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## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

### **Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement**

### **Preliminary General Plan/Resource Management Plan**

### **Folsom Lake State Recreation Area and Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park**

A Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) has been prepared by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) and the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) for the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area and Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park Preliminary General Plan/Resource Management Plan (GP/RMP). The Plan and Draft EIR/EIS are available for public review.

#### **Project Location:**

Folsom Lake State Recreation Area and Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park are located in the Sacramento Valley within portions of eastern Sacramento County and western Placer and El Dorado Counties. These two park units are comprised of approximately 20,000 acres of land and water. The majority of the lands within Folsom Lake SRA are federal property managed by State Parks through an agreement with Reclamation.

#### **Project Description:**

The project consists of the proposed approval of a General Plan/Resource Management Plan for Folsom Lake State Recreation Area and Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park. The Plan will guide long term future management direction at these park units.

The Plan contains comprehensive and integrated sets of park-wide and management area-specific goals and guidelines for the long-term management of the Park. The goals and guidelines focus on the protection of natural and cultural resources, improvements to administration and operation of the Park, and balancing the need continuing to provide high quality recreation opportunities and some improvements to visitor access and facilities with the goal of protecting the important natural and cultural resources within these units. Thirty four individual management zones are identified in the plan, each of which is designated with a management emphasis on recreation, conservation, preservation or administration. A number of improvements are identified in the General Plan's goals and guidelines.

#### **Summary of Impacts:**

The EIR provides a program-level analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the General Plan. No significant environmental impacts would occur as a result of the proposed project. Various mitigation measures would reduce any potentially significant impacts resulting from the project to a less than significant level.

#### **Public Comment Period:**

The original 45-day public comment period for the Draft EIR/EIS, which began on February 8, 2008, has been extended through the close of business April 30, 2008 (comment letters must be postmarked by April 30, 2008). An electronic version of the Preliminary General

Plan/Resource Management Plan and Draft EIR/EIS will be posted on the Department's website at:

[http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=22322](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=22322)

Please submit comments in writing to the following address:

California State Parks  
Gold Fields District  
Attn: Jim Micheaels  
7806 Folsom Auburn Road  
Folsom, CA 95630

Three public meetings will be held regarding the Preliminary GP/RMP and the Draft EIR/EIS. These meetings will provide the opportunity to give an overview of the preliminary plan, answer any questions regarding the Plan or the Draft EIR/EIS and receive public comments regarding the Plan and Draft EIR/EIS. The meeting dates, times and locations are as follows:

- **March 5, 2008**, 7pm-9pm, Cavitt Junior High School Gymnasium, 7200 Fuller Drive, Granite Bay, CA 95746
- **March 11, 2008**, 7pm-9pm, Folsom Middle School Auditorium, 500 Blue Ravine Road, Folsom, CA 95630
- **April 16, 2008**, 7pm-9pm, Lakeview Elementary School, 3371 Brittany Way, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 (this is a new public meeting which has recently been added).

If you have questions about this notice or would like information on how to access a copy of the plan, please contact Jim Micheaels at (916) 988-0513. A hard copy of the Preliminary General Plan/Resource Management Plan and Draft EIR/EIS will be available at each of the following locations:

California State Parks  
Folsom Lake SRA Office  
7806 Folsom Auburn Road  
Folsom, CA 95630

Sacramento Central Library  
828 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95542

Folsom Public Library  
Georgia Murray Building  
411 Stafford Street  
Folsom, CA 95630

California State Parks  
Northern Service Center  
One Capitol Mall, Suite 500  
Sacramento, CA 95814

El Dorado County Main Library  
345 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

Placer County Library  
Auburn Branch  
350 Nevada Street  
Auburn, CA 95603

Placer County Library  
Granite Bay Branch  
6475 Douglas Boulevard  
Granite Bay, CA 95746