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Central California Area Office
7794 Folsom Dam Road
Folsom, CA 95630-1799

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Contract No. 17-LC-20-2381

SEP 21 2018

Jim Konopka
City of Folsom
50 Natoma Street
Folsom, California 95630

Subject: Letter of Agreement – Johnny Cash Trail Land Lease Request, Folsom, California

Dear Mr. Konopka:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received and reviewed your application, requesting to lease a portion of Reclamation land for the construction of the Johnny Cash Trail Art Work Experience in Folsom, California.

Reclamation has conducted a cursory review of your proposed project for compliance and suitability with Reclamation's mission and has made the determination that the activities detailed in your application are not incompatible with Reclamation's mission. Reclamation's land use regulations, 43 CFR Part 429, requires that we collect, in advance, in addition to the non-refundable application fee of \$100 we received, adequate funds to cover all administrative review and processing costs associated with your application, including, but not limited to, environmental compliance and land use fees.

This project includes construction of a small area at the intersection of the Johnny Cash Trail and Folsom Lake Trail to display a piece of artwork, a large guitar pick that represents the entry to the Johnny Cash Trail. This artwork is not to be construed as a memorial or monument to Johnny Cash. Included with the project is a round metal corton deck (20' diameter) where the guitar pick will be displayed and includes curved wood benches that face the art piece. Two native trees will be planted, and a concrete curb installed to outline the limits of the area. The overall dimension of area is approximately 30' by 70'. There will be minimal grading involved since the exiting grade is relatively flat, requiring minor excavation for the proposed hardscape. Construction has an estimated duration of 3 months.

The purpose of this letter is to obtain agreement from Jim Konopka, City of Folsom (Permittee), to pay, in advance, the costs incurred by Reclamation.

By counter signing this letter agreement, Permittee agrees to the following conditions:

1. An estimate of administrative costs of \$2,500.00 has been made by this office. Please provide a check for the total amount in order to complete the application process.

2. If the estimate to cover Reclamation's administrative costs is found to be insufficient, Reclamation will notify you in writing of the additional amount needed. If any account funds are remaining at project completion, they will be refunded.
3. This agreement is effective as of the date signed by Permittee and will remain in effect until the event is completed or is terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party, provided that Permittee shall submit additional funds, if needed, to pay Reclamation's costs up to date of termination. Any excess funds in the account will be refunded to Permittee within sixty (60) days after termination of the permit.
4. This proposed artwork is not a monument or memorial to Johnny Cash.

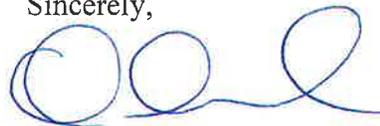
If you would like Reclamation to continue processing your request, please sign the enclosed duplicate originals of this letter agreement and return along with the deposit to:

Bureau of Reclamation, Central California Area Office
Attention: Aaron Brown
7794 Folsom Dam Road
Folsom, CA 95630

This letter of agreement does not replace the issuance of a permit. Following receipt of the agreement and deposit, a permit will be processed and sent out for your signature.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Aaron Brown, Realty Specialist at 916-537-7234 or wbrown@usbr.gov.

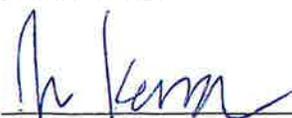
Sincerely,



Drew F. Lessard
Area Manager

In Duplicate

ACCEPTANCE:

By: 
Jim Konopka

Date: 10/25/18

Title: Senior Park Planner, Trails



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Mr. Brett Bollinger
Public Works and Community Development
City of Folsom
50 Natoma Street
Folsom, CA 95630

Subject: License Contract No. 17-LC-20-2381 (Johnny Cash Bike Trail Project), Between the United States of America, Bureau of Reclamation and The City of Folsom, CA

Dear Mr. Bollinger:

Administrative costs associated with the preparation and execution of a real estate license document, No. 17-LC-20-2381, have exceeded the amount the City of Folsom had previously submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation. The account currently has a deficit of \$608.91. The City of Folsom recently requested Reclamation to estimate costs to complete the Johnny Cash Bike Trail permitting action. Reclamation estimates that an amount of \$2500.00 will be sufficient to cover the administrative costs associated with the completion of the project. This amount would include the deficit amount of \$608.91. Whether the City of Folsom endeavors to complete this project, Reclamation requests that the City of Folsom provide additional funds in the amount of \$608.91 in order to clear the deficit.

All funds that are not obligated by the completion date of the license, will be refunded to the City of Folsom.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Scott Moore at (916) 537-7235 or psmoore@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

Drew Lessard
Area Manager



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OCT 10 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Kelly Gonzalez
Parks and Recreation Director
City of Folsom
50 Natoma Street
Folsom, CA 95630
kgonzalez@folsom.ca.us

Subject: Johnny Cash Bike Trail Project, Folsom Dam and Lands, Central Valley Project,
California

Dear Ms. Gonzalez,

This letter is in response to your letter to the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) dated September 3, 2025, as well as the meetings between representatives of the City of Folsom (City) and Reclamation conducted on July 19, 2024, and September 22, 2025.

As stated during the meetings, Reclamation is required to follow the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) when issuing land use authorizations. In particular, 43 CFR Part 423.28 states that "You must not... place memorials, markers, vases, or plaques on Reclamation facilities, lands, or waterbodies." The CFR does not explicitly define a memorial; however, the generally accepted definition of the word is: "something, especially a structure, established to remind people of a person or event."

The Letter of Agreement (LOA) between Reclamation and City, dated September 21, 2018, states that "This artwork is not to be construed as a memorial or monument to Johnny Cash." As Reclamation has performed their review of this project, it has become clear that the artwork is a memorial to Johnny Cash or Johnny Cash's visit to Folsom in 1968. The Johnny Cash Trail website makes several references to the fact that artwork is a memorial to Johnny Cash. Specifically, the site states, "While the inspiration behind the trail and art experience is to celebrate Johnny Cash's infamous performance at Folsom Prison..." In addition, it is described as an "art experience that will celebrate and honor the legendary Johnny Cash, his music, and his history in the City of Folsom." These descriptions of the artwork clearly show that Cash's Pick is a memorial to Johnny Cash. With this information, it is apparent that the scope of the project has changed since the original LOA was signed in 2018. We are no longer able to proceed with issuing a use authorization for artwork to be placed on Reclamation land. As previously

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discussed during the July 19, 2024, meeting, Reclamation recommends finding a new location to display the Johnny Cash Pick.

If you have any questions, please contact Ed Roza, Supervisory Civil Engineer, at eroza@usbr.gov or (916) 505-5248.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Drew Lessard', written over a horizontal line.

Drew Lessard
Area Manager

CC: Tom Hellmann
thellmann@folsom.ca.us

Brad Nelson
bnelson@folsom.ca.us