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Subject: Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Folsom Lake State Recreation Area and Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park Preliminary General Plan/Resource Management Plan, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento Counties, CA (CEQ# 20100021)

Dear Mr. Micheaels,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the above-referenced document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and our NEPA review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on March 24, 2008, providing comments to the California Department of Parks and Recreation and US Bureau of Reclamation. We rated the DEIS as Environmental Concerns – Insufficient Information (EC-2) (see enclosed "*Summary of Rating Definitions*") due to the need for additional information regarding air quality effects, funding, enforcement, and commitments to future environmental analysis.

We appreciate the California Department of Parks and Recreation's and Bureau of Reclamation's attention to our comments regarding the DEIS. In particular, EPA is pleased that additional mitigation measures have been identified to reduce air quality impacts associated with the implementation of the Proposed Action during the construction and operations phase. We recommend that a commitment to implementing these mitigation measures be included in the Record of Decision (ROD). We also recommend that the ROD include a discussion of the funding and enforcement mechanisms the Bureau of Reclamation intends to employ, and specific commitments to future project-specific environmental analysis.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this document. We are available to discuss our comments. When the ROD is signed, please send one copy to the address above (mail code: CED-2). If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 972-3521 or contact Laura Fujii, the lead reviewer for this project. Laura can be reached at (415) 972-3852 or fujii.laura@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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