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**Feather River Whitewater Boating  
Opportunity Feasibility Study**

**Volumes 1 & 2:**

*Volume 1: Phase 1 Background Report*

*Volume 2: Phase 2 Concept Evaluation*

***Final***

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## **Introduction to Volumes 1 and 2 of the Feather River Whitewater Boating Opportunity Feasibility Study**

This Feather River Whitewater Boating Opportunity Feasibility Study provides background information and site-specific reconnaissance-level analysis aimed at determining the feasibility of constructing and operating whitewater boating (park and non-park) facilities and/or cost sharing such a project in the Project area or region. The study process began in 2006 with the development of a Study Plan, which was finalized in July 2008. The Study Plan established a two-phase study process.

Phase 1 of the study was focused on three objectives:

- (1) Determine the necessary content and scope of the study, consistent with the intent of Settlement Agreement Section B101, which was the impetus for the study;
- (2) Assess the existing supply and existing and future demand for whitewater boating in the Project area to help define the market that could potentially be served by enhanced or new whitewater boating opportunities, and
- (3) Gain an understanding of key aspects of the recreational use and operational characteristics of existing and proposed whitewater facilities that could be relevant to and inform the development of potential whitewater park concepts for the Project area or region.

Phase 1 was completed in February 2009 and resulted in the preparation of the Phase 1 Background Report, included as Volume 1 of this Final Study Report.

Phase 2 of the study applied the information compiled in Phase 1, and additional information compiled since the completion of Phase 1, to identify and evaluate a range of park and non-park options for enhancing whitewater boating opportunities in the Oroville area or region. More specifically, Phase 2 was focused on the following three objectives:

- (1) Identify three to five viable whitewater park concepts, and viable sites that could accommodate those concepts, in the Project area or region;
- (2) Identify three to five viable non-park concepts in the Project area or region (sites are inherent in the concepts, as these are associated with exiting whitewater runs);
- (3) Evaluate and compare the three to five viable park and non-park concepts and provide conclusions regarding the feasibility of constructing and operating whitewater boating (park or non-park) facilities in the Project area or region.

Phase 2 was completed in December 2009 and resulted in the preparation of the Phase 2 Concept Evaluation Report, which is included as Volume 2 of this Final Study Report.

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