

APPENDIX A

WATER FORUM AND THE QUESTION OF AUBURN DAM

The Water Forum as a group does not take a position on Auburn Dam. Individual members of the Water Forum and stakeholders they represent have strong and divergent positions on Auburn. Therefore as a group they would never be able to come to consensus on Auburn.

The Water Forum does not address flood control issues, which are being addressed by local, state and federal agencies as a part of a process that has been underway since 1986. However, the Water Forum Proposal is fully consistent with continued operation of Folsom Dam for flood control.

Members of the Water Forum recognize that Auburn Dam is debated in other regional, state and federal venues. While the Auburn debate continues, there are pressing issues concerning regional water supply, water quality, and Lower American River fisheries which the Water Forum is committed to addressing now.

The Water Forum is focusing on important and prudent solutions acceptable to every major constituency. Most of these solutions are necessary with or without Auburn. With or without Auburn Dam, the region needs facilities to divert, treat and distribute water supplies. We also need measures to protect the Lower American River fishery.