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## Folsom Powerhouse



Folsom Powerhouse. Photo Courtesy Fred Wong.

According to Carron Garvin of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, when the Folsom Powerhouse “was placed in service [on the American River] July 13, 1895, it represented a momentous advance in the science of generating and transmitting electricity.” The new facility “brought high-voltage alternating current over long distance transmission lines for the first time.”

A plaque notes the importance of the Chinese in developing the powerhouse and surrounding area. This site has been a National Historic Landmark since 1981.



Folsom Powerhouse Forebay. Photo Courtesy Fred Wong.

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**Location:** 9980 Greenback Lane

**City:** Folsom

**State:** CA

**ZIP:** 95630

**County:** Sacramento County

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**Additional Features:**

Chinese labor site, National Historic Landmark

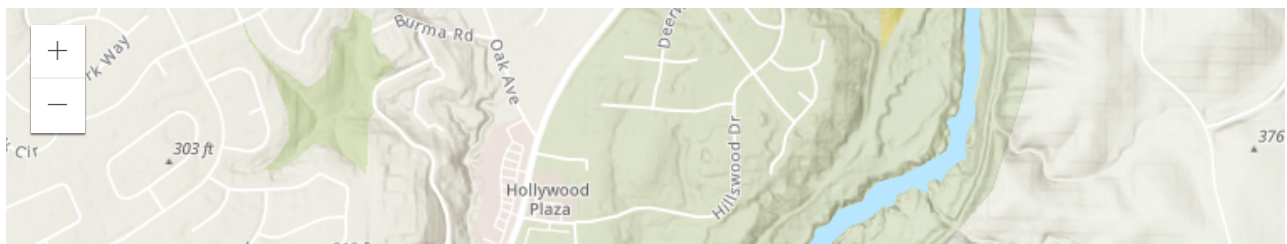
**Land Ownership:**

California State Parks, Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park

**Website:**

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