

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The City of Folsom proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project listed below:

PROPOSED PROJECT: Willow Hill Dam Valve Replacement

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located within the Willow Hill Reservoir Community Park, located at 321 Barnhill Drive in the City of Folsom, Sacramento County, California. The project site is conservatively estimated to contain 18.3 acres and is located on portions of three parcels situated in the City of Folsom: Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APNs] 072-2780-080, 072-0010-112, and 072-2780-074.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Folsom, in consultation with the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams, has determined that the upstream and downstream valves at the Willow Hill Reservoir dam have reached the end of their serviceable life and require rehabilitation and replacement. The project would demolish a portion of the existing dam infrastructure, replace the upstream slide gate valve structure and the downstream isolation valve, install a fenced, raised landing and gate operator infrastructure at the top of the dam, and place rip rap and armoring on a portion of the upstream face of the dam. If it is determined that the underground segment of the outlet pipe warrants replacement, then a cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) would be installed within the existing pipe. No construction is proposed on the above-ground outfall pipe located south of the dam. During construction, user access at the reservoir would be temporarily limited. Security chain link fencing would be installed around the perimeter of the construction staging area and the pedestrian pathway along the top of the dam to prevent unauthorized access. Project construction would also require temporary dewatering of the reservoir through natural evaporation to allow installation of a temporary coffer dam to allow for "construction in the dry". Following construction, the reservoir would return to pre-project conditions.

Construction equipment would include an excavator, a concrete truck, a dump truck, and a flatbed truck. If a CIPP is installed, then a water supply truck and water heater would be required. Construction would occur between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays and between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturdays, in accordance with Section 8.42.060 of the Folsom Municipal Code. No construction would be permitted to take place on Sundays or holidays. Construction would last a total of approximately six months, including approximately three months to lower the elevation of the reservoir and approximately three months for project construction.

DETERMINATION: The Initial Study prepared for the proposed project identified mitigation measures to reduce the impact from "Potential Impact" to "Less than Significant" for the following environmental issue areas: Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, and Tribal Cultural Resources. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the proposed project because, although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by the City.

AVAILABILITY OF THE DOCUMENT: Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the City of Folsom Environmental and Water Resources Department, 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The document can also be downloaded from the City of Folsom website at: Folsom.ca.us/cipprojects

REVIEW PERIOD: The City of Folsom is providing a 30-day public review period for the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The review period begins June 12, 2025 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on July 11, 2025.

COMMENTS ON THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION: The City of Folsom welcomes and encourages agency and public review and comment on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. Anyone wishing to make formal comments on the environmental document must do so in writing, by mailing comments to the address listed below, or submitting them by fax or email. The full name and physical mailing address of the agency, individual, or organization must be

included in the comment. Please use the phrase "Willow Hill Dam Valve Replacement Mitigated Negative Declaration Comment" in the subject line.

Send comments by fax to: 916-351-8912

Send comments by email to: eatkinson@folsom.ca.us

Send comments by regular mail to:

Emma Atkinson
City of Folsom Environmental and Water Resources Department
50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630

All written comments must be received by the City of Folsom no later than 5:00 pm on July 11, 2025.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: The proposed project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration will be presented in a public hearing before the City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. on August 26, 2025, at Folsom City Hall, 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA.

Please refer to the City Council Agenda on how to participate in the meeting in person or watch live online or on Sac Metro Cable TV.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Emma Atkinson, Management Analyst, City of Folsom Environmental and Water Resources Department at (916) 461-6162, Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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