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**DWR Sets February Meeting on
Shared Use of Lake Oroville Recreational Trails**

The Department of Water Resources has scheduled a special February public input meeting regarding sharing of Lake Oroville State Recreation Area recreational trails by bicyclists, equestrians, and hikers.

**February 10, 2003
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
The State Theater
1489 Myer Street
Oroville, California**

The meeting's purpose is to gather public input on trail use policy for Lake Oroville's recreational trails with consideration of local needs, regional needs, and Department of Parks and Recreation's California Recreational Trails Plan and to gather data relevant to shared trails use.

On March 1, 2002, shared use of LOSRA's recreational trails was implemented by the DPR, which under the State's Davis-Dolwig Act has the authority to establish and enforce standards for the development, operation, and maintenance of public recreational facilities associated with the State Water Project, of which Lake Oroville is a component.

Shared use is one of several goals in DPR's California Recreational Trails Plan. A draft of that plan was released for public review in 2001, and it was finalized in 2002 after consideration of all comments received.

Lake Oroville is also a component of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Project No. 2100, with DWR serving as the licensee. FERC encourages (in some cases requires) its licensees to provide public recreational opportunities at project sites that are compatible with water and power operations.

After considering public input and other relevant data, DWR will either ask DPR to revert to the trail use policies that were in effect for LOSRA recreational trails prior to the March 2001 implementation of shared use or else ask FERC to clarify or amend the existing license to permit shared use.

A public comment period was advertised in the January 24 and 25, 2003 editions of the Oroville Mercury-Register and the Chico Enterprise-Record. Persons who would like to provide written comments on the issue should submit them no later than 5:00 p.m., March 3, 2003, by mail or facsimile transmittal to

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