

Tree Ordinance to protect oak trees and creating a position for a full time bike/trail coordinator in the City. They fully support this project and have committed to fund the two interpretive kiosks proposed along the trail.

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

The Bureau is another agency that sees the importance and need for improved access and recreational opportunities along Lake Natoma. A majority of the American River and Lake Natoma trail are already on Bureau property. State Parks has an agreement with the Bureau to manage the area including the many miles of trail. The proposed trail and boat dock/launch facility is entirely on Bureau property. These proposed improvements will be managed and maintained by the City of Folsom. The Bureau is in full support of the proposed project and has agreed to provide the necessary right-of-entry to do the work (see attached letter).

California Department of State Parks, Folsom Lake District

The California Department of State Parks is one of the biggest supporters of the project. As mentioned previously, the City and State Parks have been working side by side to improve access to the Lake Natoma trail and educate the public about this unique resource and to expand the recreational opportunities. In 1998 the City provided State Parks over 1 million dollars to construct the first five miles of the Lake Natoma Trail as mitigation for the new Lake Natoma Crossing Bridge. These improvements are designed to enhance the existing improvements along Lake Natoma. State Parks and Folsom have worked together to put this application together and will continue to work together to prepare the final design and construction.

- b) The project is fortunate to have plenty of community support from many groups and organizations. The residents and businesses of Folsom recognize the importance of completing this project and finally making a connection between the Folsom Historic District and Lake Natoma and removing the barriers that currently exist. The City of Folsom was recognized in 2002 and again in 2007 as a Silver Level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Cyclists. This is a huge honor, and it shows the commitment the City and the community has to promoting trails and cycling in and around the City.

The following is a list of the groups that support the project.

Folsom Area Bicycle Advocates (FABA),
Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA) *no*
Folsom Historic District Merchants Association
Folsom Heritage Preservation League
Folsom Chamber of Commerce
Historic Folsom Residents Association
Folsom Historic District Association
Friends of the Folsom Powerhouse *no*
Native Plant Society *no*
Folsom History Museum
Sacramento Tree foundation

*See 3
confirming
letters*

2. Economic Benefit

- a) The existing paved and hiking trails around Lake Natoma are major regional recreation resources used by cyclists and by runners/walkers for fitness and as a commute corridor. The trails run along both sides of Lake Natoma, a long narrow regulating afterbay between Folsom Dam and Nimbus Dam through which the American River flows. Lake Natoma is part of the American