

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Public Meeting

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Informational Briefing

Folsom Dam Raise Environmental Update
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BRIEFING SUMMARY

The Folsom Dam Raise Project is a Flood Risk Management Project implemented jointly by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB), and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA). USACE is the NEPA Lead Agency and CVFPB is the CEQA Lead Agency on the project.

The joint Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/EIR) analyzes the environmental impact of design refinements made to the Folsom Dam Raise Project that were only broadly discussed in the 2007 Post Authorization Change Report (PACR). These refinements include strengthening and improving the Main Dam's service and emergency gates; and raising eight reservoir dikes, Mormon Island Auxiliary Dike, and the left and right wings of the Main Dam by 3.5 feet.

The Draft SEIS/EIR has been circulated for public review and comment twice between July 2016 and July 2017. The Final SEIS/EIR was prepared in October 2017. The Findings concluded there will be significant and unavoidable temporary and/or cumulative impacts to cultural resources, recreation, noise, and traffic. Based upon these findings, USACE signed the Record of Decision on December 18, 2017.

Because of the preliminary level of project design, it is anticipated that additional environmental documentation will be necessary to accommodate future refinements and other unknown project alterations, as they are identified while moving through the project design process.

The Department of Water Resources is providing an environmental update on the current SEIS/EIR, in anticipation of CVFPB's certification of the EIR at a future Board meeting.

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