

POSITION PAPER

We, the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge homeowners, facility users and environmental stakeholders of the adversely impacted Folsom Lake area are providing this written position paper in response to the Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report. This position paper is in addition to the earlier petition and nine (9) point declarations to the Bureau of Reclamation, dated April 29, 2007. This paper addresses certain elements of the Federal Project and provides the group's formal request to again amend and abandon elements of the Project as it relates to Optimized Borrow, Staging Areas, Haul Roads, Materials Storage and Processing Plant referenced in the Project Description 2-11 to 2-15.

Our group wishes to affirm that we recognize the importance of this Federal Project to the down stream communities of Sacramento, Elk Grove and Rio Linda. When constructed, this flood reduction project has the potential to add significant protection for the lives and property of the down stream communities in the eventuality of a 100 or 200 year flood episode. We also want to congratulate the Bureau of Reclamation and the Corps of Engineers for rapidly developing this impressive answer to a daunting, multi-community problem. While we also understand the urgency and critical importance of the safety and flood reduction project to the down stream region, we take exception to certain less than necessary elements of the currently revised version of the Project as it affects the safety and environmental integrity of the up stream wildlife habitat, recreation corridors and residential communities in the impact zone.

The FEIS/EIR confirms a refined alternative 3, already modified to delete, at Folsom Point, previously identified borrow, staging processing, and haul areas following opposition from the City of Folsom and its Sacramento County constituents, based upon economic and environmental issues. We, in Placer County, share similar concerns regarding air quality, drinking water quality, environmental degradation, and restriction of recreational use, in addition to direct economic loss stemming from adverse impact on property values in the impacted area which have not been specifically or adequately addressed in the current document.

Further, we understand that, in addition to certain security improvements to key Folsom Lake facilities, and flood damage reduction improvements including a 3.5 foot raise to all Folsom embankment facilities, the modified alternative still retains the following elements:

Optimized Borrow

The Draft EIS/EIR discussed the potential for developing borrow sites near each of the Folsom facilities to produce earthen materials (note... this would involve dredging, drilling, blasting, screw screen processing & hauling on a permissible 24 hour/day schedule) for raising structures and additional shell material. The Partner Agencies have determined that the

majority of borrow would be produced from the Auxiliary Spillway excavation site, which would reduce the need to develop in-reservoir borrow sites and effects to recreational opportunities. However, both agencies may determine (note... how, and on what basis?) the need to develop other borrow sites for supplemental use (as a contingency); therefore, the potential has been retained in the final description.

Supplemental borrow site requirements would be limited to in-reservoir areas, between elevation 400.0 and 425.9 ft, north of Beal's point at an area below Mooney Ridge and the cove area below Dike 8. Also, the Partner Agencies have retained the areas outside the reservoir near MIAD at the D1/D2 area as both a contractor staging area and potential borrow site. Borrow would no longer occur in the immediate vicinity of the Granite Bay or Browns Ravine recreation areas.

Optimization of borrow operations would substantially reduce adverse effects by reducing potential in-reservoir traffic, air quality, recreation, and noise impacts on roadways and to communities adjacent to reservoir, as was presented in the Draft EIS/EIR. Reclamation's Central California Office will notify local agencies and the general public and accept input prior to initiating supplemental borrow activities at these sites (Project Description 2-12).

This contingency is being retained despite the statement (2-15):" The change to the use of commercially acquired materials would reduce air quality, noise, viewshed, and recreational impacts." When the as yet unknown and unaccounted for costs of infrastructure construction and maintenance, air and water quality control, and environmental compliance (as well as on-going monitoring) are added, this retained contingency plan will balloon to a far more expensive alternative than the known, and therefore projectable, costs of using commercially acquired materials transported over established routes.

The stake holders want to convey our concern regarding certain west shore elements of the Folsom Dam Safety and Folsom Damage Reduction projects. Specifically: the borrow (mining, dredging and blasting) of materials from the wildlife habitat and recreational corridors north of Beal's Point, adjacent to the populated Mooney Ridge area, the development and use of staging areas and construction of in-reservoir roads and haul routes in the same areas and viewshed, destruction/modification of the recently constructed security features at the north end of Dike 4, and the construction of a concrete floodwall on Dike 4 in lieu of raising Dike 4 with stabilized soil material similar to that currently employed in Dike 4.

It is our desire that the Partner Agencies agree to remove the supplemental borrow site, staging and haul road contingency affecting the in-reservoir area below Mooney Ridge, in the same way the Folsom Point sites were deleted, and

commit, in writing, to the acquisition of commercially quarried materials for any supplemental necessitated use. We also wish the Agencies to specifically delineate the plans for and necessity of destruction of the recently constructed bollard safety features at the north end of Dike 4 as well as the planned replacement safety feature.

Reference Petition Language:

We, the adversely impacted homeowners of the area known as Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge, including Sierra Drive, Lakeshore Drive, and the Courts along these thoroughfares, facility users, and environmental stake holders indicate by our signatures that we object to the current contingency Borrow Area, namely the sandy shore areas adjacent to and below Mooney Ridge and Dike 4 (indicated by the green area on CDM Figure 2-4, Preferred Alternative, Right Wing Dam to Dike 4), and to the placement of Potential Construction Use/Staging Areas/Processing or Screening Plants (indicated by red areas, labeled CSA4NW, CSA4NE) and Haul routes (indicated by black dashes), within 880 yards of a residential area and in proximity to Cavitt Middle School.

