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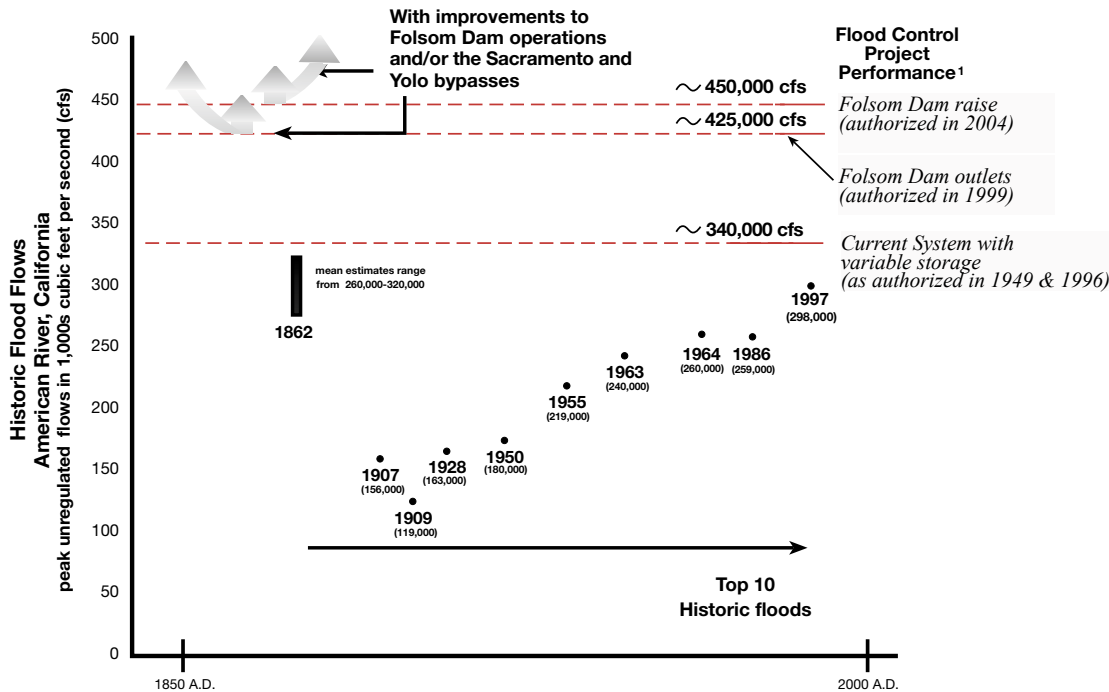
Contact your elected officials! Here are some points you may wish to include:

- Auburn Dam is not needed to protect Sacramento from American River flooding.
- The modifications to Folsom Dam and levee improvements already authorized by Congress will protect Sacramento from American River flows 50% larger than any that have occurred in the last 150 years.
- Timely funding and completion of the Folsom modifications and levee improvements are being jeopardized by Representative John Doolittle's Auburn Dam efforts.
- Auburn Dam would destroy 48 miles of the American River and its pristine canyons, which are enjoyed by close to 1 million recreational visitors a year.
- Auburn Dam would be built on earthquake faults; water stored behind a multipurpose dam could actually trigger a potentially catastrophic quake.
- A multipurpose dam would cost an estimated \$3-\$5 billion and no local interests have demonstrated an ability to pay the sizable required local share.

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How Good is Sacramento's American River Flood Control System?



History Can Be A Guide



**The American River:
 STILL**

**“Worth More Than a Dam”
 Our River Canyons are
 Threatened Once Again!**

“I love those [American River] canyons. I’ll love them better when they’re flooded. And I’m working to do that.” -Rep. John Doolittle, August 5, 2006

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Congress has already authorized modifications to Folsom Dam and levee improvements that will contain 50% larger flows than have occurred at any time in the past 150 years.

Why then do we need to dam & sacrifice the American River, one of our state's wilderness treasures?



Recreation

- Loss of the river-based Auburn State Recreation Area providing 48 river miles and 38,000 acres of river canyons offering diverse recreational opportunities for close to one million visitors annually.
- Up to 25 trail miles of the internationally famous Tevis Cup Equestrian 100 Mile Ride and Western States 100 Endurance Run would be inundated by the proposed reservoir.
- The dam would destroy quality multi-use recreational opportunities including: hiking, equestrian and mountain bike riding, rafting, gold panning, fishing, swimming beaches and more.



Economics

- The proposed dam at Auburn is so expensive and controversial that it threatens to delay the urgent need to construct reasonable flood control improvements for Sacramento.
- “Boom & Bust” dam construction would strain local government resources and services.
- Loss of tourism dollars: world class endurance events and family-friendly river recreation would be lost forever, replaced by an ugly reservoir with widely fluctuating water levels.



Safety

- The proposed dam poses a significant risk of causing a reservoir-triggered earthquake at Auburn.
- City of Auburn and surrounding area could suffer severe damage from a reservoir triggered earthquake ruining commercial, personal and historic properties.
- Earthquake causing failure of an Auburn dam would create catastrophic flooding in Sacramento.



Environmental Impact

- A dam would destroy countless cultural and historic resources, including many significant Native American and Gold Rush sites, the Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge (listed in the National Register of Historic Places,) and Lake Clementine.
- A dam would also cause the loss of 38,000 acres of unique and irreplaceable foothills river ecosystem habitat.
- The reservoir would be characterized by an unsightly “bathtub ring,” fluctuating up to 300 feet or more and scarring canyon walls along 96 miles of shoreline.

