

February 23, 2018

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Re: Yuba River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study, Draft Interim Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Kirchner,

As representatives of the conservation community we are pleased to see that the partnership between the Army Corps and Yuba County Water Agency has moved forward with the feasibility study and that a significant investment will be made in the Yuba River watershed.

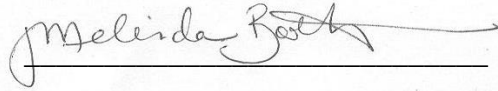
In previous comments, some of the signatories to this letter have stressed the importance of studying fish passage options at Englebright Dam. We are disappointed to see that the feasibility study did not investigate alternatives for passage at either Daguerre Point Dam or Englebright Dam, both under ownership by the Army Corps.

We would like to stress that the feasibility study remains an opportunity to expand on concepts and preliminary planning documents that were created by the Yuba Salmon Forum and Army Corps for Englebright Dam and Daguerre Point Dam. While important, choosing to only study floodplain habitat restoration alternatives is duplicative of work already occurring in the Lower Yuba watershed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and local partners.

We ask that the Army Corps more thoroughly study fish passage at Englebright Dam to better understand the impacts on hydropower generation, recreation, trapped sediment, the aquatic community, and cost projections. Further, we encourage the Army Corps to draw on the extensive knowledge and expertise that local stakeholders can provide to move forward fish passage alternatives for this study.

We respectfully request that the Army Corps consider these comments and reconsider your recommendations from the interim draft report in the selection of final project alternatives.

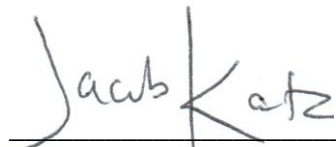
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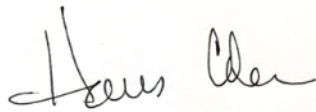
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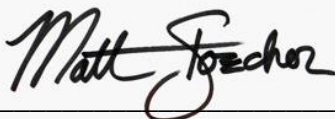
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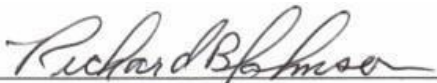
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