

National Park Service**Notice of Approval of Record of Decision; Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Comprehensive Management and Use Plan, Juan Bautista De Anza National Historic Trail, Arizona and California**

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1505.2), the Department of the Interior, National Park Service has approved a Record of Decision (ROD) on the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Comprehensive Management and Use Plan (FEIS/CMP) for the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, Arizona and California. The National Park Service will implement the Proposal (Alternative D) as described in the FEIS/CMP (Notice of Availability published on August 9, 1996 in the Federal Register).

COPIES: Copies of the approved Record of Decision may be obtained from the Superintendent, Pacific Great Basin System Support Office, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94107-1372 (Attention: Meredith Kaplan, 415/744-3968).

Dated: October 3, 1996.

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Bureau of Reclamation

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Proposed American River Bridge Crossing Project, Folsom, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of final environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has prepared a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the American River Bridge Crossing Project in Folsom, California. The Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are cooperating agencies under NEPA.

The purpose of the FEIS is to address the environmental impacts of constructing a bridge across the American River in the City of Folsom in eastern Sacramento County. The FEIS describes the environmental effects of

five alternatives, including no action.

The purpose of the American River Bridge crossing project alternatives are:

- To relieve traffic on Rainbow Bridge, currently operating at design capacity;
- To relieve traffic congestion on the bridge approach roadways and intersections in the immediate vicinity of the bridge;
- To improve traffic circulation throughout Folsom;
- To provide additional cross-river transportation facilities to accommodate present and future commute traffic in area communities; and
- To improve automobile, bicycle, and pedestrian safety in the vicinity of Rainbow Bridge.

The FEIS also includes all comments received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report and responses to those comments.

DATES: No decision will be made on the proposed action until 30 days after release of the FEIS. After the 30-day waiting period, Reclamation will complete a Record of Decision which states the action that will be implemented and will discuss all factors leading to the decision.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the FEIS may be requested from Reclamation at the following address: Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Regional Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Attention: MP-152, Sacramento, CA 95825-1898; Telephone: (916) 979-2482.

Copies of the FEIS are also available for inspection at the above address and at the following libraries

- City of Folsom Planning Department, 50 Natoma Street, Folsom CA 95630.
- Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Main Interior Building, Washington DC 20240-0001.
- Library, Bureau of Reclamation, 6th Avenue and Kipling, Room 167, Building 67, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225-0007.
- California State University Library, Government Publications Section, 2000 Jed Smith Drive, Sacramento CA 95819.
- City of Folsom Public Library, 300 Persifer Street, Folsom CA 95630.
- Fair Oaks-Orangevale Community Library, 11601 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks CA 95628.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Douglas Kleinsmith, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, 2800 Cottage Way, MP-152, Sacramento California 95825-1898, telephone (916) 979-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Reclamation and the City of Folsom prepared a joint draft environmental impact report/environmental impact statement (DEIR/DEIS) for the American River Bridge Crossing Project in March 1992. It was decided that a separate final environmental impact report (FEIR) and a separate FEIS would be prepared, rather than a joint FEIS/FEIR, because the NEPA process was delayed by meeting the requirements of related Federal environmental laws. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, the City of Folsom released and certified the FEIR in July 1994. A supplement to the FEIR was released November 1994. This FEIS incorporates the information contained in those two documents and new information received since the release of the Supplement to the FEIR.

The proposed action (preferred alternative) consists of a 2,300-foot span bridge connecting Folsom Boulevard with Folsom-Auburn Road. The bridge would be constructed to accommodate four vehicular lanes, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and right-of-way for a future high-occupancy vehicle facility (such as light rail line or carpool lane). The project would require roadway and intersection improvements in Folsom's downtown historic district, widening Folsom Boulevard, modifying the Greenback Lane/ Folsom-Auburn Road intersection for the northern bridge approach, and raising an electrical transmission line to meet clearance requirements over the northern bridge approach.

Because the bridge facility crosses federal land, the City of Folsom must apply for an easement from Reclamation for construction. Accordingly, Reclamation is the lead federal agency responsible for NEPA compliance on the proposed action.

Other alternatives evaluated in detail in the FEIS are three other bridge crossing sites in the City of Folsom and the no action alternative. The other sites considered in detail are the Oak Avenue Parkway extension and bridge upstream of Rainbow Bridge, a bridge parallel to Rainbow Bridge with a connector to the Oak Avenue Parkway extension, and a bridge below Folsom Dam.

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