



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, SACRAMENTO
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Environmental Resources Branch

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/EIR) for the Folsom Dam Modification Project, Approach Channel is now available for your information and review. The Folsom Dam Modification Project, referred to as the Joint Federal Project (JFP), is a cooperative effort between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency. This document has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The final SEIS/EIR has been filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is available to interested parties pursuant to regulations of the President's Council on Environmental Quality for implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508).

The approach channel project is a latter phase of the JFP, which would provide dam safety and security features along with flood damage reduction features at Folsom Dam located near the City of Folsom, California. Project features of the Preferred Alternative include construction of an approach channel and cutoff wall, a spur dike, transload facility, and concrete batch plant. The final SEIS/EIR concluded that there could be potentially significant environmental effects which would be minimized with required mitigations and best management practices to produce less-than-significant effects. Potential adverse effects are expected to be short term resulting from temporary construction efforts. The Corps anticipates issuing a Record of Decision following filing and public distribution of the final SEIS/EIR and a 30-day review period.

Copies of the final SEIS/EIR are available online at the Sacramento District's website <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/FolsomDamAuxiliarySpillway.aspx>. The 45-day public review period for the draft EIS/EIR ended on September 10, 2012. All comments received on the draft document were considered and addressed in the final SEIS/EIR. A list of the comments and responses are included in Appendix L of the final SEIS/EIR.

Any comments you may have on the final SEIS/EIR should be directed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, ATTN: Mr. Tyler Stalker, Public Affairs Office, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814. Mr. Stalker may also be reached at (916) 557- 5107 or by e-mail at: spk-pao@usace.army.mil. The official closing date for the receipt of comments is January 28, 2013.

Sincerely,

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