



December 22, 2009

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Dear Mr. Truitt:

This letter is in response to your November 17, 2009, letter requesting the Natural Resources Agency to withdraw its Rivers and Parkways grant to the City of Folsom. To address your concerns regarding the City of Folsom's application, I would like to clarify the review process for the River Parkways Program (Program).

While general letters of support are accepted as part of the application package, they are not required under this Program. However, the City of Folsom did provide letters of support from The Friends of Folsom Parkways, Folsom Historical Society, and The Folsom Heritage Foundation. It should be noted that we are also in receipt of a letter from State Parks dated November 1, 2009, which acknowledges its support of the conceptual design of the project.


In evaluating projects, a variety of factors are considered before making an award and no one factor alone is responsible for the funding decision. Thus, while community support may improve an applicant's chance of receiving an award, the decision to make an award does not depend solely upon the degree of community support.

As required, the program received a letter from the property owner (the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation), indicating an intent to enter into agreement(s) for the development, operations and maintenance of the project. Funding for project implementation, however, is contingent upon receipt of a fully executed agreement that meets the program requirements and a CEQA review.

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 Please take advantage of the public forums and the public comment period to express your specific concerns directly to the agencies responsible for implementing the project.

Sincerely,

*Mike Chrisman*

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Secretary for Natural Resources

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