

RESOLUTION NO. 11438

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/MND) FOR THE WILLOW HILL DAM VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND APPROVAL OF PROJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq. and CEQA Guidelines, the City of Folsom (City) prepared a Public Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with the City's proposed Willow Hill Dam Valve Replacement Project (proposed project); and

WHEREAS, the City is the lead agency under CEQA; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proposed project is to replace the upstream and downstream valves at the Willow Hill Reservoir dam, which is required by the Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD), as the valves have reached the end of their serviceable life; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2025, to initiate the 30-day public review period of the Draft IS/MND, the City filed a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (NOI) and the IS/MND for the proposed project with the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (State Clearinghouse or SCH); and

WHEREAS, the State Clearinghouse identified the project with SCH #2025060604; and

WHEREAS, the 30-day public review period was established between June 12th, 2025 and July 11th, 2025, with copies of the Draft IS/MND available for review on the City's website at: www.folsom.ca.us/cipprojects and at the City of Folsom, Environmental & Water Resources Department, 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630; and

WHEREAS, the City received one comment letter on the IS/MND from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) on July 8, 2025, suggesting the need for potential regulatory permitting in advance of project implementation; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently undertaking permit applications as warranted and will obtain necessary regulatory authorizations in advance of project implementation; and

WHEREAS, the City prepared a Final IS/MND according to CEQA Guidelines and considered and incorporated all comments received by the State Clearinghouse and other agencies during the 30-day public review period; and

WHEREAS, the City notified, in writing, any commenting agencies of the date of the public hearing on the proposed project for which this IS/MND will be decided upon for approval pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092.5(b); and CEQA Guideline Section 15073; and

WHEREAS, no significant effects on the environment have been identified which could

not be mitigated; and

WHEREAS, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Willow Hill Dam Valve Replacement Project has been prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 21018.6 to ensure compliance during project implementation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom hereby finds:

1. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared in compliance with the CEQA for the proposed Willow Hill Dam Valve Replacement Project.
2. The City Council has reviewed and considered the information in the Mitigated Negative Declaration prior to approving the Willow Hill Dam Valve Replacement Project.
3. On the basis of the whole record before the City Council, there is no substantial evidence that the proposed Willow Hill Dam Valve Replacement Project will have a significant effect on the environment.
4. With implementation of the mitigation measures in the Mitigated Negative Declaration, this Willow Hill Dam Valve Replacement Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
5. The Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the City Council's independent judgement and analysis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom hereby adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Willow Hill Dam Valve Replacement Project as well as the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council that the Willow Hill Dam Valve Replacement Project is hereby approved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of August 2025, by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s):
NOES: Councilmember(s):
ABSENT: Councilmember(s):
ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

Sarah Aquino, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK