom Point State Park for construction access or staging purposes, especially if it closes access to the boat ramp and parking. I know the decision was based on economics and convenience.

If this was an economic decision, it is difficult to justify the need to save a few hundred thousand dollars on building a separate access road and staging area when the Federal Govt is spending half a trillion dollars to destroy and rebuild a foreign country, for reasons that defy prudent use of tax dollars (and soldiers' lives).

I am slightly encouraged to hear from you that the closure is only considered for a few months during the off season, as in-season closure would wreak havoc on the already crowded adjacent ramps: Granite Bay and Brown's Ravine. But I don't believe the USBR has the fortitude to enforce that "promise", assuming it is even put into the contract. My fear is that as soon as the Folsom Point access is closed for construction, the USBR will allow the contractor to take over and full closure will take effect until job completion. This has been my observations with USBR's construction management record. They tend to succumb to the contractor's whims, and often allow the contractor to run the show.

The preferred alternative is to provide construction access and a staging area for Mormon Island from the east end of the dike, assuming that was the reason for this closure. I assume access for the main dam work is not an issue at this location?

At the very least, please consider mitigation of the closure by constructing a separate construction access road, and locating the staging area such that the boat ramp and parking area can be still open and operational.

As it is, Folsom Point needs MORE boat ramps and parking, with the exploding area population. Any type of closure or disruption to the facility would be disastrous.

thanks for your consideration,

Phil Lee  
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*Shawn Oliver* <soliver@mp.usbr.gov> wrote:

I am the Project Manager for the environmental document. I am the correct person to send comments to.

One of the alternatives, among many, is a 3 to 6 year closure of the Folsom Point area. Six years is a "Worst Cast Scenario". It is highly unlikely that FP will be shut down for more that a few months a year during the offseason.

If you send me your comments, I will be sure to get them added to the official record.

Shawn

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>>> Philip Lee 01/18/07 10:39 PM >>>

Hi Shawn,

I was given your name as a contact for the raising of Folsom Dam. Are you the program manager for this project? If not, please direct me to the lead person on this project.

I wish to comment on the potential 7 yr. closure of Folsom Point SP.

thanks,

Phil

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**From:** Tara Davis [TDavis@gtretail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 10:42 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Closure of Folsom Pointe

With all the vacant land around the Folsom Prison area, why would a spot of recreation in a small town like Folsom be chosen for closure.

It makes no sense to take a very popular, convenient spot in Folsom and close it for basically a construction storage area. People have moved to Folsom for the boating, business have moved in due to the high traffic and like I said prior, there is so much land along Natomas street that is unused and would make no impact if it was used. It seems like you could also use a portion of the land near Folsom Pointe and still keep this recreational area open.

As a resident of Folsom and living very near to this site, I am very opposed to the closure of Folsom Pointe.

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**From:** Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 10:40 AM  
**To:** Shawn Oliver  
**Subject:** Fwd: Folsom Point

>>> "Dan Normoyle" <dan.normoyle.nbz8@statefarm.com> 01/22 10:35 AM

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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.

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**From:** Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 10:32 AM  
**To:** Shawn Oliver  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed Closure of Folsom Point, qualified opposition tothat.

>>> "Rennie James" <renniel@comcast.net> 01/22 10:28 AM >>>  
Good morning?

I oppose the 100% full time closure of Folsom Point for seven years!

I am writing in response to a report that all the alternatives to the construction of improvements at Folsom Dam and area dykes and dams will require the seven (7) year closure of Folsom Point Recreation area.

My wife and I and Punkin visit the Point every day in the winter and twice a day in the summer if we are in town. This is our back yard and the reason for remaining at this residence. We have been at 125 Landrum Circle for 11 years and the best thing about is Location.

If the Folsom Dam and dykes improvements depend on and the only alternative is to close Folsom Point then I say close Folsom Point and make the necessary improvements. However, I believe that this alternative is probably the most convenient alternative and others may have been eliminated as inconvenient or cost more to accomplish. I concede that I do not have all the information that you who have been working overtime to accelerate this project have acquired. However, I believe that a compromise can and should be considered. I am sure that access control, the existence of a traffic light and existing gate provide considerable cost savings.

Also there is considerable space to stage equipment and materials in one place. If that did not require the closure of Folsom Point completely I would agree. The closure of Folsom Point would cost the community more, in my opinion, than the costs of dispersing these equipment and materials over a larger area in the community. For example the flats down stream from Mormon Island Dam on either side of Green Valley Road could be used for materials and equipment. Portions of the Folsom Point Recreation area could be used. The area around Dyke Seven should be considered. Speaking of that what about the open space around the prison? Sure improved security would be needed, but it would not restrict access to Folsom Point. I believe that you are able to use Folsom Point recreation area or parts of it without closing the park completely.

Have you ever paid attention to the financial impact of Folsom Point?

Each of those boaters, skiers, fishermen, day campers group picnic's at the Point and leisure boaters needs fuel, food, bait and equipment to make their visit everything they hope it will be. Many of the recreational users finish the day on the way home with refueling and having a quick meal on the way home.

While passing through Folsom they see things that they may not have been aware of. The Thursday Night Market, Cappuccino Cruisers night at the Red Robin, Music in the park, the

new Lib ~~Comment #281~~ our Zoo, these are all aspects that passers by notice. Then you have the Sutter Street Grill for breakfast and Hop Sings for dinner on the way home.

I am sure you can come up with other options and still complete this project as planned.

Please take a moment and consider my suggestions before you throw them in the trash can!

Rennie and Norma James

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Folsom, Ca 95630

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**From:** Gary Frolich [GFrolich@dfsfin.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 10:27 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil  
**Subject:** Closure of Folsom Pt / Dike 8

This would be the worse idea I've seen in this whole Folsom Dam/Lake situation in our 17 yrs of residence. I know there is plenty of room around the point closer to the dam.....let the rich people or the developers who are building out that entire point look at some equipment for awhile, instead of forcing thousands of people off the whole lake for years and years!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We bought here for access to Folsom Lake which has become more trouble than this town is worth. We understand recreation is at the bottom of the list for the lake, but with 12 govt bureaus involved it has become typical govt waste and abuse of the public GOOD.

DON'T CLOSE FOLSOM POINT - would be the last straw in a long list of govt missteps since 9/11.....and the good residences of Folsom Town continue to pay the price and suffer the incompetence of our govt!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We know you have a job to do.....please, please consider another alternative.

We werent planning on moving, but we will and we will take our money with us (and we are not alone).

Thanks you for your consideration.



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**From:** Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 10:24 AM  
**To:** Shawn Oliver  
**Subject:** Fwd: Folsom Point, Dyke 8, Closure

>>> <Scott.Wiemerslage@lennar.com> 01/22 9:01 AM >>>

To whom it may concern:

Upon recently hearing of the possible closure of Folsom Point, park and boat launch for up to seven years, I have been beside myself.

Understanding the ramifications of this act and pursuing them without diligence is one of the more irresponsible proposals I have heard. This proposal coupled with the complete lack of public knowledge continues the ever widening gap between the "stewards," of the lands and the general public.

Please consider any other potential alternatives to the proposed current one. The quality of life both for the boaters, park visitors, and neighborhoods is weighing on your decisions.

Seven years?

What about the kids who will grow up in that time and not to have ever known the beauty of the lake?

What about homeowner's buying or selling in that time that will either lose tremendous value or never see the potential and look elsewhere?

What about the already congested launches and park areas that will now have to be absorbed by the other three entrances?

What about the loss of potential income and profit from recreationalists looking elsewhere?

What about the environmental impact statements?

What about using Folsom Dam Road, already in existence, and not being used to access?

Please reconsider.....

Scott Wiemerslage  
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Field Supervisor, Established Communities  
925-570-4585  
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**From:** Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 10:24 AM  
**To:** Shawn Oliver  
**Subject:** Fwd: Do not close Folsom point

>>> "Troy Watson" <troywatson73@sbcglobal.net> 01/22 9:03 AM >>>  
We are completely opposed to closing Folsom point. There are too many people that use the park to shut it down. Please find an alternative site.

Thanks ,

Troy Watson 916-730-4585

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**From:** Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 10:23 AM  
**To:** Shawn Oliver  
**Subject:** Fwd: Closing of Folsom Point

>>> david brown <browndl8@hotmail.com> 01/22 10:21 AM >>>  
I am OPPOSED to closing Folsom Point.

David L Brown  
2331 Clapton Way  
Folsom CA 95630

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Get into the holiday spirit, chat with Santa on Messenger.  
<http://imagine-windowslive.com/minisites/santabot/default.aspx?locale=en-us>

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**From:** Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 10:22 AM  
**To:** Shawn Oliver  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please do not close Folsom Point

>>> "Krista Fisher" <aggies00@gmail.com> 01/22 9:52 AM >>>  
Mr. Shawn Oliver,

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 ,  
Krista Fisher

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**From:** Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 10:23 AM  
**To:** Shawn Oliver  
**Subject:** Fwd: Closing of Folsom Point

>>> Viera Weldy <vieraw@sbcglobal.net> 01/22 10:21 AM >>>

I just wanted to go on record to oppose Folsom Point closing. We have lived in Folsom for 10 years and have used Folsom Point to launch our boat for some family time at the lake. We have experienced over crowding and at times were forced to use Brown's Ravine. With Folsom Point closed, all of the day users will be forced to use Brown's Ravine, which will not be able to accomodate all of the overflow.....and what happens when some of the ramps are closed due to low water? Please keep Folsom Point open.

Scott and Viera Weldy  
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Folsom, CA 95630  
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**From:** gregory.mercurio@att.net  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 10:02 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Point

Dear Shawn: As a stakeholder in the outcome of the decision to close/not close Folsom Point, I feel it is only fair to extend the public commentary period to allow the public a fair amount of time to research and comment. According to the newspaper article that I did read, the decision is already made, and the timing and durations are the only outstanding issues.

As the owner of tasty Time Ice Cream & Frozen Yogurt, I am in the direct path of the consequences of the decision. I have NOT had enough time to adequately research this topic. I believe that public disclosure of the rationale behind the USBR's decisions should be the first priority, not the rush to close the Point.

Kind regards,

Greg Mercurio

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**From:** Clyde [camatson@calweb.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 9:47 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil; clocke@sacbee.com  
**Subject:** Folsom Dam Project

I have been following the discussion on the levies and dam modifications for quite some time now. To date I have found no recollection in this process of the near flood a few years back.

As I recall, after some number of years the management of the dam facilities decided that now was the time to "test" the gates. This was during a period of time when inflows were very high. When they tried to open and close the first gate it broke. Remember this was only one of the existing gates. The gate jammed and broke, leaving it mostly open. This put almost enough water down the river to over top the levies. At the Howe Ave. bridge the river was about a foot from the top of the levee. At Rio Americano High School the situation was the same. My daughter went to that school at that time. As it worked out luck held and the levees did not get over topped.

I have looked at the levee plans (not well) and looked at the sketch of the dam modifications. As I see them the thing that concerns me most is the modification to the dam.

As I see it more gates are being added and on the south end of the dam a dirt burm is planned. The comment that was made about this burm was that if the water got to the point of over topping the dam this burm would wash out and prevent over topping the dam.

The problem that I see is that the Burm is at least as wide as three gates, at a minimum. And once washed out is uncontrollable as to flow.

This looks like a **REAL** problem to me and will be to most of Sacramento. I believe this is asking for another New Orleans levee failure.

What do you think?

Clyde Matson  
1430 Joby Lane  
Sacramento, CA  
95864-3129

Phone: 916-487-5445

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**From:** Katarzyna Turkiewicz [kturkiew@arb.ca.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 8:12 AM  
**To:** mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; soliver@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil  
**Subject:** Folsom Point Closing

I am a long time Folsom resident and take a great pride in our City and our community. I am strongly opposed to closing Folsom Point. Folsom Lake is an important part of our community. Closing it will not only reduce our access to the lake, but will also adversely impact businesses in our community. I especially would like you to consider our senior citizens and our children. Seven years it's a long time in their lives. My younger daughter is now six, by the time you are projecting to open Folsom Point again she will be 13 years old. Some of our elderly friends and neighbors may not live long enough to see it reopen, and for them it is difficult to seek an alternative access.

I would appreciate if you could take my comments into consideration before you make a final decision.

Kasia Turkiewicz  
665 Henry Court  
Folsom, CA 95630  
Phone: (916) 351-1526



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**From:** Mike Wall [mwall@fcusd.org]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 21, 2007 9:57 PM  
**To:** mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Closing Folsom Point...

To whom it may concern,

I am a longtime homeowner in the Briggs Ranch development of Folsom and much of the reason I bought my home here was due to the easy access to Folsom Lake and the easy access to Granite Bay via the Folsom Dam Road. Now a little more than 6 years has passed and two of the most logistical benefits of living where I bought my house are in danger of going away. Travel to Roseville is a nightmare and traffic in Folsom is a disaster due to the dam road closure. Now I hear that Folsom Point may close so that I will have to take my boat miles away, through this traffic, to get to the water. PLEASE DO NOT RUIN MY ACCESS TO THE LAKE!!! DO NOT CLOSE FOLSOM POINT!!! FIND ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE SO AS TO AVOID FURTHER HARDSHIPS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF FOLSOM.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Mike Wall  
129 Loughridge Way  
Folsom  
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**From:** Tony Cann [mikecann@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 8:41 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov; mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov  
**Cc:** rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil  
**Subject:** Folsom Point Closure

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 picnicing, 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.

Thank you,  
Michael Cann

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**From:** Van Saun [mkvansaun@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2007 10:32 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Concerned Residents

To: Shawn Oliver  
From: Mark and Kathy Van Saun

We are contacting you in regards to the proposed closing of the Folsom Point Recreation Area or Dike 8. We are very concerned about this matter and ask that you would not only reconsider this proposal but give us more information. We have been Folsom residents and Briggs Ranch homeowners for over 11 years and we can not imagine what such a closure would do to our community and our neighborhood.

Like many of our neighbors, we moved here primarily because of the lake access. Our family loves to take walks, run and mountain bike at the lake. We are extremely concerned about the devastating effect such a closure would have on the near by businesses as well as our home values. We personally know of a family that was considering several homes in the area to purchase and said yesterday that they will not buy here due to this issue.

Why haven't other access points been chosen to help with this matter without closing down an entire recreational area? Folsom Point is Folsom's only access where as Granite Bay has two access areas.

We have dealt with the burden of the Dam Road closure and saw the effects of that decision on businesses, commutes and community access. We cannot stomach another blow to our community.

We ask you to please reconsider this decision and find an acceptable solution.

Sincerely,  
Mark and Kathy Van Saun  
Briggs Ranch Residents, Folsom

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**From:** Jeffrey McCracken [JMCCRACKEN@mp.usbr.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 8:20 AM  
**To:** Shawn Oliver  
**Subject:** Fwd: Submission to Reclamation

fyi...for the comment file....

>>> <skeeterfaust@comcast.net> 01/21 9:46 AM >>>

From Keith Faust (skeeterfaust@comcast.net) on 01/21/2007 at 05:01:17

**MSGBODY:**

As a resident of Folsom I'm against the closure of Folsom Point by the Federal Government to raise Folsom Lake. Do we need to have Folsom Lake raised, yes. Can another staging area be found to accommodate the equipment needed by the Corp of Engineers, yes.

During the closure of Folsom Dam Road for repairs on the flood gates, the parking lot adjacent to the Dam was used the staging area, why can't this be done again.

Approx. 186,000 people use Folsom Point to either launch their boats, picnic, or dive on a yearly basis. We have enough traffic on the surface streets as the result of the Dam Road closure, now we are going to put an additional 186,000 on the already congested streets?

There must be another answer to closing Folsom Point or any access to Folsom lake. Why does the Corp. of Engineers have to close an access road to the lake while they raise the level of the dam? I realize raising Folsom Lake is a huge project, but there must be another solution so that the tax payers and the Corp of Engineers can co-exist during the seven years it will take to complete this project.

Respectfully

Keith Faust  
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**From:** Dean Deguara [ddeguara@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 9:43 PM  
**To:** mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Don't close Folsom Point

Please don't close Folsom point and inconvenience the residents once again. Inconvenience the contractors and make them park their equipment somewhere else.

Dean Deguara  
238 Montrose Dr.  
Folsom, CA

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**From:** Shari Warr [shariw@spm1.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 8:02 PM  
**To:** mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom

Please don't close Folsom Point. Let this count as my opposal.

Shari Warr  
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# **WARNING : Folsom Point ( Dyke 8) Closure!** **Closing for 7 years?!!**



- Do you walk, picnic, ride bikes or trail horses at Folsom Point?
- Do you launch your boat at Folsom Point?
- Do you enjoy walking your dog at Folsom Point?

*If so, be aware they are going to close Folsom Point for **6-7 Years!** ... This includes the boat launch, park & picnic areas!!*

If you enjoy the many recreational activities that Folsom Point/ Dyke 8, has to offer, you might be surprised to find out that effective Fall 2007, the Bureau of Reclamation is proposing closing Folsom Point/ Dyke 8 to all visitors for the duration of seven years. The Bureau, along with the Army Corps of Engineers are working to retrofit the dam and are proposing to use Folsom point as a staging area for construction materials and equipment. While the Bureau of Reclamation states that the closure of Folsom Point is a worst-case scenario, it is included in **all five** project alternatives. The full closure of Folsom Point for seven years is estimated to result in a loss of upwards of 820,000 visitors, as well as negatively impact Browns Ravine, Beals Point, and Granite Bay boats launches due to overwhelming congestion. **While we support the Dam project, there are many other alternatives that have yet to be explored that would allow for Folsom Point to remain accessible to the public. We need to ensure all options are considered.**

## **What can you do?.. Most Importantly.. Let your voice be heard.**

All comments submitted by the public *before the January 22, 2007 cut off date* must be addressed by the Bureau of Reclamation. If we, the public don't speak out, the Bureau has a green light to go ahead and certify the project without exploring alternative options.

**email: Bureau of Reclamation:**

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[soliver@mp.usbr.gov](mailto:soliver@mp.usbr.gov)

**916-988-1707**

**(U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers**

[rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil](mailto:rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil)

Join us on **Sat. Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 at the Folsom Point Park entrance**  
**to rally to save our park & boat launch!!!**

**Please..even if you just show up to fill out a comment card....it will be delivered to City Hall on Monday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> (we need every single comment) for more detail on the rally...**

**call Nora Allarea @ 916-303-3452**

# Folsom Point Closure

Please help to prevent this from happening!!!

*\*Make sure you email your opposition to closing Folsom Point for any length of time!!!!*

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916-988-1707

(U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers  
[rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil](mailto:rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil)

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Email address: amoz@getonit.com.au

**To: the Bureau of Reclamation:**

**Comments, Suggestions, Complaints, etc.**

PLEASE DON'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM USING THIS WONDERFUL RECREATION AREA.

I HAVE USED THIS LAKE FOR LEISURE PURPOSES ON PAST VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES AND IT TRULY WOULD BE A SHAME TO DEPRIVE FOLKS OF SUCH A BEAUTIFUL AND BOUNTIFUL ENJOYMENT AREA.

SURELY, IT WOULD BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY FINANCIALLY AS WELL, WITH VISITORS RETURNING TO USE THE GREAT FACILITIES YOU HAVE TO OFFER THEM THERE. THEY SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY GREATLY WITH FINANCIAL GAINS FROM THE MONEY SPENT BY THE VISITING PUBLIC FROM ELSEWHERE OTHER THAN THE DEAR FOLKS OF THE FOLSOM AREA.

**\*Please send CD to the above address!**



Comment #298

**Porter, Stacy**

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**From:** Wyatt, George [George.Wyatt@owenscorning.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 3:52 PM  
**To:** mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov  
**Cc:** REINERT, MICHAEL (PBD)  
**Subject:** Folsom Point closure

Please be advised that I am opposed to the closing of Folsom Point. I use the boat launch ramp quite often, and pay an annual fee to be able to do so! One of the reasons that my family lives in Briggs Ranch is the closeness and availability of this facility. Please do not close it.

***George Wyatt***

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**From:** John Sarno [jvsarno@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 12:48 PM  
**To:** mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov  
**Cc:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil  
**Subject:** Folsom Point  
**Importance:** High

I am writing this e mail to show my support AGAINST closing Folsom Point ,This action you are considering is ludicrous at best ! why can you not use the vista point area at the dam cite ? you have closed the dam road and that area is just sitting there, as a Folsom resident for approx 20 years we have put up with every inconvenience you can imagine why are you trying to inflict another ?

John and Sharon Sarno

1/24/2007

Comment #300

**Porter, Stacy**

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**From:** Heather Sibilla [hsibilla@folsom.ca.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 10:49 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Folsom Point Closure

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**From:** Janelle Mau [mailto:janelle.mau@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 20, 2007 2:03 PM  
**To:** The Mayor  
**Subject:** Proposed Folsom Point Closure

Dear Mayor Morin,

We are against the closure of Folsom Point!!

Folsom Point is a park used by many people throughout our city. As a resident of a neighborhood near Folsom Point, you probably realize just how many of our neighbors *walk* over to use this facility on a daily basis. Dog walking, swimming, fishing, nature hikes, running, bicycling, and boating are just some of the activities people enjoy. The second grade classes at Folsom Hills Elementary take a walking field trip to Folsom Point to study nature every year. This is wonderful exercise for all who are able to walk to the lake!

Closing Folsom Point would eliminate that option for all residents of Briggs Ranch and nearby neighborhoods. We'd then have to get in our cars and drive to another park at the lake, thereby increasing traffic and pollution in the city. This closure will adversely affect our property values in these neighborhoods as well, and decrease the desirability of living here. In addition, the noise of heavy equipment, machinery, and increased truck traffic in and out of the area will negatively impact our neighborhood even further.

Many other residents and businesses throughout Folsom will also be severely impacted by the closure of Folsom Point, as I'm sure you are already aware.

There must be some other options for the location of this construction staging area for the work projects on Folsom Dam. Those other options need to be explored further!!

Please speak out on behalf of the residents of Folsom, and work towards finding another location for the construction staging area.

Sincerely,

Janelle & Curtis Mau  
113 Marvin Ct.  
Folsom (Briggs Ranch)

1/24/2007

Comment #301

**Porter, Stacy**

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**From:** Heather Sibilla [hsibilla@folsom.ca.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 10:41 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Closure of Folsom Point State Park (A.K.A. Dyke 8)

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**From:** Scout2Family@aol.com [mailto:Scout2Family@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 21, 2007 2:13 PM  
**To:** The Mayor; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil  
**Subject:** Proposed Closure of Folsom Point State Park (A.K.A. Dyke 8)

To all of our honorable representatives:

I am going to start this letter on a personal note... I live ONE block from Dyke 8. We bought our home because of the convenience Dyke 8 offered to launch our boat and the beauty that it offered when we wanted to have a picnic or just out for a hike. We walk our dog, from our home, to Dyke 8 for a fun afternoon swim.

We've already lost our "easy" connection to other towns using Folsom Dam. Please don't let them take our park away too. This is our life, our children's life... our lifestyle. Please don't take it away!

Here's is the letter that we were asked to circulate among the 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 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 Morman Island Spillway by the Bureau and Army Corps of Engineers.

It is our belief that this closure will have a 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, 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. 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 not this may be the proverbial "straw" for financial loss. Business owners have expressed a great concern.

We do not oppose 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 rights 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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Thank you kindly for your time and consideration,

Randy, Natasha, Autumn, Chelsea, Megan and Hailey Pike And Angus (our dog)

(Folsom Residents residing in Briggs Ranch near Dyke 8)

Comment #302

**Porter, Stacy**

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**From:** Heather Sibilla [hsibilla@folsom.ca.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 10:33 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** FW: FOLSOM POINT CLOSURE

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**From:** Susan Akin [mailto:akinsja2@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 9:08 AM  
**To:** The Mayor  
**Subject:** FOLSOM POINT CLOSURE

To our Mayor Andy Morin,

I live within 5 minutes of Folsom Point State Park. I was not notified about the proposal to close this wonderful park which I, my family use at least 2 time a week in the winter months and 5 days a week in the spring, summer and fall months. I buy the Annual Pass each year. I have not noticed any postings at the park entrance about the plans to close this park for 7 YEARS! I have heard that there were 3,000 notices sent out. Well I and 60,000 others feel that this is of importance to us as well and deserved to be notified. This impacts us as families, businesses, tourists, it also impacts the real-estate values in our area.

Lake Point is an important asset for outdoor activities, such as boating, picnicking, hiking, bird watching, fishing, swimming, or just to enjoy nature. I and my children have sat at a park bench and watched a snake eat a frog, watch the deer who frequently graze on the shoreline grass or drink from the lake, we watch the migratory birds that rest on its shores. We have shared many memories at Folsom Point State Park. Folsom Point 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 shore lines 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 Point for their success, could very likely be forced out of business as well.

The impact of this closure would be enormous, not only to me and my family but to 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 vista/picnic area which are already closed to the public.

I find it disturbing that the announcement of the meeting time came on the same day of its occurrence. I would obviously not be alone in being extremely disappointed to loose continued access to Folsom lake Point during and after any construction takes place.

I furthermore believe that ALL Folsom residents and businesses who have already taken a huge hit by the already closure of the Dam Road, the increase in traffic on our private streets would be granted the time necessary to seek counsel as to our rights and the rights of those who can not speak for themselves such as the local wildlife.

I am asking you as our Voice in this great City of Folsom and our Mayor (of whom I chose to vote for in our last elections), to stand up and speak for us all, not just the 3,000 people who someone, some where deemed necessary to notify.

Respectfully,

Susan Akin and Family  
717 Hancock Dr.

1/24/2007

Comment #303

**Porter, Stacy**

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**From:** Nic ole [nic8119@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 10:06 AM  
**To:** rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil; soliver@mp.usbr.gov; mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Point

January 22, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

I received an email notifying me that Folsom Point would be closed for several years to the public. I understand that a place is needed to store equipment but I also understand that there are other storage options.

I am writing this letter because Folsom Point is not only important and meaningful to me, but it is crucial to the livelihood of local businesses.

I grew up in Folsom and every week my family and I would go for walks along the dyke. We have taken many Christmas photos out there over the years as well as enjoyed family picnics, BBQs' and the Fireman's Eco Challenge.

Businesses rely on the families that venture to and from this part of the lake year round, especially in the summer when the boaters are out and about. So many businesses would go under. Can you imagine what a financial nightmare this would create for many of the business owners located around this part of the lake?

Although I have moved to the Bay Area now and have my own family, I still look forward to Christmas morning walks at the lake and was looking forward to taking my son to picnic at the lake and watch the boats launch at Folsom Point this summer. You may argue that there are other places to go to at Folsom Lake, but none of them are like Folsom Point.

Please reconsider your plans to close Folsom Point. The City of Folsom has already destroyed or removed many things enjoyed by its' residents, we don't need another!

Sincerely,

Nicole Benson

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Comment #304

## Porter, Stacy

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**From:** Debbie Sultan [debbiesultan@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 9:58 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov; mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil  
**Subject:** NO on Closure of Folsom Point

To the Bureau of Reclamation,

The proposed closure of Folsom point State Park is of great concern to the residents of Folsom. We realize that improvements on the dam and other areas need to take place, but it should not be at the expense of the environment, wildlife, local businesses and our recreational enjoyment. Please seek other options.

A Concerned Citizen of Folsom, Debbie Sultan

1/24/2007



Comment #305

**Porter, Stacy**

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**From:** Lynn and Eric Bonzell [fishbonz@cwo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 8:58 AM  
**To:** mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Dam- Closure of Folsom Point

Dear Bureau of Reclamation,

We are opposed to the closure of Folsom Point for the upcoming construction to Folsom Dam. There will be a tremendous negative financial impact to the city of Folsom and it will adversely affect the residents of Folsom as well.

Thank You,

Lynn & Eric Bonzell  
909 Palmer Circle  
Folsom, CA 95630  
916-351-1711

1/24/2007

Comment #306

## Porter, Stacy

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**From:** Aimee Wendell [mxaimie@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 9:20 AM  
**To:** mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Point

I am OPPOSED to closing Folsom Point. Thank you

Aimee Wendell

Comment #307

**Porter, Stacy**

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**From:** Heather Sibilla [hsibilla@folsom.ca.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 9:41 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** FW: Folsom Point closure

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**From:** Lynn Derrick [mailto:lderrick5@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2007 8:54 PM  
**To:** Steve Miklos  
**Subject:** Folsom Point closure

Steve Miklos,

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

1/24/2007

Comment #308

**Porter, Stacy**

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**From:** Heather Sibilla [hsibilla@folsom.ca.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 9:41 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** FW: Folsom Point Rally

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**From:** mcderbymadness@comcast.net [mailto:mcderbymadness@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 19, 2007 3:24 PM  
**To:** corrprincess@ardennetcom; eking@ericking.org; admin dept  
**Subject:** Folsom Point Rally

City Council Members,

I had a very encouraging conversation with Steve Miklos today about fighting the closure of Folsom Point. As we spoke he told me he knew nothing of the rally tomorrow and I wanted to make sure that was not the same case for all of you.

We are holding a rally in the church parking lot at the entrance of Folsom Point tomorrow to have residents of Folsom sign petitions to stop the closure. I hope we can see all of you there to support our community in this protest.

Thank you for your time,

Ann Lindner

608-9676

1/24/2007

Comment #309

**Porter, Stacy**

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**From:** Heather Sibilla [hsibilla@folsom.ca.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 9:41 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** bobolover@comcast.net [mailto:bobolover@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 19, 2007 5:29 PM  
**To:** Jeff Starsky  
**Subject:**

We are outraged that you, our elected officials, have basically stuck your heads in the sand regarding the closure of Folsom Point. It really upsets us and our neighbors that you haven't represented the fine citizens of our city in a diligent manner. We literally found out about this issue on January 15, 2007. Why was this never mentioned in any literature from the city? Why were we and everyone we encountered shocked to hear about this at the 11th hour?

I went Folsom City Hall on Tuesday the 16th with my neighbors to express our objections and concerns and to find out detailed information regarding this matter. We left completely frustrated as if we were nothing but an imposition. We were left to take matters into our own hands when this clearly should be the City's responsibility to take care of us and the resources of this city that we moved here to enjoy.

We can only wonder what the impact will be on property values, businesses and the community as a whole.

We believe it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to address this significant issue and make sure that the closure of Folsom Point does not happen. Surely you can come up with several alternatives that would not impact the lives of all that use this facility.

Ken & Susan Doherty

1/24/2007

Comment #310

**Porter, Stacy**

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**From:** monique.wilber@edcgov.us  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 12:18 PM  
**To:** Porter, Stacy  
**Cc:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** El Dorado County comments on Folsom DS/FDR DEIS/EIR  
**Attachments:** El\_Dorado\_County\_FolsomDS-FDR\_DEIS-R\_comments\_012607\_scanned-signed.pdf;  
El\_Dorado\_County\_Comments\_Folsom\_CAR\_DEIR\_012607\_adobe-unsigned.pdf

Hello Stacy,

Here are comments from El Dorado County regarding oak woodlands. I'm including the scanned pdf with signature, but our scanner is not great, and some type is small, so I'm also sending an Adobe pdf, unsigned, so the authors can actually read what I'm commenting on!

Happy comment-gathering, and have a good weekend!

Thanks,  
Monique

Monique Wilber  
Assistant Planner  
El Dorado County Development Services  
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(530) 621-5355  
<http://www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/Planning/GeneralPlanImplementation.html>

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January 26, 2007

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

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

Dear Mr. Oliver;

El Dorado County appreciates the opportunity to review and respond to the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction (DS/FDR) Draft EIS/EIR. This letter is in response to actions which may affect terrestrial vegetation and wildlife, specifically oak woodlands.

As noted in Section 3.12, Land Use, Planning and Zoning, page 3.12-3, the El Dorado County Interim Interpretive Guidelines for General Plan Policy 7.4.4.4 – Forest and Oak Woodland Resources (Public Review Draft) was reviewed by the Draft EIS/EIR authors for information. As an update, the Interim Interpretive Guidelines were finalized and adopted by the Planning Commission on November 9, 2006. El Dorado County is currently conducting an intensive study of oak woodlands in the County which will result in an Oak Woodland Management Plan in spring/summer 2007, which will replace the interim guidelines. Ongoing documentation is posted on our oak woodlands website, available at:  
<http://www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/Planning/GeneralPlanOakWoodlands.html> .

Table 3.5-4, Summary Comparison of Impact of Alternatives of Section 3.5, Terrestrial Vegetation and Wildlife, indicates that Alternatives 1 through 5 will have a Significant but Mitigatable Impact (CEQA) and an Adverse Impact (NEPA) to protected oak woodlands. We have reviewed the DEIS/DEIR, and the USFWS Coordination Act Report, and offer the following comments:

DEIS/DEIR comments:

1. Section 3.5.1.2, Regulatory Setting, State: Although the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) PRC §21000 et.seq. is noted, in particular, CEQA PRC §21083.4 is not identified, which has a direct bearing on allowable mitigation for oak woodlands.

2. Section 3.5.1.2, Regulatory Setting, Local, Local Native Tree Protection Ordinance: At present, in El Dorado County, protection of native trees and oak woodlands is set by general plan policies and interim interpretive guidelines.<sup>1</sup>
3. Section 3.5.1.3, Existing Conditions, Vegetation, Upland Plant Communities, Interior Live Oak Woodland, Blue Oak Woodland and Savanna, pages 3.5-4 to 3.5-5: There do not appear to be any maps which spatially approximate the potential future inundation zone (1,323 acres) and the construction area (81 acres) which will affect oak woodlands. It would be helpful to see where the affected oak woodland areas lie, as well as noting the amount of acreage for each county/city affected.
4. Section 3.5.4, Mitigation Measures, pages 3.5-51 to 3.5-52: El Dorado County's Interim Biological Resource Study and Important Habitat Mitigation Program Guidelines, adopted by the Planning Commission on November 9, 2006, and available at our oak woodlands website noted above, contains detailed recommendations regarding safeguarding trees during construction.

Appendix B, Federal Biological Compliance, Draft Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report CAR) comments:

5. Draft CAR – Table 7, Evaluation Species, Resource Categories, and Compensation Planning Goals selected for cover-types impacted by the Folsom DS/FDR Project, California, page 34: We acknowledge the value of the Mitigation Planning Goals of “No net loss of in-kind habitat value” for Oak-grey pine woodland and Oak savannah.
6. Draft CAR – Table 8, Oak Woodland – Grey Pine Woodland Mitigation Site Development Criteria, Folsom DS/FDR Project, California, page 39: Mitigation exceeds El Dorado County's replanting requirements (of 200 trees/acre)<sup>2</sup>, matches the management intensity (moderate to intensive)<sup>3</sup>, but falls below the County's standard for monitoring (of 10 years for seedlings, 15 years for acorns) . Mitigation does not address the success rate of replanting, for which the County standard is 90 percent<sup>4</sup>.
7. Draft CAR – Recommendations, General, page 40: El Dorado County agrees that avoidance of impacts to woodlands and wetlands is a primary mitigation action.
8. Draft CAR – Recommendations, General, page 41: “Compensate for unavoidable impacts to oak-grey pine woodland habitat by acquiring suitable lands and developing oak woodland habitat using the assumptions contained in Appendix A...” El Dorado

<sup>1</sup> The El Dorado County Oak Woodland Management Plan and Oak Tree Protection Ordinance are pending but not yet adopted.

<sup>2</sup> McCreary DD. 2001. *Regenerating rangeland oaks in California*. Berkeley (CA): University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources. Communication Services Publication #21601. 62 p.

<sup>3</sup> Management intensity assumes that 10 years after planting 1 year old saplings that trees that have been nurtured with high management intensity will be on average 2 inches DBH with 90 percent survival; moderate management intensity will result in trees that are on average 1.5 inches DBH with 85 percent survival. From:

Standiford, R.B., D. McCreary, and W. Frost. 2002. Modeling the effectiveness of tree planting to mitigate habitat loss in blue oak woodlands. In: Standiford, R.B., D. McCreary, and K.L. Purcell (tech. cords.), Proceedings of the Fifth Symposium on Oak Woodlands: Oaks in California's Changing Landscape. Gen. Tech. Rep. PSW-GTR-184. Pacific Southwest Research Station, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

<sup>4</sup> Refer to El Dorado County Interim Interpretive Guidelines for General Plan Policy 7.4.4.4 (Option A), adopted November 9, 2006, Definitions, page 2, 1:1 Woodland Replacement.



County notes that CEQA PRC §21083.4 only allows 50 percent of mitigation of impacts to oak woodlands to be in the form of replanting. Other mitigation options include conservation easements and contribution of funds to the Oak Woodlands Conservation Fund or other trusts to purchase oak woodland conservation easements in perpetuity.

Recent studies by Giusti et al. (2005)<sup>5</sup> states, "...it is becoming apparent that replacement seedlings as a mitigation measure for removal of older stands of trees cannot meet the immediate habitat needs of forest-dependent animal species. This realization has expanded the discussion beyond simple replanting schemes as a means of mitigating impacts."

The limited effectiveness of plantings for mitigation were demonstrated in a study that used data from 10-year-old planting to model the development of blue oak stand structure attributes over 50 years (Standiford et al., 2002). The model showed that a 10 percent canopy cover of oak woodland could be achieved in 10 years if trees were planted at a density of 200 trees per acre and maintained at high management intensity. After 50 years, trees in planted stands were still small (1-6 inch diameter at breast height) and wildlife habitat quality was not equivalent to that of mature oak woodland. Species composition shifted from wildlife species that utilize acorns, cavities and downed wood to those that utilize open areas. This study emphasizes the need for a comprehensive approach to mitigation and not to rely solely on replacement planting of oak woodlands.

9. Draft CAR – Table 10, Summary of Cover-Types, Acres Impacted, and Compensation Needed by Alternative Proposed for the Construction of Folsom DS/FRD Project, California, page 60: El Dorado County acknowledges that the mitigation acreage ratio exceeds the County maximum requirement of 2:1.

Thank you for this opportunity to review and comment upon the Draft EIS/EIR. If you have any questions, please contact me at (530) 621-5355, or by email at [SHust@co.el-dorado.ca.us](mailto:SHust@co.el-dorado.ca.us).

Sincerely,

Steven D. Hust  
Principal Planner  
El Dorado County Development Services  
2850 Fairlane Court  
Placerville CA 95667

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<sup>5</sup> Giusti, G.A., A. Leider, J. Vilms, and J. Fetherstone. 2005. Planning options for oak conservation. In: Giusti, G.A., D.D. McCreary, and R.B. Standiford (eds.), A Planner's Guide for Oak Woodlands. University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources Publication 3491.

Comment #311

## Tisthammer, Troy

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**From:** Buer. Stein (MSA) [buers@SacCounty.NET]  
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**Subject:** FW: Opposition to Closure of Folsom Lake recreation Sites  
**Attachments:** Folsom Lake Controversy.doc

Dear Mr. Beck:

Your comments will be included in the formal records and will be duly considered in preparation of the final. Thank you for taking the time to make your concerns known.

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**From:** Bruce Beck [mailto:beckncall@inreach.com]  
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**To:** Buer. Stein (MSA)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Closure of Folsom Lake recreation Sites

Mr. Buei:

Please review and use the attached document of our opposition to any closure of any Folsom Lake recreational sites for equipment parking.

Thank you:

Bruce Beck

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1/26/2007

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Folsom Point/Folsom Lake Controversy:

We have received/read about disturbing information about the proposed closure of Folsom Point (Dyke 8) and/or Granite Bay as a staging area for equipment for the upcoming construction at Folsom Lake.

We live in Rocklin, very close to Folsom Lake. We are **opposed** to any closure of all current boating access to Folsom Lake for use of equipment parking.

We have been boating on Folsom Lake for more than 25 years. Any closing of any boating access and public picnicking would not be in the best interest of the local economy, local boating area and the overall boating industry in general.

1. Why the equipment parking area can't be established along Folsom-Auburn Road near the closed road to the Dam?
2. Close some of Beal's Point as boaters can not use that area for launching?
3. What about the parking area that is closed to the public next to the Dam?
4. There are large fields near the Dam Road in the Folsom area, use them?
5. Otherwise the expansion and creation of Beal's point for boat launching would help IF the closure of Folsom Point (Dyke 8) were to happen.

There are a large number of boaters in the Sacramento area. Requiring boaters to travel to other locations would not only crowd those other locations more than usual but cause other environmental issues with more traveling, using more gas to travel to other lakes, causing more environmental issues at those locations, etc.

Please establish other sites to use for staging. There are a lot of other areas that can be considered.

Thank you:

Bruce & Rosemary Beck  
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**Attachments:** Letter to Reclamation - Dam Safety-Flood Damage Reduction DEIR-DEIS.doc; Attachment - Dam Safety-Flood Damage Reduction.doc

Shawn and Becky –

Attached are DPR comments on the DEIS/DEIR. Signed hard copies of the letter and attachment were hand delivered to Reclamation today and will go into the mail to others who have been cc'd. Thanks, JM.

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**Re: Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction DEIS/DEIR**

This letter is to express the concerns and recommendations of the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/DEIR) regarding the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Project. DPR has previously provided extensive comment and recommendations regarding this project including an April 6, 2006 letter and several rounds of comments regarding administrative drafts of this DEIS/DEIR.

DPR is supportive of the twin goals of this project, improving public safety relative to the dams and dikes and providing additional flood protection for the region. As Reclamation's managing partner for recreation, natural and cultural resources at Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (SRA), DPR is also concerned about the impacts of the project on these resources and uses. About 1.5 million visitors recreate at Folsom Lake SRA annually. Obviously this project will have some significant impacts on this recreation use and the facilities supporting this use. To date, DPR does not believe the project impacts to recreation use and facilities at Folsom Lake SRA have been adequately mitigated. We look forward to continuing to work with the lead agencies to find ways to avoid impacts to recreation use and facilities and to mitigate these impacts. Please see the enclosed Attachment with our specific comments for each of the recreation use areas within the SRA that may be impacted by the proposed project.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact either myself or Folsom Sector Superintendent Michael Gross at (916) 988-0205 or the Gold Fields District Planner Jim Micheaels at (916) 988-0513. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Scott Nakaji  
Gold Fields District Superintendent

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Becky Victorine, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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## **Attachment: DPR Comments and Recommendations Regarding Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Draft EIS/EIR**

### **Chapter 2 - Project Elements and Alternatives**

#### **2.2.4.1 Auxiliary Spillway**

On page 2-37 of the Auxiliary Spillway description the following statement is made in reference to spoil material excavated for the approach channel to the spillway gates which will be deposited on the shoreline:

“It is anticipated that the material excavated from the approach channel would be put to beneficial use.”

Without any explanation of how this spoil material would be used it seems premature to conclude it would be put to beneficial use, the material could just as well impact the native vegetation on the existing shoreline. DPR is interested to know how this spoil material would be used.

#### **2.2.4.7 Embankment Raises (Dikes and Wing Dams)**

The Alternatives in the document propose three options for raising the height of the dikes and dams: less than 4 feet for both dam safety and flood damage reduction purposes; 7 feet to provide additional surcharge capacity for flood damage reduction purposes; and 17 feet as an alternative to meet flood damage reduction objectives without any increased discharge capacity.

DPR has previously commented regarding our concerns about the method used to achieve the dam and dike raise. The top of MIAD and Dikes 4, 5 and 6 are currently all utilized as part of the trail system within Folsom Lake SRA. The trails at Folsom Lake SRA are an important recreation amenity for the local neighborhoods, communities and Sacramento region. The trails along the tops of these dikes and dams provide vital connections to other trails downstream of the dikes and dams. The unobstructed views of Folsom Lake are an important part of the experience of recreation visitors using these trails. DPR is specifically concerned about the impact of options utilizing a concrete parapet wall on recreation trail users. This includes both the visual impact of obstructed views and also the impacts the concrete parapet wall and concrete retaining wall may have on access to the trails across the top of these dikes and dams. We believe the concrete parapet wall options will be an attractive nuisance (graffiti) and barrier for recreation use. DPR would not be responsible for any repair or maintenance of such a concrete wall, including graffiti removal.

#### **Recommendation:**

DPR believes the conventional earthfill raise option provides the best opportunity for continued unfettered access to the trails across the dams

and dikes and unobstructed views. A reinforced earth wall would be a second preference.

#### **2.2.4.10 New Embankment Construction**

The document indicates that depending upon the Alternative selected, up to 45 new embankments may be constructed if a 7-foot raise of the dikes and dams was selected. The number of new embankments required for a 17-foot raise has not been determined. It does not appear that the document specifically identifies where these new embankments would be constructed and that no environmental analysis is provided for these new embankments.

#### **Recommendation:**

DPR believes the environmental analysis for this aspect of the project is inadequate and that if any alternative is selected which requires additional embankment raises which are not specifically identified in this document, additional environmental analysis is required.

#### **2.2.4.11 Miscellaneous Construction**

##### **Construction Staging, Materials Processing and Contractor Work Areas**

The project includes development of construction staging areas, material processing and contractor work areas which will close or impact recreation areas within Folsom Lake SRA including Folsom Point, Beal's Point, Granite Bay and trails within the SRA. California State Parks believes there are some "win/win" possibilities with regards to mitigation for the impacts to and loss of recreation use which the lead agencies for the project are not taking advantage. In previous discussions with Reclamation we have explored the idea of rehabilitating some of the staging areas, once construction activities are complete, into improved recreation sites. DPR believes it is reasonable for the lead agencies to provide for these finished facilities as mitigation for the loss of recreation use at these sites.

##### **Folsom Point**

The document indicates Folsom Point would be a main staging area for the Project including contractor's offices, parking, material staging and processing, and borrow stockpiling. The DEIS/DEIR indicates Folsom Point would be closed to all recreation use from 6 to 7 years. Anywhere from 670,000 to 816,000 recreation visits would be lost due to construction.

Recreation facilities at Folsom Point include a boat ramp with parking for 125 vehicles and a picnic area with parking for 77 vehicles. Annual use at Folsom Point is about 112,000 visitors, which generates about \$127,000 in user fees annually.

DPR understands that based on concerns expressed by the City of Folsom, the Folsom Chamber of Commerce, local community members and others, that



options are being explored to reduce or avoid the complete closure of Folsom Point during the construction period. DPR is supportive of these efforts and we need to be part of these discussions.

In past discussions with Reclamation, DPR understood that Reclamation was considering filling a shallow portion of the Reservoir on the east side of Folsom Point to create additional areas for staging and material processing. DPR has suggested that following construction activities, Reclamation could contour and convert this proposed material processing and construction staging area into a new boat ramp, parking and additional picnic sites, including group picnic sites. DPR believes that the provision of additional new recreation facilities could serve to help mitigate the loss of recreation use.

**Recommendation:**

To the extent that Folsom Point is utilized as a construction staging or materials processing area which results in a loss of recreation access and use, DPR believes the federal agencies have an obligation to mitigate the loss of recreation use. One option to provide such mitigation is to enhance the existing facilities or convert staging areas into additional recreation facilities following construction. This might include extending the existing boat ramp, rehabilitating the existing picnic facilities and/or creating a second boat ramp and additional picnic facilities.

**Beal's Point**

Beal's Point would also be utilized as a primary staging area for contractor offices, parking, material processing and staging, stockpiling of borrow material and concrete production. The document indicates that portions of Beal's Point would be occupied by construction staging activities from 3 to 6 years and would result in approximately 40,000 to 673,000 lost recreation visits.

About 220,000 visitors recreate at Beal's Point annually which generates about \$447,000 in user fees annually. Recreation use of Beal's Point may be less desirable because of construction activity, traffic and noise.

Similar to the situation at Folsom Point, based on previous discussions with Reclamation, DPR understood that Reclamation was considering filling a shallow portion of the Reservoir on the south side of Beal's Point to create additional area for staging and material processing.

**Recommendation:**

DPR would like to be consulted regarding the exact location of the staging areas. To the extent that Beal's Point is utilized as a construction staging or materials processing area which results in a loss of recreation access and use, DPR believes the federal agencies have an obligation to mitigate the loss of recreation use. DPR has recommends that following construction activities, Reclamation should contour and convert this

proposed material processing and construction staging area into additional parking, picnic sites and other day use recreation facilities. DPR believes that the provision of additional new recreation facilities could serve to help mitigate the loss of recreation use.

### Granite Bay

Construction staging areas at Granite Bay to support a variety of activities depending upon the Alternative including: contractor offices; parking; borrow site excavation; construction at Dikes 1, 2, 3; material processing, stock piling and storage. From the document it is difficult to determine exactly where the staging areas are planned.

Granite Bay is the most heavily used recreation use area within the SRA. Annual use at Granite Bay is approximately 508,000 visitors which generates \$1.6 million in revenues from user fees annually.

### **Recommendation:**

Locate construction staging areas so they avoid or minimize impacts to recreation access or use. DPR would like to be consulted regarding the exact location of the staging areas. To the extent that Granite Bay is utilized as a construction staging, borrow site or materials processing area which results in a loss of recreation access and use, DPR believes the federal agencies have an obligation to mitigate the loss of recreation use.

### Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam (MIAD)

The entire area around MIAD is proposed as a construction zone, construction staging area or potential borrow site. The top of MIAD is utilized as a trail connecting Folsom Point to the trail to Browns Ravine. There is an existing parking area on the eastern side of MIAD for trail users which accommodates about 30 vehicles. This parking lot is regularly used by trail users. It appears that the construction or staging area will encompass the parking lot.

### **Recommendation:**

If the parking lot and trail connections are obliterated due to construction or staging activities, this parking lot will need to be replaced. DPR would like to consult with the lead agencies regarding the replacement of this parking lot. To the extent construction activities result in a loss of recreation access and use, DPR believes the federal agencies have an obligation to mitigate the loss of recreation use.

### Right Wing Dam

DPR has a maintenance yard, storage buildings, State Park Ranger offices and other facilities adjacent to the right wing dam. It is also possible that activities in this area may impact the paved bike path which crosses this area and connects from Lake Natoma to Beal's Point.

**Recommendation:**

Avoid impacts to the above DPR facilities or mitigate any impacts by replacing these facilities as needed.

The proposed staging area just south of Hinkle Reservoir appears to occupy an area that is proposed for the new entrance to Reclamation/DPR administrative offices and facilities as part of the new Folsom Dam Bridge Project. This area is also the locations where the American River Water Education Center (ARWEC) and DPR's public contact station are proposed to be relocated as part of the Bridge project.

**Left Wing Dam**

Activities at the left wing dam do not appear to conflict with existing public use. However, at one time Observation Point (paved parking area on the east side of the left wing dam) was a popular public day use facility. This facility has been closed due to security concerns. The project will occupy this site for many years, if not permanently. Observation Point has perhaps the most dramatic view of Folsom Lake.

**Recommendation:**

Reclamation and the Corps should mitigate the loss of Observation Point to future public use.

**Borrow Sites**

**Folsom Point**

Borrow material would be excavated from the along the shoreline all around Folsom Point.

**Recommendation:**

DPR believes that borrow site excavation could be conducted in a manner that improved some recreation facilities. This might include extending existing boat ramps, developing an additional boat ramp, or contouring shoreline areas for use as a beach area. In order for these types of benefits to be realized, DPR believes the contouring needs to be coordinated with the mitigation ideas proposed for Folsom Point in 2.2.4.11 above. We believe, as partial mitigation for the loss of recreation use, the lead agencies could complete improvements to recreation facilities at Folsom Point.

**Granite Bay**

In Alternatives 4 and 5 it appears borrow excavation would occur in the north portion of this recreation area. It appears that the excavation may include the area of Main Granite Beach, which is a primary attraction and one of the most heavily used portions of Granite Bay.

**Recommendation:**

DPR would like to avoid or minimize impacts to Main Granite Beach and the other primary recreation use facilities at Granite Bay during the summer use season. To the extent construction activities result in a loss of recreation access and use, DPR believes the federal agencies have an obligation to mitigate the loss of recreation use. One opportunity to partially mitigate this impact is to contour the area along main Granite Beach in a manner which will improve the beach area and water access at a variety of lake levels. DPR would like to consult with the lead agencies on opportunities to contour this area following excavation activities.

**Beal's Point**

Borrow material would be excavated from the along the shoreline on the north side of Beal's Point. The area along the north side of Beal's Point is utilized as a beach and swim area.

**Recommendation:**

To the extent construction activities result in a loss of recreation access and use, DPR believes the federal agencies have an obligation to mitigate the loss of recreation use. One opportunity to partially mitigate this impact is to contour the area on the north side of the Beal's Point in a manner which will improve the beach use area and potentially import sand. DPR would like to consult with the lead agencies on opportunities to contour the area around Beal's Point following excavation activities.

**MIAD (Left Abutment)**

In Alternatives 4 and 5 it appears borrow excavation would occur in the area between the northeast end of MIAD and Brown's Ravine. Brown's Ravine is the location of the Folsom Lake Marina and one of the most heavily used recreation use areas within the SRA. The marina is operated by a concessionaire. It is possible that borrow excavation could benefit the marina operation by increasing the depth of the marina basin. However, this would need to be coordinated with DPR and the marina operator. From the figures in the document it appears that the excavation would be focused on the shoreline along the south side of Browns Ravine and may well not benefit marina operations. The point of land between Brown's Ravine and MIAD is an undeveloped portion of the SRA with excellent habitat values due to the State land adjacent to the federal lands in this area. DPR is concerned about impacts to upland vegetation and habitat from the borrow excavation.

**Recommendation:**

Keep borrow excavation activities, including hauling materials, below the 466' elevation, to avoid impacts to upland native vegetation, habitat and wildlife. To the extent construction activities result in a loss of recreation access and use, DPR believes the federal agencies have an obligation to mitigate the loss of recreation use.

### Disposal of Excess Materials and In-reservoir Fill

The document indicates between 1 million and 2.5 million cubic yards of excess material could be permanently disposed of at several locations including, Dike 7, Folsom Point and Beal's Point. Alternative 3 proposes permanent disposal of up to 500,000 cubic yards of material at Dike 7 alone. DPR has already provided ideas on how this excess material could be located, contoured and rehabilitated to provide improved or new finished recreation facilities at Beal's Point and Folsom Point to help mitigate the loss of recreation use and impacts to recreation use in these areas.

With the exception of a trail discussed immediately below, DPR is not interested in creating additional recreation facilities in the vicinity of Dike 7 at this time.

#### **Recommendation:**

At Dike 7, other than the provision for the trail, DPR recommends that any excess spoil material be contoured to match the existing natural upland areas and re-vegetated and restored as blue oak woodland or oak savanna or some similar native plant community. Contouring the shoreline and finishing the new shoreline with material suitable for informal beach use would also be useful.

### Development of Internal Roadways

Internal haul roads are proposed for several locations within the project area, including between Dike 7 and Folsom Point. DPR presumes this haul route would be above the 466' elevation. The new draft General Plan/Resource Management Plan for Folsom Lake SRA provides direction for the development of a paved multi-use trail between Dike 7 and Folsom Point (and continuing across MIAD to the intersection of Green Valley Road and Sophia Parkway). This same paved bike route is identified in the City of Folsom Bikeway Master Plan as it connects to City bike trails.

#### **Recommendation:**

For all internal haul routes, to the extent feasible, avoid removal of native oak trees. DPR recommends that following construction activities, the lead agencies convert the proposed haul route between Dike 7 and Folsom Point into a paved bike path that would continue across MIAD to the intersection of Green Valley Road and Sophia Parkway. DPR believes the federal agencies have an obligation to mitigate the loss of recreation use at Folsom Point and that providing a finished paved multi-use trail from Dike 7 to Folsom Point would serve as partial mitigation for the project impacts to recreation use and access.

## **2.2.4.13 Security Features**

### Security Cameras

Security cameras installed on 30-foot steel towers are proposed at each end of Dikes 4, 5, 6, 7, MIAD and at Beal's Point. Specific locations of these camera towers are not indicated in the document. DPR is concerned about the potential impact of the towers and bases on the trails across the top of the dams and dikes and the connections to other trails. DPR is also concerned about the visual impact of the towers on recreation use and on views within Folsom Lake SRA.

Prior to these security measures being included in this Dam Safety/Flood Damage Reduction DEIS/DEIR, DPR staff made site visits with Reclamation staff to provide input on the specific locations of these towers. This includes the tower location at Beal's Point, for which DPR has provided specific recommendations regarding the location of this tower to minimize the visual impact on recreation visitors at the Beal's Point day use facilities. DPR hopes this information has not been lost in the process.

**Recommendation:**

Site the camera towers so they do not interfere with the trails across MIAD and Dikes 4, 5, 6 and connections to these trails. Site the camera towers so the impact to the visual resources and views of the Folsom Lake and the SRA are avoided or minimized. Consult with DPR staff regarding the specific location of camera towers.

**Vehicle Barriers and Gates**

Various types of vehicle barriers and gates are proposed for MIAD and the various dikes. Because system trails within the SRA utilize the top of MIAD and the dikes DPR requests that adequate pass-through openings are provided for trail users, including pedestrians, equestrians and bicyclists towing trailers. The existing bollard system installed over the past several years was installed without providing adequate pass-through openings for trail users. This lack of adequate pass through openings with the existing bollards has caused numerous complaints from trail users.

**Recommendation:**

Ensure that a 60-inch wide opening, with even tread, is provided at the location of all vehicle barriers and gates on dikes and dams that are utilized as trails.

**Power for Security Components**

Power lines are proposed for all security feature locations needing power including the vehicle barriers and cameras. DPR believes that installing power lines on towers or poles along the top of the dikes and dams would be a significant impact to visual resources within Folsom Lake SRA.

**Recommendation:**

DPR recommendation is that power lines be installed underground. If that is not possible our second preference is for power lines to be installed on

poles along the downstream toe of the dikes and dams, out of the way of any trails or other recreation facilities, to minimize the visual impact.

### Project Lighting

The project proposes lighting to be installed to support monitoring of the barrier system. DPR presumes this is permanent lighting. No further detail is provided regarding this lighting. DPR is concerned that such lighting will be a visual impact, could further impact the night sky and might affect the nocturnal habitat of wildlife. The details and potential impacts of this lighting are not adequately discussed or analyzed in the environmental document.

### **Recommendation:**

Any permanent lighting should be of the minimum intensity required, should be hooded and downward directed to prevent impacts to the night sky and nocturnal wildlife.

### **Alternatives**

DPR supports the project objectives of increasing dam safety and reducing flood damage. DPR request that the lead agencies select project alternatives which achieve project objectives while minimizing the impacts to recreation use and facilities, natural and cultural resources at Folsom Lake SRA. DPR believes the alternatives which include raising the dams and dikes, particularly the 7-foot and 17-foot raises, will greatly increase the impacts to the recreation use and resources within the SRA.

## **Chapter 3 - Affected Environment, Impacts Analyses, and Mitigation Measures**

### **3.5 Terrestrial Vegetation and Wildlife**

The document identifies impacts to vegetation and wildlife from both construction related activities and from inundation caused by emergency flood retention. With regards to the latter, it appears the approach (BIO-8, page 3.5-52) is to wait until an inundation occurs, then to survey the damage and determine the appropriate mitigation at that time. DPR has concerns with this approach. Temporary inundation may not kill oak trees outright immediately, but could cause root damage which causes oak trees to deteriorate over time and may make trees more susceptible to wind fall or insect damage. A single survey, or even a survey over several years, may not adequately capture the damage caused by a temporary inundation.

#### **3.5.4 Mitigation Measures**

DPR has suggested to the lead agencies and to the USFWS that our preference for mitigation of oak woodlands and other habitat requiring mitigation, whether from construction related impacts or inundation, is to purchase of lands contiguous to Folsom Lake SRA which contain suitable quantity and quality of

habitat value to meet the mitigation requirements. DPR understands that regulatory agency preference may be to create additional habitat through planting versus the purchase of mature habitat, such as the properties with mature blue oak woodlands that DPR has previously informally identified. DPR does not understand the logic of the lead or regulatory agencies in this matter. It would seem that mature oak woodlands would have a much higher habitat value than newly planted oak trees or other vegetation. The document acknowledges that development within the vicinity of Folsom Reservoir has created barriers to animal movement and migration. Purchasing lands contiguous to the SRA with high quality habitat which have the potential for development would not only add habitat value to the SRA it would also serve to help retain the habitat value of existing public lands within the SRA by preventing further barriers to animal movement and migration

**Recommendation:**

Purchase ands contiguous to Folsom Lake SRA which contain suitable quantity and quality of habitat value to meet the mitigation requirements. DPR has specifically identified for the lead and regulatory agencies potential properties which might meet some of these mitigations needs.

The document identifies mitigation measures for replacement of a variety of habitat types that will be impacted by the project, including riparian vegetation, oak woodlands and wetlands (BIO 10 and VEG-1-4). The document does not specify where this mitigation will occur and DPR is concerned about the specific location. DPR has two concerns, first that the mitigation does not impact or replace an existing viable habitat, with a mitigation habitat. DPR does not believe that this necessarily results in a net benefit to the natural environment, but merely results in the loss of one habitat for the sake of another. Secondly, DPR is generally concerned that locations for habitat mitigation do not conflict with existing or proposed future recreation facilities and uses within the SRA. Future recreation facilities and uses are described in the Draft General Plan/Resource Management Plan for Folsom Lake SRA.

**Recommendation:**

DPR requests that the federal agencies avoid implementing habitat mitigation sites in areas which have existing viable native habitat (even though it may be compromised by exotics or other impacts) such as blue oak woodlands and savanna, areas with remnants of native grasslands and riparian areas. DPR also requests that the federal agencies specifically avoid mitigation sites in areas where existing recreation use and facilities exist or locations where future recreation use and facilities might be located (as identified in the updated General Plan/Resource Management Plan). DPR would like to be consulted on any proposed mitigation sites within Folsom Lake SRA.



These mitigation measures refer to conservation areas where transplanting or planting of elderberry shrubs and associated plant species will occur. The document does not specify where these conservations are located.

**Recommendation:**

DPR requests that the federal agencies specifically avoid creating elderberry mitigation sites in areas within Folsom Lake SRA which might conflict with existing recreation use and facilities exist or locations where future recreation use or facilities might be located (as identified in the updated Draft General Plan/Resource Management Plan). Focus any habitat mitigation on heavily disturbed areas which do not provide any valuable existing native habitat. DPR would like to be consulted on any proposed mitigation sites within Folsom Lake SRA.

### **3.7 Visual Resources**

Construction of parapet walls – Alternatives 2, 3 (pages 3.7-21&22)

DPR has previously expressed that the concrete parapet wall will be a visual impediment to views of the Lake, may impede recreation access to trails on the tops of the dikes and dams and will likely be a target for graffiti. The DEIS/DEIR does not analyze the potential a parapet wall creates for graffiti or the visual impact of this eventuality. The DEIS/DEIR claims the visual impact of the parapet wall is a significant but unavoidable impact. DPR believes this is incorrect. This impact can be avoided by selecting the conventional earthfill raise as the option to increase the height of the dams and dikes.

Implementation of Security Measures

The document contends that the implementation of the security measures, including 30-foot camera towers, permanent lighting and power poles and lines at Dikes 4, 5, 6, 7, Folsom Point and MIAD would result in less than significant impacts to visual resources. There is no substantive evidence or analysis provided in the environmental analysis regarding the permanent visual impact of the towers, lights and lines. The document does not even identify specifically where towers would be located or if the lines would be underground, at the toe of the dams and dikes or on top of the dams and dikes. The specific location of these facilities has everything to do with the level of impact they will have on the visual resources of Folsom Lake SRA.

**Recommendation:**

DPR believes the environmental analysis for this aspect of the project is entirely inadequate and that once the specific location of these facilities is determined, supplemental environmental analysis should be conducted.

Unlike Chapter 3.5, the Visual Resources Chapter (3.7) does not analyze the potential impacts of inundation caused by emergency flood retention, only construction related impacts. DPR does not understand why this aspect of the

project is analyzed for some resource areas and not others. DPR believes that the potential impact on visual quality of an emergency inundation could be substantial. Inundation could result in a band of dead or dying vegetation for many years following inundation.

**Recommendation:**

DPR believes the potential impact of an emergency inundation on visual resources should be analyzed and that the environmental analysis is insufficient without it.

**3.9 Transportation and Circulation**

DPR believes that displaced recreation use from Folsom Point could increase traffic and circulation impacts at Beal's Point and Granite Bay which already experience in congestion and back ups on adjacent roadways during peak use periods. Additionally, construction related traffic will exacerbate congestion at these locations.

**Recommendation:**

DPR believes that widening the entrance roads into Beal's Point and Granite Bay and adding lanes for both entering and exiting these entrance stations will help mitigate these impacts. Adding an improved turn around to keep traffic circulating when these recreation areas reach capacity and gates are closed, should also be part of the entrance improvements. DPR would like to work with the lead agencies to determine how to re-configure and improve the entrances to both Beal's Point and Granite Bay to help mitigate these impacts.

**3.10 Noise**

**Sensitive Receptors – Figure 3.10-2**

Six locations are identified as sensitive receptors for construction related noise impacts. All of these six sensitive receptors are located outside of the Folsom Lake SRA boundary. DPR understands the concern with noise impacts on adjacent residential areas.

However, DPR does not understand why the campground at Beal's Point, both the family (tent) campground and the RV campground, were not considered as sensitive receptors for noise impacts. Several large construction staging areas and material processing operations are proposed to be located immediately adjacent to these campgrounds. Blasting, trucks, rock crushing, excavation and other construction activities will occur in close proximity to these campgrounds. Campgrounds can be legally occupied for overnight use by recreation visitors for up to 30 days per calendar year.

These same construction activities and noise impacts will also occur immediately adjacent to many day use recreation facilities and activities. It does not appear

that the environmental analysis considers the impacts of construction related noise on any of these recreation uses or facilities. DPR believes construction related noise will significantly impact recreation use at the Beal's Point Campground and result in a substantial loss of use at the Campground.

### **3.13 Recreation**

DPR believes the document identifies many of the construction-related impacts to recreation use and facilities but does not adequately mitigate the loss of recreation use.

#### 3.13.1.2 Regulatory Setting

DPR does not believe the document (page 3.13-1) accurately describes the land ownership or management situation at Folsom Lake SRA. While Reclamation does own the lands immediately adjacent to Folsom Reservoir and Lake Natoma, the State of California owns 2243 acres of land contiguous to the federal land and this State-owned land is also part of Folsom Lake SRA. This includes lands around portions of both reservoirs and is not limited to lands associated with the Jedediah Smith Memorial Bike Trail. The State owns substantial acreage in the Granite Bay area, the Peninsula, between Mormon Island Cove and Brown's Ravine, the Rattlesnake Bar area, near Old Salmon Falls and at various locations around Lake Natoma.

The purpose of the long-term lease agreement is much broader than solely managing recreation, the lease agreement states that the purpose of the agreement is for developing, administering and maintaining the area as a State park. This involves more than managing recreation and DPR management activities include natural and cultural resource management and protection, public health and safety, law enforcement and a variety of other activities. The existing 50-year lease expired in the spring of 2006. DPR and Reclamation have extended this lease by mutual agreement on a month to month basis. Both agencies are working on developing a new long-term agreement.

#### 3.13.4 Mitigation Measures

DPR does not believe the proposed mitigation measures adequately mitigate the loss of recreation use and access which is documented for the various alternatives in this chapter. DPR believes the lead agencies have a responsibility to mitigate the loss of recreation use. DPR has previously recommended and the lead agencies have chosen to ignore a variety of additional measures which the lead agencies could take to help mitigate the loss of recreation use. DPR would like to work with the lead agencies to identify and develop specific mitigation measures to help mitigate the loss of recreation use.

#### RC-1

It appears that the existing parking lot near the left abutment of MIAD will need to be replaced following project construction. Improvements could be made to this lot to help mitigate impacts to and the loss of recreation use including: paving the

parking area and access road to the parking area, installing a pre-cast concrete CXT-type restroom, installing trailhead information kiosk/signboard.

RC-3

DPR understands that based on public input to date, the lead agencies are considering options to minimize or avoid closure of Folsom Point to the extent feasible. DPR is supportive of these efforts and would like to work with the lead agencies on these options.

DPR has already described above how construction staging areas and material processing areas could be contoured and rehabilitated to provide additional or improved recreation facilities and opportunities at Folsom Point and Beal's Point. DPR believes it is appropriate for the lead agencies to provide these finished recreation facilities as part of the mitigation for the loss of recreation use and access caused by the project. In the past the lead agencies have claimed there are legal constraints which prevent them from providing improved recreation facilities as part of the mitigation for the project. These legal limitations have never been specifically identified or articulated. DPR believes there are a variety of ways which these recreation facility improvements could be achieved by the lead agencies. These potential mitigation measures, most of which could be completed at the end of project construction activities, are highlighted below:

- At Folsom Point extend the boat ramp, pave and finish the upgraded boat ramp. Repair and re-surface the existing parking lot for the boat ramp.
- Rehabilitate the existing picnic area at Folsom Point.
- Convert the proposed haul route between Dike 7 and Folsom Point into a paved bike path when construction was completed.
- Convert the proposed construction staging and material processing area on the east side of Folsom Point into an additional boat ramp, parking, group picnic and beach area. Provide paving, parking, sand and other facilities needed to complete this work.
- Convert the construction staging and material processing area to be developed on the south side of Beal's Point into additional parking, picnic sites and day use facilities.
- To mitigate the loss of the boat launching facility at Folsom Point and to accommodate potential increased use of the Granite Bay boat launch, reconfigure the boat ramp complex at Granite Bay to better serve all lake levels, pave and upgrade the boat ramp facilities as needed.
- Rehabilitate the picnic area and facilities at Granite Bay.

- Many trails will be impacted by the project and the project will result in a loss of use on these trails. In addition to repairing trails impacted by the project, the loss of recreation use on trails should be mitigated by providing improvements to the trail system following construction.

#### RC-4

DPR has already described above how construction excavation areas could be contoured and rehabilitated to provide additional or improved recreation facilities and opportunities. DPR believes it is appropriate for the lead agencies to provide these finished recreation facilities as part of the mitigation for the loss of recreation use and access caused by the project. These potential mitigation measures, most of which could be completed at the end of project construction activities, are highlighted below:

- Excavation which widened and extended the existing boat ramp at Folsom Point could provide benefits for recreation.
- Re-contour the beach area on the north side of Beal's Point beach to improve recreation access at a variety of lake levels. Provide sand and other facilities as needed to complete this work.
- Excavation at Granite Bay could help lower and extend boat ramps to improve boating access at this site in the long term.
- Re-contour the beach profile at Granite Bay main beach to improve recreation access at a variety of lake levels. Provide sand and other facilities as needed to complete this work.
- Excavation which lowered the marina basin at Browns Ravine would benefit recreation. Additionally, construction of a new breakwater on the west side of the entrance to marina area to help protect the marina basin from the prevailing winds.

#### RC-6

This mitigation measure does not commit to making improvements to the entrance of Beal's Point and Granite Bay to mitigate the impacts of the project. DPR believes the closure of Folsom Point could result in displaced users seeking recreation access at Beal's Point (picnic facilities) and Granite Bay (boat launch and picnic facilities). The environmental document accurately states that these areas reach capacity during peak season periods. During these times traffic backs up onto Douglas Boulevard and Auburn Folsom Road. Additional recreation users displaced from Folsom Point would exacerbate this traffic impact, as will the additional construction traffic. DPR is also concerned about the additional air quality impacts of trucks and other construction equipment entering and exiting these entrance stations and the potential health impacts on employees working at the entrance booths.

**Recommendation:**

DPR believes that widening the entrance roads into Beal's Point and Granite Bay and adding lanes for both entering and exiting the entrance station will help mitigate these impacts. Adding an improved turn-around, in order to keep traffic circulating when these recreation areas reach capacity and gates close, should also be part of the entrance improvements. DPR would like to work with the lead agencies to determine how to re-configure and improve the entrances to both Beal's Point and Granite Bay to help mitigate these impacts.

Unlike Chapter 3.5, the Recreation Chapter (3.13) does not analyze the potential impacts of inundation caused by emergency flood retention, only construction related impacts. DPR does not understand why this aspect of the project is analyzed for some resources and uses and not others. DPR believes that the potential impact on recreation use and facilities due to an emergency inundation could be substantial.

Any raise of Folsom Dam for flood control purposes and subsequent reservoir operations utilizing the additional surcharge space, have the potential to impact recreation facilities at Folsom Lake SRA. The recreation facilities around Folsom Lake have been developed by DPR with the full knowledge and consent of Reclamation over the course of fifty years. Presumably recreation planners assumed that 466' was the effective high pool for the reservoir and developed facilities accordingly. As a result many of the recreation facilities around Folsom Lake are located between elevations 466' and 474' elevation.

To the extent that the operation of the reservoir at higher Lake levels (above 466') results in impacts to recreational facilities, DPR believes the lead agencies should mitigate the impacts to these facilities. This may include the need to move selected facilities, to "flood proof" other facilities and to develop a plan and funding source for the clean-up and repair of facilities following an inundation. DPR would like to see the federal agencies take responsibility for developing (in consultation with DPR) a proactive planning effort to identify which facilities may need to be moved or retro-fitted to withstand inundation and then to provide funding to complete the recommendations of this plan. DPR does not want to wait until an emergency inundation occurs and then address the impacts. The emergency use of the additional surcharge space from a dam raise is an event that can be planned for and in large part mitigated before the emergency occurs.

One example would be the Granite Bay Activity Center. This facility would get inundated if Folsom Dam is raised seven feet and a flood occurred in which it was necessary to utilize the surcharge storage. Inundation would likely render this facility unusable and the facility would need to be re-constructed. DPR does not have funding to replace this facility and even if funding were provided by the flood control agencies, it would take several years to re-build the facility. This is a

very popular facility that is used at least several night and days a week year round. These users would be displaced during the protracted time period it would take to re-build the structure.

The federal agencies also need to consider that the loss of recreation facilities due to the utilization of the increased surcharge space would also result in the loss of recreation use and user fee revenues which would need to be mitigated.

**Recommendation:**

DPR believes the potential impact of an emergency inundation on recreation use and facilities should be analyzed and that the environmental analysis is insufficient without it.

**Chapter 4 - Socioeconomics**

This Chapter documents the impacts to State revenues due to the loss of user fees resulting from project impacts. However, the document does not indicate how these impacts will be addressed, if at all.

**Recommendation:**

DPR believes that any loss of recreation use resulting from the project which results in a loss of user fee revenues to the State within Folsom Lake SRA should be compensated.

The document also discussing the loss of revenues to concessionaires operating at Beal's Point and Granite Bay which may occur due to project impacts. DPR has previously provided the lead agencies with specific information for each concessionaire, the revenues they generate and the fees these concessionaires pay to the State.

**Recommendation:**

DPR believes that any loss of recreation use resulting from the project which results in a loss of revenues to the concessionaires operating within Folsom Lake SRA should be compensated, including the portion of these revenues which would be paid as fees to the State.

Comment #313

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Please find attached the comment letter to the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction EIS/EIR.

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

Dear Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Victorine,

On behalf of the Folsom Economic Development Corporation, please find below comments to the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction EIS/EIR.

1. Public Notice. Given the massive size of this project, the length of the construction period and negative impacts on the City of Folsom and surrounding area, the public notice for this lengthy environmental document was inadequate. Until the Folsom Telegraph, the Sacramento Bee and KCRA Channel 3 ran stories on January 10, 2007, the public was not aware of the closure of Folsom Point which would result in the loss of over 800,000 visitor trips and substantial economic loss to the local economy. Since the media coverage was the same day of the Folsom public meeting held January 10 and a day after the only other public meeting held in Sacramento on January 9, it was too late for most citizens to attend and impossible to review the environmental document in advance of that meeting. In addition, property owners who are located immediately adjacent to the work areas were not notified by mail of the EIS/EIR.

2. Public Meeting. Especially in light of the lack of insufficient notice, the “open house” public meeting format did not provide the attendees an adequate presentation of the project, the project’s impacts and/or the proposed mitigation measures. It did not allow attendees to benefit from each other’s public testimony or public questions and answers from the project proponent. Public input was either transcribed by someone who was unable to answer any questions or attendees were given comment cards to fill out. Based on the insufficient notice, lack of public presentation and lack of public testimony, it appeared that the project proponent was not interested in notifying the public of the project specifics or the impacts but rather the proponent was only “going through the motions”. The lack of sufficient notice and the public meeting format did not provide full disclosure given the scope of the project and did not meet the intent of the environmental review process.

3. Economic Analysis. The economic impact of the loss of over 800,000 visitor trips to the City of Folsom, Folsom area businesses, property owners and residents is not adequately addressed in the economic model presented in the EIS/EIR.

a. The economic model does not take into account the impact on the sale of large ticket items including motor boats, jet skis, sailboats, tow vehicles, sports equipment, homes, residential and commercial property etc. The model only considers the loss of “picnic basket” type items. Given the extended life of the project and the lack of access to Folsom Lake or other alternative outdoor recreational facilities, the sale of these large ticket items will decline. The analysis should be revised to adequately inform the public of the true economic loss including these large ticket items.

b. The economic impact from the loss of visitors from outside the tri-county region is underestimated. The economic analysis assumes that only those users who stay at the campground facilities at Folsom Lake are from outside the tri-county region. The analysis fails to consider those users who are staying with friends or family or chose to stay at area hotels, motels or RV parks. Based on the assumptions of the analysis, a larger and more accurate number of visitors from outside the region will increase the economic loss to both the local economy and the region. The analysis should be revised to reflect a more accurate percentage of visitors from outside the region.

c. The economic analysis does not adequately disclose the economic loss to the local (Folsom Lake) economy. Instead, the analysis mixes the regional benefit from monies spent on the project with the economic loss experienced by the local (Folsom Lake) economy. The analysis should separately disclose the loss to the local economy and any potential gain to the regional (tri-county) economy. The regional trucking company that may benefit from increased hauling fees does not compensate for the loss to the local business who sells recreational equipment to the lake users.

d. Close proximity and access to Folsom Lake are quality of life amenities that attract businesses and employees to our region. Without access to this amenity for an extended period of time, it will be less attractive to locate here. The economic analysis should be revised to include this negative impact to business and employee recruitment.

e. Property values in close proximity to Folsom Lake are higher because of better access to this recreational amenity. No consideration was given to the loss in value that will occur when access is substantially limited as indicated in the project alternatives. The economic analysis should estimate the potential loss in property values during the construction period when access is limited.

f. The total loss of Folsom Lake user fees to the State of California over the length of the construction period is not clearly indicated. Please provide a total number.

4. Recreational Impacts. The EIS/EIR is inadequate because it did not analyze any alternatives to closing Folsom Point but simply concluded that the recreational impacts are unavoidable and displaced visitors may consider indoor recreation alternatives.

a. The haul route between the proposed spillway and MIAD could be easily located to avoid the boat ramp, parking lot and picnic areas of Folsom Point (see attached exhibit A). The route could run on top of or in front of Dike 8 and continue east between the launch ramp parking lot and the Folsom Point access road. The haul route could then cross under the Folsom Point access road between the gate house and the location where the Folsom Point access road splits (left to boat launch and to the right to the picnic area). The haul route could then continue east (south of Folsom Point) to MIAD. This suggested route appears to cover a shorter distance than following the waters edge around Folsom Point. Given the number of truck trips (37,500 to 75,000 depending on truck capacity) necessary to move 1.5 million cubic yards of dirt from the spillway to MIAD, this proposed shorter haul route is likely to also be more cost effective. Please analyze the cost of this alternative haul route in comparison to the user fee revenue loss to the State of California and the local economic loss resulting from a Folsom Point closure.

b. The processing facility that is proposed to be located at Folsom Point in each of the project alternatives could be moved south and east of Folsom Point between the Folsom Point access road and MIAD (see attached exhibit A). Based on the aerial maps shown in Section 2, Part 2 of the EIS/EIR, it appears that this property is currently designated to be used for this project. It also appears that the impacts to the environment (oak woodland and wetlands) appear to be less at this suggested location. The impacts to existing homes located on Elvies Lane uphill from the Folsom Point processing facility would also be reduced if the facility was relocated to this suggested location. The existing topography and size of this suggested alternative location could accommodate larger buffers and berms to mitigate the construction impacts. Please analyze and compare the local economic and environmental impacts of the location designated in the EIS/EIR to the location suggested here. In addition, please analyze the specific impacts (noise, dust, lighting etc.) to the properties located on Elvies Lane or Mountain View Drive that are located uphill from the proposed processing facility at Folsom Point. What specific mitigation measures are could be implemented at this suggested location to reduce the impacts to the surrounding community (i.e. berms, buffers, hours of operation etc.).

Based on this one suggested alternative haul route and processing facility re-location, it appears that there may be many more alternatives available to meet the needs of the project and keep access to Folsom Point open and other FLSRA facilities less impacted. Until the environmental document analyzes this and other alternatives, the EIS/EIR is flawed in its conclusion that the recreational impacts and the resulting economic loss are unavoidable. Please analyze all alternatives that may reduce recreational impacts at the affected FLSRA facilities.

5. Alternative Recreational Facilities. The EIS/EIR is inadequate because no alternative sites were studied where temporary facilities could be added to accommodate visitors that would be displaced because of the construction activity. Again, the EIS/EIR simple states that the impact to recreation is unavoidable.

a. Temporary facilities could be added at existing FLSRA facilities to relieve congestion that will be caused from this extended construction activity. For example, additional launch, day use or campground facilities could be added at Brown's Ravine, Granite Bay, Beal's Point, the former Monte Vista campground, Old Salmon Falls or other existing facilities (see attached Exhibit B). Please analyze the cost of the temporary expansion of all potential recreational facilities at FLSRA to accommodate the displaced visitors that would result from the impacted facilities. Please compare the cost of these temporary facilities to the user fee revenue loss to the State of California and the local economic loss resulting from visitors not having access to impacted facilities.

1. Brown's Ravine. This existing facility could be temporarily expanded across the inlet from the marina on property owned by the Bureau (see exhibit C). Sufficient land area is available to accommodate launch facilities, campgrounds and/or day use areas. In addition, the facilities at Hobie Cove could be temporarily expanded to accommodate displaced visitors from other impacted facilities.

2. Monte Vista campground. The former private Monte Vista campground encompassing several hundred acres (located three miles north of Green Valley Rd. on Salmon Falls Rd.) could be put back into use to accommodate displaced visitors (see exhibit D). There are existing roads (which would need improvement), water, telephone, electricity and even BBQ pits available at this site. A boat launch and small parking lot could be located on the eastern tip of this site.

3. Old Salmon Falls. For years, this facility (see exhibit D) has provided an alternative launch location for small fishing boats and jet skis. Once the water level reached 435', the lower gate was opened and small craft launched here during the peak season (May through September). Once the water receded below 435', the lower gate was closed to prevent vehicles from impacting the shoreline. With minor improvements to the road and parking lot and the return of the portable restrooms, this facility could accommodate displaced visitors with small water craft during the peak season. The launch access was closed a few years ago, because FLSRA staffing hours were not available to adequately monitor this location. Given the potential restriction to alternative launch facilities, additional staffing hours may be required if this launch facility was re-opened. This appears to be a very low cost alternative to provide some additional access.

4. Beal's Point. This existing facility could be temporarily expanded. Sufficient land area is available to accommodate new launch facilities, campgrounds and/or day use areas.

5. Granite Bay. This existing facility could be temporarily expanded. Sufficient land area is available to accommodate new launch facilities, campgrounds and/or day use areas.

With over 18,000 acres and 18 existing facilities identified in the EIS, there appear to be many alternative locations that could be expanded to accommodate displaced recreation

users in the FLSRA. The EIS/EIR did not study even one alternative. The recreational impacts can be mitigated and they are avoidable.

Folsom Economic Development Corporation understands that flood control improvements are extremely important and we do not want to see them delayed. However, the draft EIS/EIR which came into public awareness on January 10 has numerous fundamental flaws and is likely to face legal challenges. The EIS/EIR fails to consider reasonable alternatives that would dramatically reduce the local negative economic effects. The EIR/EIS also significantly underestimates the magnitude of these local losses. We request that the Bureau of Reclamation work with all flood control stakeholders to keep the project on course while a solution is identified that minimizes the hardship placed on the local community. We look forward to a revised document that includes this analysis and includes mitigation measures that will be implemented to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

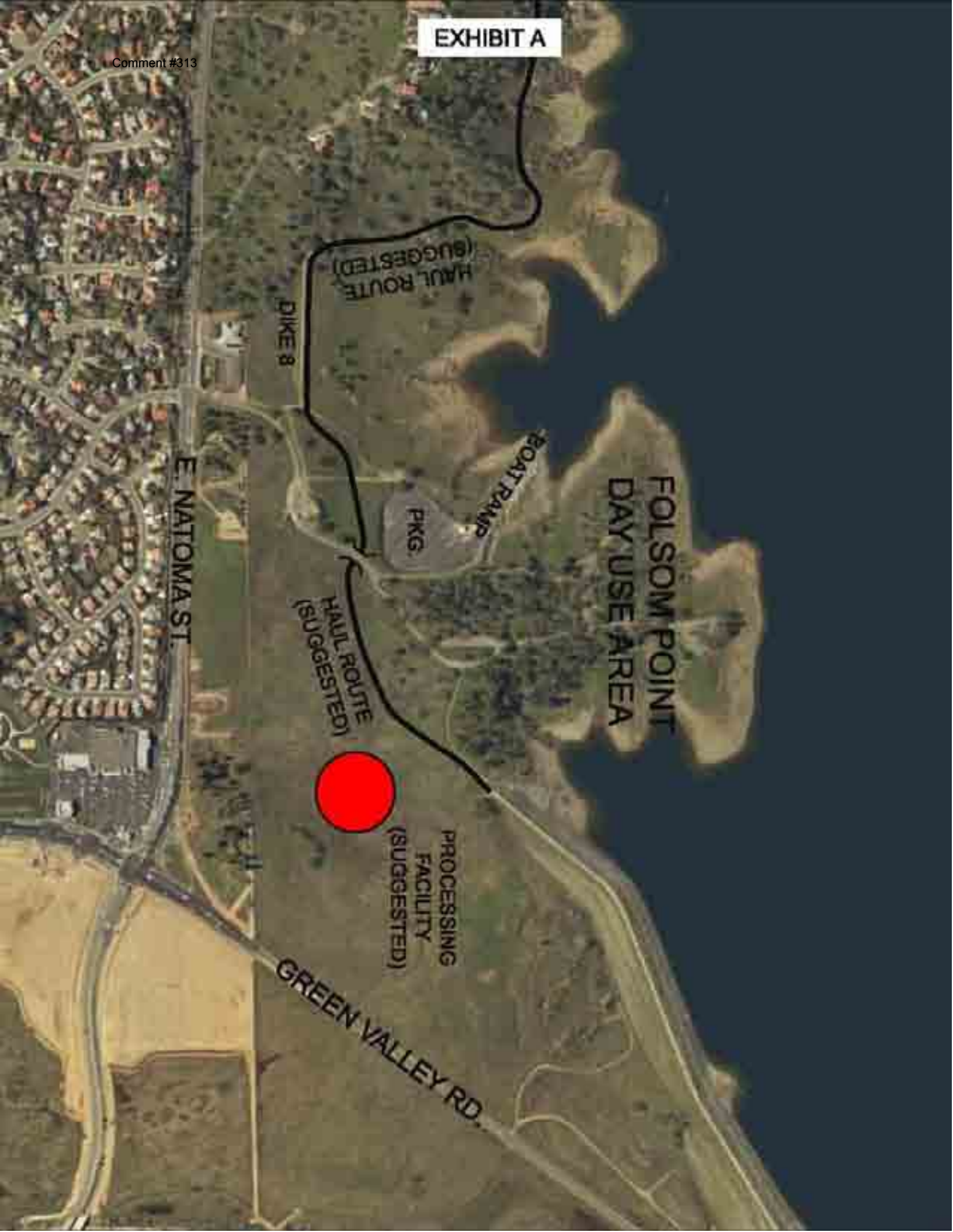


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EXHIBIT A

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FOLSOM POINT  
DAY USE AREA

HAUL ROUTE  
(SUGGESTED)

DIKE 8

BOAT RAMP

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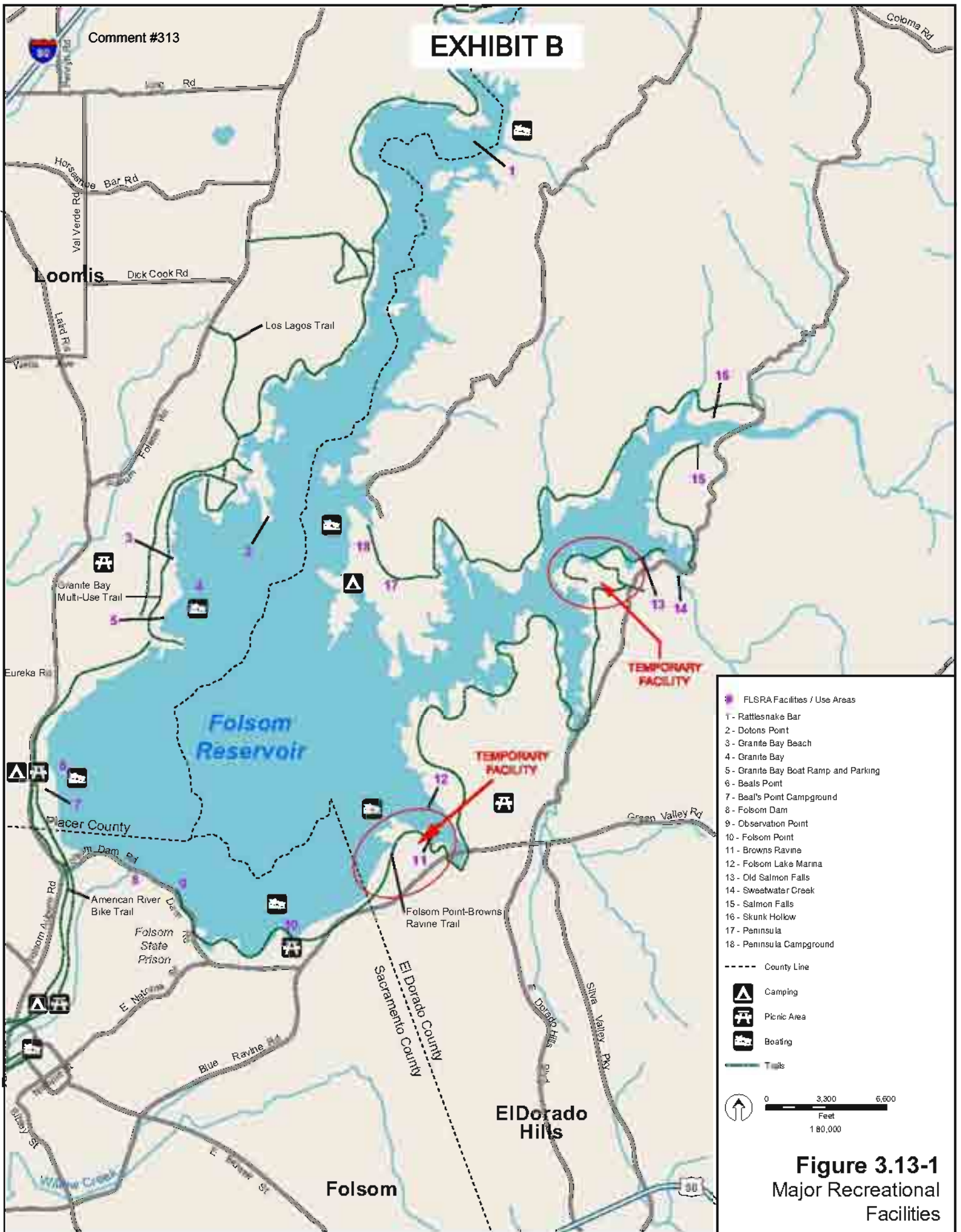
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PROCESSING  
FACILITY  
(SUGGESTED)

E NATOMA ST.

GREEN VALLEY RD.

# EXHIBIT B



**Figure 3.13-1**  
Major Recreational  
Facilities



# EXHIBIT C

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## BROWN'S RAVINE



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**EXHIBIT D**

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**FORMER MONTE  
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FALLS**



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**From:** Cook, Gregory [GCook@caiso.com]  
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**Subject:** Proposed Closure of Folsom Point  
**Importance:** High

Hi,

I am writing to state my concern about the seemingly misguided idea of closing Folsom Point so that it can be used as a staging area for construction equipment in the planned upgrade of Folsom Dam. While I understand the need to have effective flood control for the area, it seems that there has to be a better alternative than using a highly popular recreation site for staging equipment. From the standpoint of a local resident, it appears that the Bureau of Reclamation provides little significance on the local impact of its actions. First, Folsom Dam road was closed due to a perceived terrorist threat—an obvious sledge hammer approach to a potential problem that caused serious harm to businesses and quality of life in the Folsom area. Now, it appears that the USBR is taking a similar approach to finding a convenient staging area for its equipment. This does not appear to be a well thought out plan and highlights the Bureau's lack of sensitivity to local quality of life issues. Closing Folsom point would require local residents to access Folsom lake from either Browns Ravine Marina, which is already over crowded, or cross through downtown Folsom which is a nightmare due to the Folsom Dam road closure and would further congestion problems in the area with boater and beachgoer traffic on its way to Beahls or Granite Bay lake access areas.

There have got to be better options. The obvious one would be to use some of the vast Folsom Prison land next to the dam that is unused by anything other than a few cows. I would hope that the environmental impact of these issues is thoroughly and fairly assessed before closing Folsom Point.

Sincerely,

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Shawn,

Please find attached my comments to the above mentioned EIS/EIR. Please include the PDF exhibit also attached which shows the location of my property.

Sincerely,

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

Dear Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Victorine,

Bernau Development Corporation is the owner of a subdivision named "Morning Walk" currently under construction located at Elvies Lane and E. Natoma Street immediately adjacent to the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area south of Dike 8 (see Exhibit A).

Unfortunately, I was not notified directly by the Bureau of Reclamation of the EIS/EIR that is currently circulating even though the impacts from the proposed project to my property are substantial. I do not feel that the notice was sufficient or the potential impacts clearly defined so that I am able to evaluate what measures are adequate to mitigate the impacts of this massive project.

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8. Several of the lots at Morning Walk have a view over dike 8 of Folsom Lake. The homes on these lots will command a premium because of this view. How will this project impact the view shed of these lots?
9. Lake access is an important factor in the buying decision of my potential homeowners. Not having access to Folsom Point will negatively impact the marketability and value of these homes. What measures can be implemented so that Folsom Point can remain open?
10. There appears to be no consideration given in the EIS/EIR to finding alternative locations for visitors that may be turned away from FLSRA facilities that are impacted by this project. Please evaluate increasing capacity at other existing facilities so visitors can still have access to the FLSRA.
11. The economic model seriously under estimates the impact to the local community. The model does not include the reduction in sales of big ticket items that will result because over 815,000 visitors will not be able access the lake. There is no reason to buy a home by the lake if you can't access the lake. There is no reason to buy a boat if you won't be able to use it. The model should accurately reflect the true economic loss to the community.

While I understand the importance of this flood control project, I am very surprised at the lack of notice and the failure of the project sponsor to mitigate any of the recreational impacts that left unmitigated will result in a substantial economic loss to Bernau Development Corporation and the surrounding community.

Since the EIS/EIR incorrectly states that the recreational impacts are unavoidable after failing to consider any alternatives that could maintain recreational access to Folsom Point and other FLSRA facilities, it is likely that this project will be delayed as a result of a legal challenge. I would ask the project sponsor to study all reasonable alternatives to the closure of Folsom Point and/or provide temporary launch, day use and campground facilities at other FLSRA locations for visitors that are impacted because of this project.

I also look forward to a detailed description of how the project will impact my property and the specific mitigation measures proposed to ensure that those impacts will be reduced to a level of insignificance.

Sincerely,

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6. Can the processing facility be moved to the Bureau's property to the southeast of Folsom Point? There appears to be plenty of room for the facility, storage staging and even reasonable buffers.

7. I am unsure why Folsom Point needs to be closed during construction. It appears that a haul route could be located on the lakeside of dike 8 and continue between the boat ramp parking lot and the Folsom Point access road. The road could cross or go under the Folsom Point access road to reach the processing facility (recommended location in #5 above) and MIAD.
8. Several of the lots at Morning Walk have a view over dike 8 of Folsom Lake. The homes on these lots will command a premium because of this view. How will this project impact the view shed of these lots?
9. Lake access is an important factor in the buying decision of my potential homeowners. Not having access to Folsom Point will negatively impact the marketability and value of these homes. What measures can be implemented so that Folsom Point can remain open?
10. There appears to be no consideration given in the EIS/EIR to finding alternative locations for visitors that may be turned away from FLSRA facilities that are impacted by this project. Please evaluate increasing capacity at other existing facilities so visitors can still have access to the FLSRA.
11. The economic model seriously under estimates the impact to the local community. The model does not include the reduction in sales of big ticket items that will result because over 815,000 visitors will not be able access the lake. There is no reason to buy a home by the lake if you can't access the lake. There is no reason to buy a boat if you won't be able to use it. The model should accurately reflect the true economic loss to the community.

While I understand the importance of this flood control project, I am very surprised at the lack of notice and the failure of the project sponsor to mitigate any of the recreational impacts that left unmitigated will result in a substantial economic loss to Bernau Development Corporation and the surrounding community.

Since the EIS/EIR incorrectly states that the recreational impacts are unavoidable after failing to consider any alternatives that could maintain recreational access to Folsom Point and other FLSRA facilities, it is likely that this project will be delayed as a result of a legal challenge. I would ask the project sponsor to study all reasonable alternatives to the closure of Folsom Point and/or provide temporary launch, day use and campground facilities at other FLSRA locations for visitors that are impacted because of this project.

I also look forward to a detailed description of how the project will impact my property and the specific mitigation measures proposed to ensure that those impacts will be reduced to a level of insignificance.

Sincerely,

Jeremy G. Bernau  
President





**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** casey vestito [eldorv@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 28, 2007 3:51 PM  
**To:** mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Point

Please reconsider on closing Folsom Point boat launch.

With a population of 60,000 and growing, it would be far too dangerous trying to use Brown's Ravine for boat launching this summer as well as congesting traffic on Green Valley more than it already is.  
Please find another alternative.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Vestito

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**From:** Jeff Kirsten [jeff\_p\_kirsten@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 28, 2007 1:44 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil  
**Subject:** Folsom Dam retrofit and lake access

Hello Mr. Oliver and Ms. Victorine,

Please explore alternatives with Sacramento area communities and governments to closing park and lake access points during dam retrofit. I believe people would understand if there were simply no other way to get the job done, but it is not clear how hard alternatives have been pushed.

Folsom lake boat launch and park access fills to closure on many summer weekends as it stands. Restricting access further will create tension instead of a relaxing and positive atmosphere among the many people in the area who try to visit the lake.

Regards,  
Jeff Kirsten  
111 Alvaston Ct.  
Folsom, CA  
916.769.0233

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**From:** Paula Mittner [mittner@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 28, 2007 10:43 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Cc:** Rebecca.A.Victorine@usace.army.mil  
**Subject:** Folsom Point closure

Dear Shawn Oliver/Becky Victorine:

I urge you to review and consider City of Folsom's alternatives to this closure. My wife and I purchased a home here in Folsom 4 years ago, and a major determining factor in our decision to move here was the accessibility to Folsom Lake and all its wonders. Folsom Point is a 10 minute jog from our house. I know six people personally, friends and family alike, who use Folsom Point's boat launch religiously. Four members of this group continue to use the launch even in late autumn and winter, not just the summer months.

I would agree there are other access sites relatively nearby. However, I would like you to consider the economic impact as well. My wife works for a small business located at the corner of Natoma St. and Blue Ravine Rd. They rely significantly on revenues generated from visitors to Folsom Point. You need to be aware that a number of locally owned businesses located in proximity to Folsom Point are in exactly the same boat.

A seven-year closure would tear a chunk out of the heart of this community. Again, I implore you to reconsider such a potentially grave decision.

Thank You,

Jeff Mittner/1668 Bayer Court, Folsom CA  
(916) 984-0975

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**From:** Brian Joder - OUTBOUND Ind. [imoutbound@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 28, 2007 10:16 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Dam Constrution - pending closures

Hello Bureau of Reclamation,

I am flabbergasted that the first I heard of this impending closure of our largest natural local resource was on the last day of comments accepted about this proposal.

It seems to me that the public should have a little more input for this project and a bit more advanced notice about these activities.

Closing the Folsom point area would be a huge blow to the area. The recreation from Folsom Lake is why I moved here!

On average I am at the Folsom Point area three times a week. This would seriously curtail my and many other peoples outdoor activities.

Please consider public input and a way to keep Folsom Point open during this period.

Thank you,

Brian Joder  
120 Ore St.  
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**From:** Karen Delparte [kdelparte@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 28, 2007 8:21 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Point Closure

David And Karen Delparte  
731 Hunter Place  
Folsom, CA 95630

To whom it may concern,

I we are totally against Folsom Point being closed for any length of time. We bought a boat last year and use the Folsom Point Launch almost exclusively. There are no real alternatives! Brown's is often crowded and could not handle the increased use that closing Folsom Point would cause. Granite Bay is quite a-bit further and is often full. We want to be able to use our boat in a convenient manner. This is part of the reason we moved to Folsom. Please consider other options. I should be possible to keep Folsom Point open for most of the construction of the new bridge with just a little thought and consideration.

Regards,  
David and Karen Delparte

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**From:** kbeninga@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 27, 2007 1:29 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov; Rebecca.A.Victorine@usace.army.mil  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake Facilities

Dear Shawn and Becky -

I read with dismay about your plans to close facilities at Folsom Lake for dam construction. I am wondering if this construction is really necessary, or is this another government boondogle. Is the safety need here really based on sound engineering practices? The Lake is only half full now and hasn't been full in years. Because of increased water usage and reduced snow pack due to global warming, this trend is likely to continue. Have you considered these factors in your analysis, or are your calculations based on antiquated data?

To disrupt an entire community and spend millions of dollars over an extremely unlikely failure scenario is ridiculous. The way this project has been handled is another example of why Americans mistrust our government.

Kelly Beninga  
121 Ballast Way  
Folsom, CA 95630

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**From:** Pcoverdale@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 27, 2007 1:17 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Why does Fulsome always have to take the hit???????

We going along just fine until the Dam Road was closed and backed up traffic(80% of it from El Dorado and Placer Counties) onto our streets and into our small town creating havoc. Now they are going to start a Two or three year project to build a new bridge for these same out of town cars, and with this construction we will have air pollution, noise pollution and large construction trucks running up and down our already crowded streets.

And now you want to close Floss's only access to the lake - Fulsome Point...where Fulsome residents spend most of their summers, swimming, boating, picnicking and having reunions. You are going to tear up this lovely spot and demolish it for a staging area for dam repair. Can't an undeveloped site be found?????With this (for seven years!!!!!!)comes air pollution, noise pollution and large truck traffic to our already

crowded streets. Most cities and towns would give anything to have a park like this and you are going to destroy this one. I don't know whose decision this was, but it was a really stupid one.

I think its time El Dorado and Placer Counties come up with a spot on their portion of the lake that could to used for this staging area, since its their people who benefit the most.

Fulsome residents(especially on the North side) have done enough, now its someone else's turn....

Enough is enough.....

Peg Coverdale  
111 Moreland, CT.  
Fulsome, Ca.

(916)608-1536

If this e-mail is a little disjointed, its because I'm a 78 year old grandma and computers are a Mystery to me. I hope you get this....  
Mystery to me. I hope you get this...

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Comment #323

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**From:** maureensnyder [maureensnyder@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 27, 2007 10:18 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Closure of Dyke 8

Hello,

I am writing to express my concern over the plan to close Dyke 8 during the construction of the new Dam. We are residents of El Dorado Hills and use Dyke 8 regularly for lake access with our jet skis. During the summer Browns Ravine is closed/full on a regular basis with launching of water craft directed to Dyke 8 or Beal's Point. My honest feeling is that my annual pass will be of no value because me access to the lake will be so limited, unrealizable and extremely inconvenient. Please make a better choice during the construction process and do not close Dyke 8.

Thank you,  
Maureen Snyder  
916 933-7230

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Comment #324

## **Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** Dave and Chris Wagner [waggy@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 8:10 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Point

To Whom it may concern,

I am emailing to say that I am firmly against the closing of the Folsom, Beal and Granite Bay point. This would severely hinder recreational activities and revenue from boaters.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

Chris Wagner

**Chris Wagner**  
**waggy@sbcglobal.net**

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Comment #325

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**From:** KRISTIN JEFFREY [jjeffreys4@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 6:30 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov; Rebecca.A.Victorine@usace.army.mil  
**Subject:** closure

I am writing this letter to protest the closure of Folsom Point. This access is one of the main entries into the Lake and allows for parking of boat and trailer. It is the only immediate Lake access to Folsom residents that can accommodate the large volume of boats put in and taken out of the water. Brown's Ravine certainly isn't equipped for this, thus leaving Beale's point and Granite Bay entrances as the only remote access. We moved to Folsom because of the easy access to the lake and had just purchased a boat this Fall so we could be on and off the lake in 5 minutes. Closure of Folsom Point is unacceptable especially for 7 years. Not only does it limit the use of the Lake, but the amount of lost revenue to the City of Folsom will be enormous. Please find an alternative place to house the equipment.

Sincerely,

Kristin and Robert Jeffrey  
Folsom Residents since 1996  
916-983-2959

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**From:** Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 5:24 PM  
**To:** Shawn Oliver  
**Subject:** Fwd: Don't Close Folsom Point

>>> "Hendricks, Don" <DDH0@pge.com> 01/26 5:12 PM >>>

I am a resident of Folsom of 8 years. The closure of the Dam Road has diminished our quality of life enough. The thought that closing our access off to the only feasible access by bike or walking to lake is outrageous. I realize the dam needs to be raised to hold more water.

The idea is a total disregard for us residents of Folsom. I live two blocks from the lake and we are not boaters, but I have children and a dog that frequent Folsom Point. There must other alternatives for your staging area.

Please reconsider you position. It almost appears to be a personal issue vendetta against us.

Thank you,

Don Hendricks  
PG&E Sr. New Business Representative  
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Sacramento, CA 95826  
Office (916) 386-5469  
Fax (916) 386-5288  
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**From:** Cheryl Walters [walterscheryl@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 5:00 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Cc:** Rebecca.A.Victorine@usace.army.mil  
**Subject:** Proposed closure of Folsom Point

Dear Interested Parties: Please don't close Folsom Point! Like most nearby residents, we were attracted to this area by the easy access to Folsom Point, where activities like hiking, biking, fishing swimming, waterskiing and boating are close to us. We did not move to Folsom and don't have grandchildren and our grown children visit to they can go to the newest McDonald's or Starbucks. They like to walk or take their bikes up to the lake where they can enjoy the natural beauty surrounding the reservoir and participate in the many activities that go along with it. We share the area with many of nature's inhabitants as well, seeing bluebirds and owls, red tailed hawks and turkey vultures, even an occasional rattler or a coyote running through the grass. This loss would be a sad occasion for Folsom, and the surrounding boaters and fishermen who frequent our lake and drop some change in Folsom while they are here. Please consider the negative impact on our community before you close this natural gem. Cheryl Walters, Folsom resident for 9 years.

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**From:** smkscribe@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 4:59 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov; Rebecca.A.Victorine@usace.army.mil  
**Subject:** Folsom Point

Please understand that 7 years is a lifetime to many of us. Do not close Folsom Point for a lifetime.

Sharon Kindel

Rosalie Barton

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**From:** Obie Miller [obie@greenstone-llc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 4:34 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Point boat ramp

7 years is too long to leave this key recreational access point closed to the public. Our family uses is 2-3 times per month, all year long.

Thanks,  
Obie Miller  
Greenstone Enterprises  
888.509.4492  
530.626.4492 ph  
530.626.4462 fx

Comment #330

**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** Clint Claassen [cjclaassen@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 4:15 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Proposed Closure of Folsom Point

To whom it may concern,

I heard today that you are considering closing the Folsom Recreation Area for seven years. I understand the reasoning for this, and as a Sacramento resident I would benified from the increased flood protection. However, I think there has to be a better way. I am a mountain biker and I use the area at least once a week with the local mountain bike club the Folsom Breakouts. This would devistate our team. We have been riding the area trails every Tuesday for 26 years! I can also imagine what the closure would do to the local economy and I would think it would be devistating. Especially in the summer and fall!

Please do not proceed with this proposal.

Thank you,

Clint Claassen

Sacramento resident.

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**From:** Jennifer Claassen [jclaassen@ucdavis.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 3:51 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Closing Folsom Point Recreation Area

To Whom It May Concern:

Please, please, please don't close the Folsom Point Recreation Area! All year round, my husband is an avid mountain biker and goes to the area at least a couple times a week to blow off steam after work or enjoy his weekend riding with friends. He would be devastated if you closed it off, and so would I!! I'm not about to deal with him if he can't ride around... he'd drive me crazy! For the sake of my sanity... please keep it open!

Regards,

Jennifer Claassen  
Sacramento Resident

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**From:** Motoxng@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 28, 2007 6:39 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** closing Folsom recreation

I would strongly oppose Folsom Point.

There has to be another option.

I live here because of the easy access I have to the trails around Folsom Lake. I am planning to retire here soon.

It seems like a bypass trail around the point could be built so that there would be no impact to the daily users.

Russ Fay  
an active member of Folsom Auburn trail Riders Action Coalition

Comment #333

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**From:** Charlotte8017@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 28, 2007 7:20 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Dyke 8

DO NOT CLOSE DYKE 8 THAT WOULD BE A BIG MISTAKE. I HAVE BEEN GOING THERE FOR 40 YEARS, STORE YOUR EQUIPMENT SOMEPLACE ELSE.

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Comment #334

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**From:** Penny Cobarrubia [PCobarrubia@metrochamber.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 3:48 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Cc:** Matt Mahood; Michael Faust  
**Subject:** Folsom Dam Raise Project EIR 3 FINAL  
**Attachments:** Folsom Dam Raise Project EIR 3 FINAL.doc



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SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

January 26, 2007

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

Re: **Sacramento Metro Chamber Comments on the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR)**

Dear Mr. Oliver

The Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce represents over 2,500 member businesses and business organizations in the six-county Sacramento region. The Metro Chamber serves as the “Voice of Business” in the six-county Sacramento region and is the leading proponent of regional cooperation, encouraging local elected officials to cooperate across jurisdictional lines to address important public policy issues that impact jobs and the economy. We are writing to request that the Bureau of Reclamation provided additional consideration to avoiding and/or mitigating the economic damage of restricting recreation at the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, specifically in regards to Folsom Point recreation area, and portions of Beal’s Point and Granite Bay recreation facilities.

Since its founding in 1895, the Sacramento Metro Chamber has been a leading force in supporting the construction of critical infrastructure to improve the economy, improve flood control and enhance the quality of life in the greater Sacramento region.

The Metro Chamber endorses the Folsom Dam Raise Project to provide greater flood protection for Sacramento. We respectfully ask that the Bureau amend its’ plans to include inexpensive engineering solutions, such as rerouting their haul road and relocating their staging areas so that public entry to Folsom Lake will remain open during their extended construction period.

This much needed project will increase flood protection for the Sacramento Region to the 1 in 200 year level. However, during the seven year construction period, public access to Folsom Lake will be drastically curtailed. Granite Bay and Beal's Point entries will be partially closed, Folsom Point will be closed completely and Brown's Ravine will be impacted by overuse due to the other closures. It is

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

estimated by the Bureau that 816,000 visitors will be turned away with an economic loss to our communities of \$50,000,000. These statistics are troubling. We respectfully request that you provide additional consideration before moving forward with this project.

There appears to be inexpensive engineering solutions to the Folsom Point closure that were not considered in the EIR/EIS. Specifically we believe that during the different stages of the overall project, material processing could potentially be sited at the old observation point, which is closed to the public, and in Section 29 near the Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam (MIAD) which does not have public access. We think it is of note that both of these alternatives are actually closer to the work sites. In regards to the disposal site we suggest Dike 7 and 8 areas could be utilized as disposal sites and leave Folsom Point free or designate it as a low priority disposal site. And, we suggest a slight alteration of the haul road route from that contemplated along the shoreline to slightly inland through Folsom Point passing through a culvert under the present public right-of-way.

We ask that alternative solutions be given serious consideration and adopted so that our community will not suffer unnecessary economic disturbance and does not dramatically downgrade the quality of life activities people from the greater Sacramento region have when using the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area.

Sincerely,

Matthew R. Mahood,  
President & CEO

John A. Lambeth  
Chair, Board of Directors

Cc: Governor Schwarzenegger  
United States Corps of Engineers  
Sacramento Region Congressional Delegation  
Sacramento Region State Legislative Delegation  
Sacramento County Supervisors  
El Dorado County Supervisors  
City of Folsom City Council

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**From:** Laura Hudak [Laura.Hudak@amdocs.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 3:37 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov; mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Opposed to closure of Folsom Point - Dike 8

I am writing to voice my concern of the closure of Folsom Point / Dike 8. This is a great recreational area for people in the Folsom community. With all of the different closures, there will no longer be convenient access to Folsom Lake. This area is used by so many different people (boaters, family picnics, scuba classes/training) and it would be a shame to see it closed.

Thank you  
Laura Hudak  
Folsom resident, and frequent user of that area

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**From:** MrkhmFam@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 3:30 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov; rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil  
**Subject:** Draft EIS/EIR Dam safety and flood control project at Folsom Dam

My family has lived right down the street from Folsom Point (formerly known as Dyke 8) for fifteen years and we have thoroughly enjoyed and have taken advantage of the recreational opportunities that go along with such close proximity/access to Folsom Lake (boating, fishing, jogging, walking, etc.). Close access to the lake was one of the primary reasons we purchased our home. Closure of Folsom Point would be a loss not only for my family and the surrounding neighborhood but for the entire city. Folsom Point is the closest access to the lake for many, if not most, of the citizens in Folsom. It would be a travesty if the citizens of Folsom were denied access to the lake on top of being forced to endure seven years of traffic impacts due to the project itself (impacts that are in addition to the existing traffic problems caused by closure of the dam road). Additionally, the loss of recreational visitors would have a negative impact on the city economically. Folsom Point needs to remain completely accessible to the public during the entire duration of the safety and flood control project.

Kay Ann Markham

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**From:** Wright, Jodi [jlwright@DowneyBrand.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 3:08 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Closing of Folsom Point

As a resident of the Parkway and a boat owner, I am vehemently against the closure of Folsom Point. The Granite Bay boat launch fills up fast and many times during the summer you cannot even launch your boat from that boat launch. We usually launch our boat from Folsom Point because it is less crowded and only 1.5 miles from our house. As a Folsom resident, I am greatly concerned about the loss of income this would cause my community. There has to be another location. Seven years to be closed is much too long, and that is assuming everything would go as planned. The closure would more than likely go longer if deadlines were not met. The BLM must find another alternative. Closing Folsom Point for seven years is unacceptable!

Jodi Wright

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**From:** Dan Stafford [dstafford@airservicesinc.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 3:06 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Family point at Folsom Lake

I am certain there is another answer than closing Family point, we are a Folsom resident and use this picnic and launch facility several times a week in the boating months. The lake is why we live in this area and Family point is the launch facility we along with hundreds of other visitors use. Seven years is along time to close anything and as with most time estimates is probably well short of the actual date. You should look for an alternative access for the duration of this construction project and maintain the value of this lake access to all residents and visitors.

Please, Please, Please DO NOT close our community access to the lake!!!!!!!

Concerned Folsom Resident

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Comment #339

**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** Kevin A. Miller [kamiller@emailcorp.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 2:15 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Point Closure

Dear Shawn Oliver,

We are appalled at the decision to close Folsom Point access. We have lived in Folsom since 1991 and have enjoyed the use of the access since then. In the fall, we fish and summer, boat camp and ski. We have a \$14,000 boat with assesories. We just finished building a RV access for the boat that cost \$5,000.

In the summer months the access is always crowed in the mid-day hours. Where will these boaters go? Think how additional crowding will create unsafe launching elsewhere. We try to get on the lake early day to keep from waiting for long access. Even the wait makes more sense then to drive all the way around, (since the dam is closed) to Beal Point. In addition to the extra gasoline, the extra congestion on Riley, Rainbow Bridge and Folsom Auburn Rd. Beal Point can be crowded and unsafe too. I can only imagine what the additional demand will create.

Why are there no options? Why can't the project include creating an access? I am sure the Core of Engineers can figure something. First it's Folsom Dam closure, now our favorite and almost only launch access. If I had known this was happening, I would have sold our boat and saved the \$5,000 boat access we just built. (I finished the gate yesterday)

Please make some other considerations!

Thank you,  
Kevin A. Miller  
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Folsom, CA 95630  
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**From:** Dianna [dianna@epaiges.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 2:13 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Pt. Closure Opposed

I oppose the closure of the Folsom Point Recreation Area. Find another place, don't take away our communities access to this area.

-Dianna Bowling

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**From:** Kim Carrasco [karrasco@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 2:10 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Point

Shawn Oliver:

The manner in which this proposed closure was presented to residents is ridiculous. Closure by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation of seven years is even more ridiculous. Seven **months** would be too long. Count me as a resident who is **opposed** to staging, storage or ANY closure of this treasure.

Kim Carrasco  
1005 Glennfinnan Way  
Folsom, CA 95630

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**From:** Mike Finnegan [MFINNEGAN@mp.usbr.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 2:07 PM  
**To:** Shawn Oliver  
**Subject:** Fwd: Against Closure of Folsom Point

>>> <richardshaw230@comcast.net> 01/26 11:21 AM >>>  
Dear M Finnegan,

I am usually in total agreement with the work and plans of the Bureau of Reclamation in providing the flood protection, power and recreation that we need. I agree that providing flood protection for the Sacramento Valley is necessary and vital to the well being of the residents, but I don't agree that closing Folsom Point is the only option for achieving that goal.

Folsom Lake is a publicly owned lake but it only has a few access points for the public. Most of the remaining shore access is privately owned. When the dam road overlook was closed it affected traffic flow, but did not impact recreation much. However, the closing of Folsom Point restricts the access for recreational use to only one access point on the south side of the lake. Since the ramps already close early in the day because of high usage, we will have to tow our boats through town on busy afternoons to launch at one of the three access points on the north side of the lake. Folsom streets cannot accomodate this impact, which will happen.

I am a biologist and hiker and I regularly hike through the open areas around Folsom Point. I have directly observed a great horned owl and a bald eagle. I believe that they are attempting to rehabilitate Folsom Point. Your biologists should be consulted on this for verification.

I also serve on the school board for the Folsom-Cordova Unified School District. We adults are all concerned about the health and fitness of our children. Folsom Point is used by children for recreation for many months of the year, adding an incentive to get out and play with their families.

I ask you to consider other options for staging the work on the spillway. We would be willing to work out some compromises that will accomodate the needs and desires of the Bureau of Reclamation and the residents of the area as well.

Again, I support your efforts and hope that we can reach an agreeable solution.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Shaw

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**From:** MICHAEL/DENISE HACKETT [denhack@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 1:24 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** proposed closing of Folsom Point

Ms. Oliver,

Please add my families name to the list of those in Folsom outraged by the proposed closing of Folsom Point until 2013. Folsom lake is one of the most attractive features of life in Folsom and this closure would require residents to find alternate sources to enter the lake such as Eldorado Hills and Granite Bay. The traffic through Folsom due to the dam closure is already very extreme. If Folsom Point is closed, all summer, people will be driving through town to get to alternate sites for access. Please reconsider this decision as it will have a great negative impact on our fine ciy.

I do not believe that the bureau of reclamation has considered all options as there must be a better alternative.

Thank you,

Denise, Mike, Allison, Nicole and Samantha Hackett

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**From:** diverchk@cwnet.com  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 4:09 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Opposition to closing the boat ramp and Dike 8

I am a frequent user of Lake Folsom, and I subscribe to an annual pass, I am opposed to closing the boat ramp and Dike 8 for launching and other recreational uses.

Debra Rose

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Msg sent via CWNet - <http://www.cwnet.com/>

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**From:** Chris Jennings [trg94@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 12:25 PM  
**To:** Shawn Oliver  
**Subject:** Re: Folsom Point

Shawn,

Thanks for the info. I've briefly looked at a draft already on line. The potential risks associated with naturally occurring asbestos - a big deal around here given the additional millions spent to mitigate the risk at the new local high school - is given remarkably little attention (no sampling, no risk assessment studies, etc.) in the document and should be revisited.

With regards to the loss of recreational opportunity with the proposed closure of Folsom Point, the EIR states that an "RC-1" mitigation measure will be instituted ("All construction related damages to recreation facilities will be replaced in kind by the appropriate agency..."). What exactly is being proposed to replace in kind seven years of lost utility for a major nearby recreational outlet? Especially since all other similar outlets will also be negatively affected?

With regards to the burrowing owls, have any walking surveys been performed at the affected areas?

Thank you for your time.

Chris Jennings

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

From: "Shawn Oliver" <soliver@mp.usbr.gov>  
To: <trg94@comcast.net>  
Sent: 01/25/2007 8:20 PM  
Subject: Re: Folsom Point

> Mr. Jennings,  
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> A cd will be mailed to you tomorrow that has the entire Environmental  
> Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report on it.  
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> The Public Hearings were held in Sacramento on January 9th, and in  
> Folsom at the Folsom Community Center on January 10th.  
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> There are no burrowing owls at Folsom Point, or within the project  
> footprint.  
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> Shawn  
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> Shawn E. Oliver  
> Natural Resource Specialist  
> Bureau of Reclamation  
> Central California Area Office (Folsom)  
> Email soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
> Office (916) 989-7256  
> Fax (916) 989-7208  
>>>> "Chris Jennings" <trg94@comcast.net> 01/25/07 7:23 PM >>>  
> I understand that the Bureau of Reclamation proposes to close the Folsom  
> Point recreation area for seven years to retrofit the Folsom Dam. I  
> seemed to have missed the public hearings and the EIR. When were they  
> and where do I get a copy? Surely there's a better, less disruptive,  
> alternative. I visit the park nearly every other day to run. I bought  
> my house, for among other reasons, because it's near Folsom Point. Put



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> ~~Comment #346~~ing opposed, not only to the proposal, but also to the  
> process by which this idea was hatched. Bad idea. Really bad idea.  
> Thank you.  
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> Chris Jennings  
> 126 Chambersburg Way  
> Folsom, CA 95630  
> 916-983-9366  
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> PS: Aren't there burrowing owls out there?  
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> Checked by AVG Free Edition.  
> Version: 7.1.410 / Virus Database: 268.17.11/652 - Release Date: 1/25/2007  
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**From:** Leslie Grayson [leslie.grayson@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 10:33 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov; Rebecca.A.Victorine@usace.army.mil  
**Cc:** Chad Grayson; Steven Grayson; Terry @ Home  
**Subject:** Proposed Closure of Folsom Point

Dear Mr. Oliver and Ms. Victorine,

I am writing to express my dismay at the proposal to close Folsom Point for an extended period while the damn is retrofitted. Given the extremely high level of use of this facility/area, the corresponding public impact and the economic impact (both for business and for individuals that have made significant financial investments based upon this public access), other locations should be identified to serve as construction staging areas. I recognize the importance of the retrofitting project. I believe that there are other alternatives for staging that don't have such a significant impact on the local population. We're not just talking about recreation.

There are always alternatives. It is my hope that you will find them.

Thank you,

Leslie Grayson

100 Coval Court

Folsom CA 95630

my home, my largest investment, 3 blocks from Folsom Point by decision

1/29/2007

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**From:** Ron Stork [rstork@friendsoftheriver.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 10:08 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov; Victorine@usace.army.mil; abronson@water.ca.gov  
**Cc:** washburnt@saccounty.net  
**Subject:** FOR comments ACE PAC Report & Folsom Dam modifications draft EIS  
**Attachments:** Combined Federal Project FOR comments.pdf

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January 26, 2007

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Re: Comments on the U.S.A.C.E. Folsom Dam Modifications and Folsom Dam Raise Draft post Authorization Change (PAC) Report and the U.S.B.R./California Reclamation Board Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report.

Friends of the River offers the following comments and its support for alternatives or refined alternatives that feature a Folsom Dam auxiliary spillway capable of making objective-release flood releases (in combination with Folsom Dam's existing outlets) from the bottom of Folsom Reservoir's flood pool, minor raises of Folsom Dam to increase the size of the available flood pool, and environmental features such as the improvements to Folsom Dam powerhouse inlets and environmental restoration and recreational improvements in the Lower American River Parkway and Folsom State Recreation Area. We also support operational refinements to take advantage of new capabilities of the proposed project and look forward to working with Federal agencies, DWR, and SAFCA to develop them.

## Comments on Specific Sections:

PAC pp. ES-1 & 1-2: The background discussion could benefit from greater precision. We quote the following section of the PAC report:

In February 1986, major storms in Northern California caused record flood flows in the American River basin. Unprecedented high outflows from Folsom Dam and Reservoir, together with high flows in the Sacramento River, caused water levels to rise above the design freeboard of levees protecting the Sacramento River area.

And in the draft EIS and EIR, the following statement consistent with the above was made:

Dam operators at Folsom and Nimbus Dams were required to release approximately 130,000 cfs, 15,000 cfs more than the downstream levees were designed to accommodate as a sustained rate. Water levels rose well above the designated freeboard of downstream levees... p. 1-5.

Readers might conclude from this discussion the following: 1) The 1986 American River flows were *record* inflows, 2) these record flood flows *required* the release of "unprecedented" high flows from Folsom Dam, and 3) there was *widespread* encroachment of design freeboard of Sacramento Area levees. There are problems with each of these statements that may mislead the reader.

Record flows: The 1986 166,000 cfs 3-day mean volume unregulated inflows did exceed the previous 1964 3-day volume record inflow of 140,339 cfs. However, 1986 unregulated inflows did not exceed 1964 record mean 1-day unregulated inflows (171,000 cfs versus 183,240 cfs)<sup>1</sup> or peak unregulated inflows (220,000<sup>2</sup> or 255,000<sup>3</sup> cfs versus 260,000 cfs).

In addition and more importantly, in its official rain-flood analysis for the American River Basin, the Corps has concluded the following:

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<sup>1</sup> U.S.A.C.E. Sacramento District, American River, California Rain Flood Flow Frequency Analysis, Feb. 3, 1998, sheet 2, plate 2.

<sup>2</sup> MBK Engineers estimate of 1986 peak flows from revised estimate of mean peak unregulated 1-day flows developed during the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins Comprehensive Study (*personal communication*).

<sup>3</sup> U.S.A.C.E. Sacramento District, Folsom Dam and Lake, American River, California, Water Control Manual, Appendix VIII to Master Water Control Manual, Sacramento River Basin, California, 1987 p. IV-7.

Based on descriptions of the 1862 event, the Corps supports the position that the estimated volume of the 1862 event should not be less than that of the 1997 event because the 1862 event resembles both the point precipitation and antecedent conditions which occurred during the 1997 event.<sup>4</sup>

The 1997 3-day volume was 164,000 cfs (essentially the same as 1986) with a much larger mean 1-day volume of 248,000 cfs than experienced in 1986 (ACE 1998 Rainflood analysis). Thus it appears that the Corps believes that the 1862 flood was also larger than the 1986 event—this unrecorded 19<sup>th</sup> century but still observed and estimated event prior to 1986 that served as the beginning foundation of the design considerations for Folsom Dam.<sup>5</sup>

Implication that unprecedented high outflows were required by high inflows: In a review of 1986 operations Folsom Dam, the National Research Council concluded that operations based on then existing operational rules would not have resulted in releases above the objective release from Folsom Dam.<sup>6</sup> The NRC described this as follows:

On February 13 and 14 the California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) began preparations for a full flood fight, given computer projections of a[n] extraordinary storm approaching the state from across the Pacific (CDWR, 1986). The American River flood flows began in earnest on February 15, with inflows rising to over 60,000 cfs early the next day, but Figure 2.1 shows that Folsom operators did not begin to evacuate the flood control storage volume, nor did releases from Folsom match the inflows to the lake.

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<sup>4</sup> U.S.A.C.E. Sacramento District, American River, California, Adopted Rain Flood Flow Frequency Analysis, April 1999, p. 3.

<sup>5</sup> “In the design of Folsom Reservoir, the Corps of Engineers recognized the need to provide protection against a very large winter rain flood. The flood of January 1862 was thought to be the largest experienced flood for which estimates could be made, and those estimates were initially considered by the local Corps of Engineers’ staff for the Folsom flood control design operation plan. Objections raised by higher echelons of the Corps of Engineers, based on flood control experience throughout the United States resulted in discarding the estimated 1862 flood hydrograph and preparing a revision of the design flood to assure that a higher or “project design” degree of protection would be provided by the flood control operation under consideration, when allowance for unforeseen contingencies was included.” Amendment to the Final Environmental Statement and Supplement on Auburn-Folsom South Unit American River Division Central Valley Project-California, Volume 1, Prepared by Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation, p. 38. “The Corps is of the opinion that there have been no flows on the American River since 1850 that would have required the release in excess of 115,000 cfs [from Folsom Dam].” Study of the Flooding Potential of the American River, California Department of Water Resources, April 1965.

<sup>6</sup> Objective releases were made in 1964. In describing December 1964 operations, the ACE notes, “controlled releases were increased to a peak rate of 115,000 cfs and maintained for approximately fifty hours.” 1987 Water Control Manual, p. IV-7.

Operators expressed a major concern for the effect of large Folsom releases on recreational facilities in the lower American River floodway; releases were held to 20,000 cfs for 36 hours. This is inconsistent with the 1977 USACE flood control diagram in force at the time; the diagram states that when Folsom storage is in the flood control reservation the water "shall be released as rapidly as possible" subject to ramping limits. Even after increased releases from Folsom began on February 16, and before they reached the 115,000-cfs limit, Folsom releases continued to lag behind inflows into Folsom Lake by 30,000 cfs or more. USACE-prescribed ramping limits of "15,000 cfs during any 2-hour period" do not appear to have limited the rate of increase of Folsom releases during the 1986 flood, nor were physical release rate limits at Folsom Dam a constraint given the initial elevation of the reservoir.

If the Bureau of Reclamation had been able to more closely match outflow to inflows while inflows were less than 115,000 cfs, then releases into the American River would not have exceeded 115,000 cfs during the 1986 flood using the nominal storage capacity of the reservoir, even without anticipation of the Auburn cofferdam failure. Fortunately, disaster was averted by the use of extra surcharge storage in Folsom and by the ability of the downstream channel and levee system to handle releases of 130,000 cfs.<sup>7</sup>

In a partial response to this 1986 operational history that would be reviewed by the NRC, the Flood Management Plan developed by the Sacramento District A.C.E. and Reclamation in 1995 incorporated policies to avoid excessive delays in making required flood releases from an encroached reservoir flood pool.<sup>8</sup>

The NRC's subsequent conclusion is not inconsistent with Folsom Dam's design criteria. As you know, the original reservoir inflow design flood for Folsom Dam had a peak inflow of 340,000 cfs, well above the unregulated peak flow experienced at the dam in 1986.

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<sup>7</sup> Flood Risk Management and the American River Basin: An Evaluation, National Research Council Committee on Flood Control Alternatives in the American River Basin, National Academy Press, Washington, D.C., 1995, box 2.2, pp. 46–47.

<sup>8</sup> While not responding to the Congressional direction to reimplement an advanced-release program, the plan adopted policies that would prevent more than a 4-hour delay in making required releases during critical flood-control operations—a substantial improvement over 1986 operations that, in part, were reflected in the more successful operations in the similarly sized 1997 runoff event. Flood Management Plan American River and Folsom Dam California, published by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) and the Bureau of Reclamation in March 1995. See the October 17, 1997 joint letter from Friends of the River, Sierra Club, Planning and Conservation League, and the National Wildlife Federation to Reclamation's Regional Director, Roger Patterson, and the A.C.E. Sacramento District Engineer, Colonel Dorothy Klasse, for a fuller explanation of the legislative history of the Congressional direction to undertake an American River flood management plan and analysis of this plan.

Encroachment of design freeboard: While the 1986 event did cause significant encroachments into the design freeboard of some Sacramento area levees, the Natomas East Main Drain (Steelhead Creek) being the principal example (a circumstance that resulted in the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency's [SAFCA] North Area Local Project), the high water in 1986 did not result in general encroachment into the design freeboard of Sacramento area levees. A description of design freeboard of American River levees and the 1986 flows was made published in the January 1995 Proceedings of Phase Two, The Lower American River Task Force. The Proceedings assessed existing levee freeboard conditions at various flows along the American river and concluded the following:

For a release of 115,000 cfs, the existing minimum is the same for both left and right bank levees (about 6 feet). The 130,000 cfs release condition also has about the same freeboard at the lowest point (interpolated to about 5.5 feet). p. L-2, L-3.

As described in more detail in the Proceedings, the original (before Folsom Dam and the accompanying levees) design freeboard of the then existing American River levees was three feet. Presently, the design freeboard varies by river reach between three or five feet of freeboard (at 180,000 cfs) or three feet of freeboard (at 152,000 cfs). Thus, with the important exception of some of the levees that conveyed flows from creeks upstream of Natomas, the 1986 event did not result in flows that would be necessary for encroachments into the design freeboard of Sacramento area levees.

In light of these comments, the final documents should be revised to provide the reader with a more accurate, complete, and useful description of the background circumstances that resulted in the last two decades of flood-control planning in the Sacramento area.

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PAC Report, p. 3-2: The PAC report asserts the following:

To date, and based on current technology, no reliable forecast-based operation has been identified that could be implemented without the potential for both induced flooding in other areas of the Central Valley and major impacts to other water resources outputs from Folsom Reservoir.

This statement makes inferences as to facts and law that both appear to be both premature and in error. The draft EIS/EIR appears to provide a more careful and satisfactory explanation of the process and considerations that may result in operational (including forecast-based) changes to Folsom Reservoir operations once construction is complete:



The Corps and Reclamation as directed by, and/or authorized by Congress, and under the appropriate agency authorities and agreements would update the existing Water Control Manual of 1987 or develop a new water plan and control manual. Upon selection of either preferred joint Folsom DS/FDR alternative or stand-alone dam safety hydrologic risk reduction or flood damage reduction alternatives, the Corps as the lead agency, in cooperation with Reclamation, would determine the basis for the updated/new plan. Decisions would be based on existing authorizations or reauthorizations, or new authorizations.

The updated/new plan would analyze weather, basin wetness, precipitation, upstream reservoir storage, and reservoir inflow forecasts to help determine appropriate comprehensive flood control operations procedures. The environmental impacts on all pertinent aspects of the human environment, and the natural environment, and the natural environment would be evaluated in a separate environmental compliance document. The Water Control Manual would likely go through multiple revisions as the various structural modifications are completed at the Folsom Facility, but it is expected that a Final Updated Flood Management Plan and Flood Control Manual would be completed before construction on the Folsom DS/FDR project is completed.

This Folsom DS/FDR EIS/EIR generally considers operations affected by proposed structural modifications; however, a detailed analysis of operational impacts cannot be determined at this time. Upon the selection of a preferred alternative(s), Reclamation, the Corps, SAFCA, and the DWR/Reclamation Board would fully coordinate and address relevant congressional directives to evaluate the existing requirements related to operations and consider possible changes as appropriate. The environmental impacts associated with proposed changes and operational impacts required for supplemental environmental compliance documentation [sic]. The required compliance documentation shall be completed in parallel with a Final Updated Flood Management Plan and Water Control Manual, and is anticipated to be completed in 2010. pp. 2-69, 2-70.

**Other similar discussions concerning revisions to the Water Control Manual can be found throughout the draft EIS/EIR (pp. 1-8, 1-9, 1-43, for example)**

**Although the draft EIS/EIR language would argue that a critique of the PAC report's conclusionary statements regarding forecast-based operations is premature, comments and a responsive revision to the final documents are probably warranted. Therefore, the following observations are offered:**

- **The Central Valley areas that might experience (slightly earlier) induced flooding from advanced releases in very large floods are part of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project river and bypass system. The rights to make operational flood releases into these areas already exist and are routinely exercised.**

- Forecast-based operations during very large floods (such as advanced releases before reservoir flood-reservation encroachment, and pre-emptive releases [releases in excess of objective-release constraints to avoid making levee-breaking larger releases])—and during more routine situations (conditional storage into reservoir flood pools)—were operational requirements in the ACE Folsom Reservoir Regulation Manual from 1956 to 1987. Congress directed the Corps to resume such operations in 1993<sup>9</sup> and again directed the Corps to update these operations in 1999 when it authorized outlet improvements at Folsom Dam in the Water Resources Development Act of that year. Forecast-based operations were also part of the Folsom Dam raise project described in project documents authorized by Congress in 2004.
- The Sacramento District A.C.E. developed a Spring forecast-based operations plan, with analysis and rationale, for implementation on a trial basis and presented the plan to the California Weather Symposium at the 2003 Lower American River Science Conference.<sup>10</sup>
- Technical experts at the many annual presentations of the California Weather Symposium, including Corps, DWR, and National Weather Service staff have generally shown considerable confidence about their ability to predict very large floods in the American River Basin.
- Any multipurpose reservoir operation involves a balance of risks between flood-control and water conservation/power interests. Forecast-based operations preserve that balance of risks but enhance the multipurpose benefits of the dam with operations that benefit both interests—with both early flood-control releases (for very large events) and conditional storage (during most years when very large floods do not appear).

If language in the PAC Report cannot be constructed to provide the reader with a clearer grasp of the opportunities and considerations involved in developing a revised Water Control Manual that resumes forecast-based operations, the misleading PAC report language should be deleted and the draft EIS/EIR language can stand alone.

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<sup>9</sup> §9159 of the 1993 Defense Appropriations Act, P.L. 102-396

<sup>10</sup> Proceedings of the 2003 California Weather Symposium, “Theme: ‘Forecasting Extreme Precipitation in the Sierra Nevada and Implications for the American River Watershed.’ ” Lower American River Science Conference, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics California State University, Sacramento, Sacramento, CA, June 5–6, 2003. “Spring Forecast Based Operations, Folsom Dam, California, Paul E. Pugner, PE, Chief, Water Management Section, Sacramento District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento, CA.

We noted with some interest the depiction of the calculated annual risk or recurrence interval associated with the Corps of Engineers' or Reclamation's estimated PMF(s). The draft EIS/EIR notes the following:

Recent estimates indicate that a frequency of flood approximately the same size as a PMF would have a recurrence interval somewhere between 1 in 7,100 and 1 in 22,000 years. (p. 1-10)

The draft EIS/EIR also notes the following:

There is a high probability of a series of large storm events occurring within the American River Drainage Basin above Folsom Dam. Due to the limited capacity of the reservoir to safely contain these inflow volumes and the Dam to control releases within the safe carrying capacity of the downstream levees, structural modifications are required to reduce the probability of overtopping during a PMF event. Structural modifications are also required to improve the current level of flood protection during lesser flood events. (p. 1-5)

By their very conception and purpose, PMFs are not high probability events. Indeed, they are created by modelers to size dam-safety features such as spillways so that an exceedance never occurs. The proceeding paragraph could be read to imply otherwise.

It is, of course, interesting to have some idea of the *calculated* annual risk probability of experiencing the estimated PMF. However, the draft EIS/EIR fails to provide sufficient cautions to the reader about the reliability of such frequency extrapolations of a 100-year stream-flow record and estimates on the volume of the historically experienced 1862 flood. The Bureau's Flood Hydrology Manual<sup>11</sup> provides important insights that should be reflected in the EIS/EIR:

In fact, there are not enough data to extend frequency curves to anywhere near this limit [the PMF]. (p. 195)

Practical rule-of-thumb knowledge, which is supported by statistical calculations, indicates that frequency curves are reasonably reliable out to return periods of about the sample record length. The current Bureau practice is to limit the extrapolation of the curves to twice the length of record, or 100 years, whichever is longer. In cases where catastrophic loss, loss of life, or dam safety are involved, further extrapolations can be used as justified on a case-by-case basis. (p. 204)

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<sup>11</sup> Flood Hydrology Manual, A Water Resources Technical Publication, by Arthur G. Cudworth, Jr., Surface Water Branch, Earth Sciences Division, First Edition, 1989, United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office.

The American River rain flood frequency analysis by the Corps of Engineers prepared with the advice of the National Research Council's Committee on American River Flood Frequencies does not extrapolate the frequency curve beyond 1 in 200.<sup>12</sup> This seems consistent with Reclamation's manual guidance as well, although both documents acknowledge that some uses may require cautious additional extrapolation.

We suggest that the draft EIS/EIR contain a more accurate description of the purposes for which PMFs are created and their highly improbable nature. Also, when describing the annual risk or recurrence intervals of such a high-flow event, it would be helpful to explain that these are *calculated extrapolation* estimates and that the actual probability distribution of the American River PMF, or any PMF, is not known. Nevertheless, regardless of calculated frequency estimates, it is Reclamation's policy and a general dam-safety standard to construct spillways adequate to convey PMF estimated flows where the consequences of failure are significant.

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Finally, we request that project performance also be portrayed in terms of the reservoir design flood—that is, the volume of the design hydrograph in terms of peak, 1-day mean, and 3-day mean, or perhaps 5-day mean flows in cfs that can be accommodated before some critical design constraint such a design freeboard at the dam, dike, or levee is encroached. These operational constraints should, of course, be documented as well.

The purpose for such documentation is to permit comparison of historic and modeled floods with contemporary performance estimates as well as those that are available in historical flood-damage-reduction planning documents before the adoption of level-of-protection or risk-and-uncertainty-based performance descriptions. We are not alone in requesting such estimates. We believe that such supplementary descriptions are supported by SAFCA. Also, the National Research Council's Committee on Flood Control Alternatives in the American River Basin suggested the use of design flood volume comparisons with known flood flows to assess relative project performance.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> U.S.A.C.E. Sacramento District, American River, California, Adopted Rain Flood Flow Frequency Analysis, April 1999, plate 1.

<sup>13</sup> Flood Risk Management and the American River Basin, An Evaluation, National Academy Press, 1995, pp 153-156.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald Stork". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "R".

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Ronald Stork

Comment #348

## Tisthammer, Troy

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**From:** Duran Quick [duran.quick@fedex.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 10:08 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake

I object to limiting access to Folsom Lake for 7 years to accommodate construction equipment.

Regards,  
Duran Quick

1/29/2007

Comment #349

**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** Bonnie Amoruso [BAmoruso@dtsc.ca.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 9:46 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Point Proposed Closure

First, the Bureau of Reclamation closes Folsom Dam Road which caused financial hardship on many small businesses in Folsom, as well as huge traffic congestion and now you want to close Folsom Point recreation area for up to seven years? Does the Bureau have any idea what this will do financially to the businesses in that area? There is plenty of vacant land around Folsom that I'm sure could be used for the staging area for this project, instead of closing down a major summertime recreation area. Why doesn't the Bureau come up with a few different locations for their staging area and then let those choices be reviewed by the City of Folsom for a final decision.

Bonnie Amoruso  
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Comment #350

**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** didder437 [didd437@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 10:07 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Point

To whom it may concern,

As I know there is a need to increase the flood protection, there must be other avenues to the staging area for the equipment. Causing such an impact to a community financially as well as to the citizens that live within and around that community is just unacceptable. I have lived in Folsom for nearly 13 years. One reason that drew me to this city was the recreation activities and access to Folsom Lake for my three kids. Closing one of the main recreational areas for seven years, again I believe is unacceptable especially during the formative years of my kids' lives.

Thank you and please do not continue this process,

Jerry Boyd  
Folsom, CA

1/29/2007



Comment #351

**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** Dave Buck [dbuck@clarkpest.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 9:45 AM  
**To:** SOLIVER@MP.USBR.GOV  
**Subject:** FOLSOM POINT

Hello Mr. Oliver,

I am writing to you about the conflict with Folsom Point. I am amazed that there are no more alternatives other than to screw the people of Folsom once again. Why don't you rename the lake "Granite Bay Lake" or "El Dorado Hills Lake". The people of Folsom are tired of being pushed around by the bureaucratic process. First, Came the closure of the Dam road and now the closure of a very popular recreation area. Mr. Oliver I am sure the people of Folsom can come up with an ancient burial ground or Spotted Owl habitat that would shut this program down for several years. Thank you for your time and remember "DON'T CLOSE FOLSOM POINT".

SINCERELY,  
Dave Buck  
Folsom Resident

1/29/2007

Comment #352

**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** dave buck [ddkbuck@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 9:44 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Point

Mr. Oliver: I'm still in shock that anyone thought this suggestion to close Folsom Point for seven years was a good idea. A staging site for construction equipment??? Entire shopping centers are remodeled and rebuilt and not one place of business ever closes to the public to make this happen. Yes, I expect some sort of inconvenience, but I can still shop.

I have lived in Folsom since 1983--I bought a boat in 1984 and I have owned one ever since. I have launched my boat at Folsom Point (we still call it Dyke 8) at least 2-3 time a week since then. We can have a family (and friends) vacation any day of the week. We don't have to make long term plans and drive for miles to make some lasting memories. My friends and I take our walks there, we walk our dogs there, we take school children on hikes and nature studies there, we enjoy the sunset there. I live in Folsom and this is FOLSOM LAKE--why should I have to drive to another town to see it???enjoy it??? use it??

I'm sure there are other solutions to this construction problem that would not shut out 60,000 citizens from Folsom Lake and all that it has to offer .

Thank you for your time and your careful consideration--Daylene Buck

1/29/2007

Comment #353

## Tisthammer, Troy

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**From:** Neil Pearl [neil@neilpearl.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 6:44 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Regarding Folsom Point

Hello,

Just a note to let you know how my family and I feel about the proposal to close Folsom Point...

Easy Lake Access is why we moved here, and Folsom Point is our favorite family recreation spot.

If it closes, we will move out of the County, and look for another place to live.

I don't think you realize the impact to business and families....

Sincerely,

Neil Pearl

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**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** James D. Sprenger [James@pioneerfleet.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 8:32 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Cc:** Rebecca.A.Victorine@usace.army.mil.; kthron@pioneerfleet.com  
**Subject:** Use of Folsom Lake public recreation areas for construction staging

My name is James Sprenger. I am not satisfied with the statement that you would close several public access areas in order to stage construction equipment, supplies & debris.

The idea that you can not find enough area in which to store construction equipment is with out merit. Why not build into construction cost an area to be built up just north of the dam that can be turned into another public access area at the completion of construction? Will it cost a bit more yes but it will also keep the other areas open for the public and as an added bonus it will create more public access area for the Sacramento areas continuing growth. Remember the Sacramento area population should be around 2.6 million in the year 2010. We are growing fast. If I, a layman, can come up with this solution I'm sure you can make something work. Something, that really works for everyone.

James D. Sprenger  
Sacramento area resident.  
American Veteran  
Park user.

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Comment #355

**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** Maria Noori [thenooris@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 9:11 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Point Closure

To whom it mas concern,

As a former resident of Folsom I was informed of the possible 7yr closure of Folsom Point. This is an outrage for the people who live there in Folsom and also for the many who visit Folsom Point to enjoy all the beauties of nature.

I also agree that this will damage the economic situation as all the people who would normally spend their time and money at Folsom Point will be going elsewhere.

We used Folsom Point for taking the dog for a walk, for familiy picnics and to take our boat out. I really do think this is a grave mistake and should be thought over and some other decision made.

Thank you  
Maria Noori

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Comment #356

## Tisthammer, Troy

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**From:** Julia Fox [foxjulia@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 8:35 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Point

Hello,

Closing Folsom Point for seven years would have a negative impact on the area. Folsom Point is one of the factors that make Folsom so attractive for visitors and residents.

Sincerely

Julia Fox

1/29/2007

Comment #357

## **Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** Lim, Linden "Chip" [LLim@boe.ca.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 7:54 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** DO NOT CLOSE IT!!!

Please find an alternative to closing Folsom Point.

***Linden 'Chip' Lim***  
***Staff Services Analyst***  
***CATS/Information Center***  
***(916) 324-0109***

**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** Jim Donnell [public@tahoepeaks.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 6:42 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Plan

To whom it may concern:

I am opposed to the current plan to close Folsom Point and other parts of Folsom Lake to recreation to enhance the flood protection. I recognize the need to improve our flood protection and water storage capacity and ask that the Bureau look at other alternatives that will not affect the public use of Folsom Lake.

Sincerely,

Jim Donnell  
2916 Woodleigh Lane  
Cameron Park, CA 95682



Comment #359

**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** barbara zawadzki [screenok@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 6:38 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Point

I am against the closure of Folsom Point. I live in Folsom and have seen the dam road and the small park closed. I used both of those facilities until the closure. Now, the point is to be closed. I also use it. There has to be another alternative. I'm tired of my recreational areas being closed.

Barbara Zawadzki  
231 Evelyn Way  
Folsom, Ca 95630

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Comment #360

**Porter, Stacy**

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**From:** Cook, Jane [Jane.Cook@aerojet.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2007 6:19 AM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom point closure  
**Importance:** High

I am so upset that you are now considering closing Folsom point for the construction of the new crossing. I live in Briggs Ranch. We bought our house for two reasons – access over the river and access to the lake. I worked in Roseville and my husband works in Folsom and one of had to cross the river so the Damn crossing made our neighborhood perfect for my commute. After the damn was closed my commute went from 40 minutes a day to well over 1 hour and 45 minutes. I have 2 small children and that was unacceptable. I quit a job I loved because of the closure. Now I hear that you are going to destroy the other reason we bought our house which is the great access to the lake. You have the entire look-out point to work with as well as all the top of the damn and the other side of the damn road at Folsom Blvd, not to mention the State prison land. Leave our State Park alone. Honestly, you have hurt our neighborhood enough. You have hurt our town enough. I'm disgusted at even the careless thought of doing this. We are people. We pay a ton in taxes. We pay for the right to use our state park every time we enter it. It brings money into our town but it also is something that the families of Folsom use together. It is at the heart of our town. Please don't do this.

*Jane Cook*

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2/13/2007

**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** Porter, Stacy  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2007 12:40 PM  
**To:** Tisthammer, Troy  
**Subject:** FW: I support Folsom Dam upgrades for flood control (UNCLASSIFIED)

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

From: Victorine, Rebecca A SPK [mailto:Rebecca.A.Victorine@spk01.usace.army.mil]  
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2007 12:35 PM  
To: Shawn Oliver; Porter, Stacy  
Cc: Wondolleck, John  
Subject: FW: I support Folsom Dam upgrades for flood control (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
Caveats: NONE

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

From: Bruce Thomas [mailto:brt\_brt\_brt@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2007 9:30 PM  
To: Victorine, Rebecca A SPK  
Subject: I support Folsom Dam upgrades for flood control

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

Dear Ms. Victorine,

Upgrades at Folsom Dam are needed for 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 and will rapidly provide the enhanced flood control so desperately needed for Sacramento.

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

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
Caveats: NONE

## Tisthammer, Troy

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**From:** Porter, Stacy  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2007 12:29 PM  
**To:** Tisthammer, Troy  
**Subject:** FW: Comments on using Folsom Point as construction site (UNCLASSIFIED)

Another one!

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

From: Victorine, Rebecca A SPK [mailto:Rebecca.A.Victorine@spk01.usace.army.mil]  
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2007 12:26 PM  
To: Shawn Oliver; Porter, Stacy  
Cc: Wondolleck, John  
Subject: FW: Comments on using Folsom Point as construction site (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
Caveats: NONE

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

From: barry [mailto:bearie@hughes.net]  
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2007 5:55 PM  
To: Victorine, Rebecca A SPK  
Subject: Comments on using Folsom Point as construction site

Hi,

I'm a long time resident of Placer County and typically use Folsom Point (Dyke 8) frequently. I'm pretty familiar with the area. Folsom Point is a unique venue of Folsom Lake in it is a wonderful family place where one can drive in to and meet people who have boats or in other situations, experience a simple nice day in a beautiful cove and play in the water. It has may old oak trees, shade, a gentle slope to the water and is generally a very safe place for family picnicking as well as combining "non aggressive boating" with a beautiful beach environment.

I don't have a photo of the situation but perhaps I can point it with words. One time (well before my 8 yr. old son was born) I idled to the shore there and ate a sandwich while the sun warmed us up. It's a soft bottom (no rocks to hurt one's feet). We got out and sat on the edge of my little boat's deck and watched some children playing in the water's edge. I remember hearing a little 3 (or so) old girl shrieking with amazement that she's found a large frog. Her brother also found one and her's got away. It was so priceless to hear her say "he's got a frog but I don't have one." Sort of silly and they didn't really torture the frogs too much bug it was such an innocent experience.

After my son was born, it was the first place we visited on the lake because I \*knew\* it was a family-friendly place on the lake. Frankly, the best.

There are many places to stage a construction crew on the lake. To the East of Folsom Dam, there is a large parking lot that is no longer used (thanks to 9-11). There is a very good road leading to the site. That could be one such staging area. There are others downlill to Natomas Road. There are so many other possibilities and I realize you folks are dealing with constraints of many types but there is so much room to deal with that is available.

Please take Folsom Point in to consideration when making your choices. It is frankly \*the\* best launch ramp and family picnic area on Folsom Lake and I've been using it since 1980. It's a healthy respite to the likes of Granite Bay.

Sincerely,

Barry Fowler  
Newcastle, California

Comment #363

**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** Porter, Stacy  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2007 12:45 PM  
**To:** Tisthammer, Troy  
**Subject:** FW: 2nd dam (UNCLASSIFIED)

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**From:** Victorine, Rebecca A SPK [mailto:Rebecca.A.Victorine@spk01.usace.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2007 12:29 PM  
**To:** Shawn Oliver; Porter, Stacy  
**Cc:** Wondolleck, John  
**Subject:** FW: 2nd dam (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**

Caveats: NONE

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**From:** JOEL PATE [mailto:capates@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 21, 2007 8:02 PM  
**To:** Victorine, Rebecca A SPK  
**Subject:** 2nd dam

Hi,

I don't know much about the situation with Folsom dam. I just had a thought I wanted to pass on.

If the big problem is raising the dam to increase flood control, why not build a 2nd dam just downstream that is taller? You would only need to close the gates in case of an emergency situation. Folsom dam as it is could still be used. Plus you could open the road since a terrorist blowing up the dam would lose any real impact.

Just a thought. Thanks for your time.

David Pate

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**

Caveats: NONE

1/29/2007

**Porter, Stacy**

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**From:** ckel@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2007 7:21 PM  
**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov; mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov  
**Cc:** themayor@folsom.ca.usericking@folsom.ca.us; corrprincess@ardennet.com; smiklos@folsom.ca.us; jstarsky@folsom.ca.us  
**Subject:** DONT COSE FOLSOM POINT

Friends,

I strongly object to the closure of Folsom Point ! I do realize work needs to be done to improve and enhance the dykes and dam. For this, I commend your efforts. However, Folsom Point is the only access to Folsom Lake within the City of Folsom and thousands of residents and visitors use this access. I myself use it almost every day. Wether I am walking my dog, running, cycling, kayaking, picnicing, boating, playing with my children, catching a moonrise or sunset, this access is invaluable to Folsom residents and visitors. I strongly oppose the closure of Folsom Point State Recreation Area. Please find other alternatives to this proposal, as closing this gem is unacceptable.

Sincerely,

Casey Keller

Comment #365

**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** Porter, Stacy  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2007 11:27 AM  
**To:** Tisthammer, Troy  
**Subject:** FW: Folsom Dam Project (UNCLASSIFIED)

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**From:** Victorine, Rebecca A SPK [mailto:Rebecca.A.Victorine@spk01.usace.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2007 10:58 AM  
**To:** Porter, Stacy; Shawn Oliver  
**Cc:** Wondolleck, John  
**Subject:** FW: Folsom Dam Project (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**

Caveats: NONE

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**From:** Jeff Onderko [mailto:jderko@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 21, 2007 4:55 PM  
**To:** Victorine, Rebecca A SPK  
**Subject:** Folsom Dam Project

As a frequent user of Folsom lake and the beaches and trails, i would like to voice my opinion on the proposed Folsom Dam Project. I frequently use the Beales Point Recreation Area and multiple other recreation areas on the lake for personal pleasure and excersise. I would be greatly disapointed in seeing the closure of this great recreation area, as so many others would. However, if the closure of the recreation area means a safer dam, building a new spill way and reinforcing Mormon Island than i support the closure for the use of storing equipment. Having said that, i will expect the area to re-open ASAP. Thank you for your time and here is my contact info:  
916-390-0042  
Jeff Onderko, Roseville

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**

Caveats: NONE

1/29/2007

**Porter, Stacy**

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**From:** Victorine, Rebecca A SPK [Rebecca.A.Victorine@spk01.usace.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2007 2:40 PM  
**To:** Shawn Oliver; Porter, Stacy  
**Cc:** Wondolleck, John  
**Subject:** FW: Do Not close Folsom Point (UNCLASSIFIED)

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**Flag Status:** Completed

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Caveats: NONE

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

From: Robert Simpson [mailto:go\_boating@hotmail.com]  
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 4:41 PM  
To: governor@governor.ca.gov; themayor@folsom.ca.us; www.mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; Victorine, Rebecca A SPK  
Subject: Do Not close Folsom Point

As a resident of Folsom, I request you intervene to prevent the closing of Folsom Point on Folsom Lake related to potential federal construction.

thank you,

Robert Simpson  
Folsom, Ca

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger - www.ca.gov  
Senator Dianne Feinstein  
Senator Barbara Boxer  
Representative Daniel Lungren (3rdDistrict) Mayor Andy Morin Bureau of Reclamation U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers

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January 24, 2007

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

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Re: Objection to closing Folsom Point recreation area

Dear Shawn Oliver,

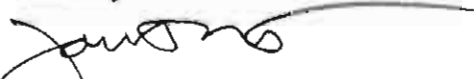
I would like to voice my very strong objections to closing the Folsom Point recreation area for dam re-fitting. I am a medically retired, 30-year veteran police officer with congestive heart failure and throat cancer. I relocated to Folsom for it's therapeutic environment. I have wild turkeys in my yard, I can hear coyotes at night, and I see Canada geese overhead. There is an overall quiet in the air, traffic flows freely and people are friendly. This is a stress free environment that helps keep me alive.

One of my few remaining recreations is going to Folsom Point with my family or occasionally alone to enjoy the unique beauty of the natural surroundings, which intertwine with the splendor of a man-made lake. From hiking, boating, picnicking or just sitting with a cup of coffee, Folsom Point truly a treasure.

Having worked in government all my life I know there are others options available for the re-fit staging. They may cost a little more, may be a little less convenient, but most certainly are less destructive to the quality of life we have here than closing Folsom Point.

As a fully disabled person who depends on Folsom Point, I urge you to do the right thing and keep Folsom Point recreation area open.

Sincerely



Cc: Senator Diane Feinstein  
Senator Barbara Boxer  
Rep. Dan Lungren  
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Folsom City Council  
Sacramento Bee  
Folsom Telegraph  
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Comment #368

**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** Porter, Stacy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2007 8:15 AM  
**To:** Tisthammer, Troy  
**Subject:** FW: Folsom Reservior (UNCLASSIFIED)

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**From:** Victorine, Rebecca A SPK [mailto:Rebecca.A.Victorine@spk01.usace.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2007 4:42 PM  
**To:** Shawn Oliver; Porter, Stacy  
**Cc:** Wondolleck, John  
**Subject:** FW: Folsom Reservior (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**

Caveats: NONE

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**From:** SJCANOVA@aol.com [mailto:SJCANOVA@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2007 3:27 PM  
**To:** Victorine, Rebecca A SPK  
**Subject:** Folsom Reservior

To whom it may concern,

After living in the Bay Area for 46 years, I moved my family to Folsom 3 years ago for many reasons. One of the most important being the lake. We are boaters, live 5 minutes from the ramp and have been in absolute heaven ever since we moved. We paid a premium for our house and were glad to do so to be able to get on the lake so quickly and easily. We invite friends and family from all over to come and visit and we take them out on the lake. If you close the ramps you would be taking all this away from us, not to mention destroy our property value. It was one heck of a difficult effort to sell our last house, buy our current one, find new jobs and pull my son out of his old school and send him to a new one. But, we did it and we are all thriving here. The lake is a major reason why. We ski, wakeboard, tube, kayak, fish and more.

My story is certainly not unique. I would guess there are hundreds if not thousands with the same reason for being here. Closure of the ramps would negatively affect us all. Just as closure of the Dam Road did. I realize the work is necessary but, surely there are other areas to stage from. I implore you not to take away our jewel while the work is being done.

Thank you for listening,

Steve Canova

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**

Caveats: NONE

1/30/2007

Comment #369

**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** Porter, Stacy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2007 8:15 AM  
**To:** Tisthammer, Troy  
**Subject:** FW: Folsom Point Closure, Folsom Dam, Folsom California (UNCLASSIFIED)

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**From:** Victorine, Rebecca A SPK [mailto:Rebecca.A.Victorine@spk01.usace.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2007 4:55 PM  
**To:** Shawn Oliver; Porter, Stacy  
**Cc:** Wondolleck, John  
**Subject:** FW: Folsom Point Closure, Folsom Dam, Folsom California (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**

Caveats: NONE

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**From:** BCalfee@FLR.FOLLETT.COM [mailto:BCalfee@FLR.FOLLETT.COM]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2007 7:50 AM  
**To:** Victorine, Rebecca A SPK  
**Subject:** Folsom Point Closure, Folsom Dam, Folsom California

I live in Folsom and use the Folsom Point Recreation area on average 15 times per year. I do not want to see it closed.

Please figure out another alternative so that it remains open.

Move some dirt to the side of the parking lot at Folsom Point and you will have plenty of room, there are acres of land and use that as the staging area.

regards,

Barry Calfee  
157 Canyon Rim Drive  
Folsom CA 95630

Classification: **UNCLASSIFIED**

Caveats: NONE

1/30/2007

Comment #370

## Tisthammer, Troy

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**From:** Richard Reid [rrreid3@surewest.net]

**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2007 6:17 PM

**To:** soliver@mp.usbr.gov

SURELY WITH ALL THE LAND THAT THE BUREAU OWNS AROUND FOLSOM DAM, A LESS DISRUPTIVE STAGING AREA CAN BE FOUND AND LEAVE FOLSOM PT. TO BE ENJOYED BY THE CITIZENS. DON'T PULL THE GOV'T HEAVEY HAND ROUTINE WITHOUT DOING YOUR DO DILIGENCE TO FIND A MORE SUITABLE SITE. rrreid

1/30/2007

**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** Davis, Scott T [scott.t.davis@lmco.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2007 12:41 PM  
**To:** themayor@folsom.ca.us; mfinnegan@mp.usbr.gov; soliver@mp.usbr.gov;  
rebecca.a.victorine@usace.army.mil  
**Subject:** Foslom Point- Objection to Proposed Closing

I would like to register my objection to the proposed closing of the Folsom Point Recreation Area as a staging area for the Folsom Lake Bridge Project. Closing this area for several years will severely impact area businesses and negatively effect quality of life for all residents of Folsom.

**Scott T. Davis**  
**107 Estabrook Lane, Folsom CA 95630**

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**Tisthammer, Troy**

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**From:** James A. Roberts [jemsjar@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2007 1:17 PM  
**To:** 'Shawn Oliver'  
**Cc:** 'James A. Roberts'  
**Subject:** RE: Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction EIS/EIR

Shawn:

How are you handling the effects of climate change on the project and the effects of the project on climate change? The text that I have seen is silent on these issues.

Jim Roberts

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

From: Shawn Oliver [mailto:soliver@mp.usbr.gov]  
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2007 9:47 AM  
To: jemsjar@comcast.net  
Subject: RE: Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction EIS/EIR

Please let me know if I can provide anymore information.

I don't know how I messed up Ginni's name, but she was very nice about it.

Thanks for getting back to me.

Shawn

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>>> "James A. Roberts" <jemsjar@comcast.net> 01/29/07 7:49 AM >>>  
Shawn:

Thanks for the information. I am not a member of the group that Ginni represents. However, I have been interested in what they have been doing for the community and thought they might be interested in the proposed project.

Jim Roberts

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

From: Shawn Oliver [mailto:soliver@mp.usbr.gov]  
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2007 7:09 PM  
To: jemsjar@comcast.net  
Cc: jpalmer@sanjuan.edu; MDencavage@sanjuan.edu; senoch@sanjuan.edu; ginniaj@yahoo.com  
Subject: Re: Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction EIS/EIR

Mr. Roberts,

Reclamation and the Corps are unable to extend the comment period again.

Our schedule to get the project to Congress and get funding for the project is aggressive. Both agencies want to reduce the risk to the downstream public as soon as possible.

I understand that you still have concerns about the project, and I encourage you to send