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Hunter Merritt is a Study Manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Sacramento District Planning Division, Water Resources Branch, Watershed Assessment and Ecological Restoration section.

Mr. Merritt began his career with the Corps in 2009 as a Public Affairs specialist, with a focus on community relations. In 2011, he moved to the district's Planning Division, where his planning work has focused on public participation and engagement, as well as plan formulation. He has worked for the Floodplain Management Services (FPMS) Program, increasing public awareness of Californians' flood exposure through the California's Flood Future Report, a collaborative partnership with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). He is currently working on the Isabella Dam Safety Modification Project, by developing a recreation plan that provides mitigation options to address impacts from the proposed project.

In the past year, Mr. Merritt has also served as a facilitator for several Corps feasibility study planning charettes nationwide, actualizing the changes of the Corps' Civil Works Transformation process by rescoping feasibility studies to meet the guidelines of the SMART Planning paradigm. More information on Hunter Merritt's facilitation work with USACE can be found at <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/facilitator/find.cfm>

Mr. Merritt brings his experience from many years as an adventure guide, outdoor educator and corporate facilitator for leadership development programs. He received a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Hampden-Sydney College and a Master of Science in Recreation Administration from California State University Sacramento (CSUS). In addition to his work at USACE, Mr. Merritt is a lecturer in the CSUS Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Department. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the American River Natural History Association (ARNHA) and is a past co-chair for the west region of the Association for Experiential Education.

Mr. Merritt lives in Sacramento with his wife and two children. For leisure, he enjoys playing music and spending time on the river in any capacity.

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