

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Folsom South of U.S. 50 Specific Plan Project
Sacramento County, California

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ABSTRACT

This joint Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS) documents the analysis of the potential effects of implementing each of six alternative land use scenarios for a mixed-use development in the approximately 3,500-acre Folsom South of U.S. 50 Specific Plan area, in eastern Sacramento County, California. This abstract is provided in compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. The EIR/EIS documents the existing condition of environmental issues and resources in and around areas considered for development, and potential impacts on those issues and resources as a result of implementing the alternatives. The land development alternatives considered in detail are: (1) No Project; (2) No USACE Permit; (3) Proposed Project (Applicants' Preferred Alternative); (4) Resource Impact Minimization; (5) Centralized Development; and (6) Reduced Hillside Development. The DEIR/DEIS also evaluates in detail 11 off-site alternatives to provide potable water conveyance and treatment in support of the proposed land use development in the specific plan area.

The DEIR/DEIS for the Folsom South of U.S. 50 Specific Plan project is available for a NEPA public comment and review period of 60 days from the date of publication of the notice of availability in the Federal Register. A copy can also be found on the Internet at <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/organizations/cespk-co/regulatory/index.html>.

Your written comments should be postmarked 60 days from the date of publication of the notice of availability in the Federal Register. The notice of availability is expected to be published in the Federal Register on July 9, 2010. Please submit and address your written comments on the DEIS to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, at the address noted above by September 10, 2010.

NOTE TO REVIEWERS

Reviewers should provide AECOM or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the NEPA lead agency, with their comments during the review period of the DEIS. This will enable USACE to analyze and respond to the comments at one time and to use the information acquired in preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), thus avoiding undue delay in the decision-making process. Reviewers have an obligation to structure their participation in the NEPA process so that it is meaningful and alerts the agency to reviewers' positions and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 533 (1978). Environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the FEIS. *City of Angoon v. Hodel* (9th Circuit, 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Comments on the DEIS should be specific and should address the adequacy of the statement and the merits of the alternatives discussed (40 CFR 1503.3).