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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Following the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment/ Environmental Impact Report (SEA/EIR) has been prepared for the Folsom Dam and Lake Water Control Manual Update (Manual Update) and is now available for review along with a draft update of the Water Control Manual. The Water Control Manual outlines the regulation schedule for Folsom Dam and specifications for storage and reservoir releases when water encroaches into the designated flood storage space at the dam.

Folsom Dam and its appurtenant structures are located in Folsom, California within portions of Sacramento, Eldorado, and Placer County. The Manual Update involves updating the operation rules for Folsom Dam and Lake to incorporate the flood risk management and dam safety benefits of the Folsom Dam Modification Project, or Joint Federal Project (JFP). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Federal lead agency, and the State of California Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB), the lead State agency, have prepared this supplement to the 2007 JFP Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency. A Record of Decision for the JFP was signed on May 3, 2007.

Per Section 101(e) of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1999, USACE was directed by Congress to update the water control manual for Folsom Dam and Lake to incorporate the flood risk management and dam safety benefits of operating Folsom Dam with the JFP in place. Sections 101(b) and 101(e) of the Act also directed USACE to reduce variable space allocation from the current interim operating range between 400,000 acre-feet (af) and 670,000 af to a range between 400,000 af and 600,000 af, and to evaluate the feasibility of incorporating improved weather forecasts from the National Weather Service into an updated water control manual. The draft SEA/EIR discusses and discloses any potentially beneficial or adverse effects that may result from the Manual Update. Most of the potential adverse effects that could result from implementation of the proposed alternative would either be less than significant to no effect, with the potential for some incidental beneficial effects to water supply.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, USACE and Reclamation are developing a draft programmatic agreement, in coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer, which will establish procedures for the avoidance and minimization of adverse effects from the proposed alternative on cultural resources. While avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures are expected to resolve adverse effects to cultural resources under NEPA, effects to cultural resources remain potentially significant under CEQA since cultural surveys and a full assessment of effects and mitigation cannot be completed prior to public circulation of the draft CEQA document.

The draft SEA/EIR and draft update to the Water Control Manual provides the opportunity for public and agency involvement and comment. During the 45-day public review period, a series of public meetings will be held to discuss the proposed project and encourage public questions and comments on the project. The public workshops dates, times, and locations are:

June 14, 2017 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sacramento Library Galleria 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814	June 15, 2017 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Folsom Community Center 52 Natoma Street Folsom, CA 95630
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The draft SEA/EIR and draft update to the Water Control Manual are available for download at the following websites:

- USACE website – <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Folsom-Water-Control-Manual-Update/>
- CVFPB website – <http://cvfpb.ca.gov/public-notice/>

In addition, the draft SEA/EIR is available at the following locations:

- Folsom Public Library – 411 Stafford Street, Folsom, CA 95630
- Orangevale Branch Library – 8820 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662
- Sacramento Public Library – 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
- Eldorado Hills Public Library – 7455 Silva Valley Pkwy., El Dorado Hills, CA 95762
- Roseville Public Library – 225 Taylor St., Roseville, CA 95678

Comments on the draft SEA/EIR will be accepted from June 7, 2017 to July 21, 2017.

Written comments on the draft SEA/EIR and the draft Water Control Manual may be submitted to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Attn: Public Affairs Office, 1325 J Street, Room 1513, Sacramento, California 95814, or email to SPK-PAO@usace.army.mil; or Attn: David Martasian, California Department of Water Resources, 3464 El Camino Avenue Room 150, Sacramento, CA 95821 or email to David.Martasian@water.ca.gov.

Copies of the draft SEA/EIR are also available upon request.

Sincerely,



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