

BOARD MEETING REMINDER

The **January 6, 2021**
Board meeting will begin
at **10:30 a.m.**



The San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board
will hold a regular meeting on
Wednesday, January 6, 2021,
commencing at 10:30 a.m.

Consistent with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, the public and Board members will participate in the meeting via Zoom or teleconference. Public comment will be accepted per the agenda.

This Board meeting will be available via Zoom.

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John M. Shelton, *Executive Officer*

MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. ROLL CALL

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Items identified after preparation of the agenda for which there is a need to take immediate action. Two-thirds vote required for consideration. (Gov. Code §54954.2(b)(2))

C. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Any Board member who has a potential conflict of interest may identify the item and recuse themselves from discussion and voting on the matter. (FPPC §97105)

D. PUBLIC COMMENT & BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Ten minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public who wish to address the Conservancy Board on items of interest that are not on the agenda and are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Conservancy. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. The Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the agenda; no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to the public comment at this time.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed below will be approved in one motion unless removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion:

E-1 ACTION ITEM: Approve Minutes of October 7, 2020

E-2 ACTION ITEM: Approve Board Meeting Calendar for 2021

E-3 INFORMATION ITEM: Reminder to File Statements of Economic Interest and Complete Biennial Ethics Training, Due Thursday, April 1, 2021

F. REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

F-1 ACTION ITEM: Authorize Bond Funds and Grant to Fresno Building Healthy Communities for the San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan: Camp Pashayan to Millburn Lookout.

F-2 ACTION ITEM: Authorize Bond Funds and Grant to US Green Building Council Central California for the San Joaquin River Conservancy Circle V Public Access Plan.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Information Items. No action of the Board is recommended.

G-1 Organizations' Reports: If time allows, the following oral reports will be provided for informational purposes only, and may be accompanied by written reports in the Board packet.

G-1a. San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust

G-1b. RiverTree Volunteers

G-1c. Central California Off Road Cyclist (CCORC)

G-1d. San Joaquin River Access Corporation (SJRAC)

G-1e. San Joaquin River Socials

G-1f. Other Organizations (please contact the Conservancy if you wish to Report on your Organization – info@sjrc.ca.gov)

G-2 Deputy Attorney General Report

G-3 Executive Officer Report

G-4 Board Members' Reports and Comments

H. CLOSED SESSION

Before convening in closed session, members of the public will be provided the opportunity to comment on Executive Session agenda items.

H-1 Government Code Section 54956.8

Consultation with real property negotiators concerning terms of negotiations, including price and terms of payment.

Property: Johnson
Fresno County (APN 300-250-26)

Negotiating Parties: Erick Johnson

Agency Negotiators: John M. Shelton, San Joaquin River Conservancy
Daniel Vasquez, Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

I. NOTICE OF ADVISORY AND BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS, OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS RELATED TO CONSERVANCY MATTERS

None.

J. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 3, 2021, location to be determined.

K. ADJOURN

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020
SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

Board Meeting Location:

Consistent with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, the public and Board members participated in a meeting via Zoom and teleconference. Public comment was accepted per the agenda.

MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Karbassi called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL

Name	Present	Telecon- ference	Absent	Late
Mr. Karbassi	X			
Mr. Brandau				10:04
Mr. Frazier	X			
Mr. Garcia	X			
Ms. Auston	X			
Mr. Janzen	X			
Ms. Vance	X			
Mr. Gresham	X			
Mr. Donnelly	X			
Mr. Cash	X			
Ms. Lucchesi	X			
Ms. Lukenbill	X			
Ms. Forhan			X	
Mr. Gibson				10:10

Ms. Gavina confirmed a quorum was present.

Legal Counsel Present: Christina Morkner Brown, Deputy Attorney General

Staff Present: John Shelton, Executive Officer
Rebecca Raus, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Vanessa Gavina, Staff Services Analyst
Heidi West, Program Manager, San Joaquin River Conservancy
Projects, Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Items identified after preparation of the agenda for which there is a need to take immediate action. Two-thirds vote required for consideration. (Gov. Code §54954.2(b)(2))

There were no additions to the Agenda.

C. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Any Board member who has a potential conflict of interest may identify the item and recuse themselves from discussion and voting on the matter. (FPPC §97105)

There were no potential conflicts of interest.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT & BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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Ms. Sharon Weaver, Executive Director of the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust (Parkway Trust), commented that she had a question regarding the River West settlement agreement approved during the last meeting. She understood that there is a payment for an easement on the landfill property as part of the settlement agreement. It was noted that perhaps the Conservancy could acquire or spend that money for the easement on their own, although previously, she presumed that the Conservancy did not actually have the authority to do that as a state agency, and only either the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) or the Department of General Services (DGS) could approve that sort of transaction. She also inquired about the settlement agreement in the hopes that someone would address it at some point during this meeting.

Mr. Karbassi thanked her and asked if there were any other public comments. With none given, he moved forward to the Consent Calendar.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

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E-1 ACTION ITEM: Approve Minutes of August 12, 2020

Mr. Gibson noted there was a minor typo on page three, paragraph three of the Minutes. The word should have been "irrigated cropland" and not "irrigate cropland."

Ms. Lukenbill added that her name was listed in the Roll Call Vote for the E-1 Consent Calendar, but she was not present at that meeting.

Mr. Frazier moved to approve the amended minutes from Consent Calendar; the motion was seconded by Mr. Janzen. The motion passed as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Name	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Karbassi	X		
Mr. Brandau	X		
Mr. Frazier	X		
Mr. Garcia	X		
Ms. Auston	X		
Mr. Janzen	X		
Ms. Vance	X		
Mr. Gresham	X		
Mr. Donnelly	X		
Mr. Cash	X		
Ms. Lucchesi	X		
Ms. Lukenbill			X
Mr. Gibson	X		

F. REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

There are no regular session items.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Ms. Weaver mentioned that the Parkway Trust's program staff has been working on virtual field trip programs to give students who are currently attending school virtually, the opportunity to feel like they are temporarily outdoors. Fresno Unified has approved their curriculum for first and second graders. They are working on a third-grade curriculum right now and they are excited about the opportunity to teach some of the elementary school students about the River in a new and unique way. The Parkway Trust also has a family program that they are starting at Sycamore Island. It is a scavenger hunt, which will be available the last three weekends of October, and they are starting to take signups for that now. Overall, they look forward to allowing people to get outdoors and enjoying some time at Sycamore Island with their families.

G-1b. River Tree Volunteers.

Mr. Richard Sloan, Founder of River Tree Volunteers, was not present for the meeting. Mr. Karbassi gave a brief update. He mentioned that River Tree Volunteers recently had another cleanup event, along with the San Joaquin River Socials, which was beneficial since there is a great deal of trash in that area. He added that they are doing a great job.

G-1c. San Joaquin River Access Corporation (SJRAC)

Mr. Barry Bauer shared that they have recently experienced an unprecedented number of public vehicular access attempts along the River and onto their parcels. According to Mr. Bauer, the San Joaquin River Access Corporation has always allowed pedestrians and cyclists access and day-use on their Palm and Nees parcels. They only lock their gate to prevent unmanaged vehicular traffic from entering the area. Specifically over the last five months, May through September, they have experienced nine incidents of their locks and chains being vandalized or cut off on the Old Gravel Haul Road gate. He stated that they are buying their locks by the box and he is presenting these facts for information and planning purposes. He feels illegal vehicular traffic below the bluff needs to be aggressively managed to avoid problems. He also added that Richard Sloan at River Tree Volunteers has a key to the gate and frequently uses the property at Palm and Nees to launch and recover canoes and kayaks for their river cleanup events.

G-2 Deputy Attorney General Report

Ms. Christina Morkner Brown indicated there was nothing to report from the Attorney General's Office but did note that she was back to serving as counsel to the San Joaquin River Conservancy.

G-3 Executive Officer Report

Mr. Shelton mentioned that due to the COVID-19 response, the Conservancy's office at the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District is still closed to the public; however, staff still gets into the office on a weekly basis. Also, there have been problems with the phone system. He reminded everyone that they could leave a message with staff, and it would be forwarded to him, or they can contact him via his email address at John.Shelton@sjrc.ca.gov.

He mentioned that the Parkway Trust is up and running again with Sycamore Island. Wildwood Native Park is also open. However, it is important for people to keep social distancing when they are outside and for them to wear masks.

Mr. Shelton focused his update on River West. He presented the core project, which has the multipurpose trail, then showed the Eaton Trail Extension and the parking lot at Perrin Avenue. The Eaton trail goes to each one of the access points. The parking lots are currently at a conceptual level of design. A diagram of the Perrin Avenue parking lot and the environmental impact report was shown. He shared that we do not have full engineering or have the estimated costs, so it cannot go out to bid until the Conservancy is aware of what those bids are expected to be. Furthermore, construction and a construction grant cannot be

approved until that information is known. So, there would need to be a final design and permitting step to continue the process.

Mr. Shelton showed the Alternative 5B access at North Palm and mentioned a more in-depth, detailed design is needed. The City of Fresno referred to this as 60% of design in previous discussions. He indicated it needs to go beyond that to get it to the point where a bid can be put together. Although there is a promising idea of what we want to do with the design, there is work still to be done on the modified Alternative 1. This is very conceptual at this point: the number of parking spaces, a bus parking area and turnaround, and restroom facilities has been approved, but final designs are needed on all three parking areas, all restroom areas, the bus parking turn around and trail, and the roads that go into the bus parking turn arounds.

Mr. Shelton presented a loose budget for the River West Eaton Trail Extension. The first stage is the application development. It will take a while for our collaborator/partner to put in a grant request to do the final design and then put together bid packets. Conservancy staff has had a meeting with the City of Fresno, which seems willing to do this. Andrew Benelli, who has worked on this in the past, and Scott Mozier will start putting together their application for the grant. The reason it will take a while is this has to be timed to be presented to both the Conservancy Board and the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). The deadline would be in November to go into our December meeting. However, that would not give staff enough time to make it to WCB's November meeting. The next meeting we can aim for is in February. However, in order to make WCB's February meeting, the Board would need to review and approve it by the end of the calendar year. If it all works out, then staff would need some time to get the grant in place, which would take us to the beginning of April next year. Mr. Shelton mentioned that the estimate from talking to city engineers is about a year to a year and a half for this project to get the final design and permitting. Once all of that is completed, they would send out a bid packet. It seems that the City is willing to help the Conservancy complete this and put in a grant application for approval to build. That will likely not happen until June of 2022. There is some time before it actually goes into the construction phase. Construction can have delays from various things, but if we push on this, we may be able to get the construction done in about a year to a year and a half.

Mr. Shelton then turned it over to the Board for any comments.

G-4 Board Members' Reports and Comments

Ms. Vance asked Mr. Shelton to clarify whether he mentioned if they would need permits from the City of Fresno. To her understanding, she is uncertain if it is needed on state property.

Mr. Shelton agreed, saying that the permits would be for Spano Park and some of their land. One of these would be for easements from the Metropolitan Fresno Flood Control District, so we would work through and possibly hook up to any of their utility systems. Currently, he believes they are all going to be standalone. It

will mainly be to get equipment in and out. The major permits, timewise, will be working with DFW on the Lake and Streambed Alteration permit and potentially a consultation for listed species.

Ms. Vance added that those usually take four to six months. She is hoping that the City's timeline will not push forward the entire project where it does not need to.

Mr. Shelton stated that he believes the main drive regarding time is engineering. The City's engineering staff are understaffed right now. He had a meeting with both Mayor Lee Brand and Mayor-elect Jerry Dyer, and both noted that they could possibly give Scott Mozier's group the ability to hire. He added that there is a freeze occurring with the City because of the budget issues related to the downturn in the economy. However, he feels that if they are getting money externally to do some work, they can move forward and fill these positions. Mr. Shelton noted that filling positions could take a while, especially when interviews are restricted due to COVID-19 precautions.

Mr. Donnelly inquired about the timing. If the City's delay is due to COVID-19 and hiring, is there a specific time frame where the Board should consider hiring a possible private consultant to do this work or the Conservancy?

Upon inquiry from Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Shelton answered that the timeline illustrated was considered with the City moving forward in hiring. He believes if the Conservancy runs this, we will face similar issues regarding the timeline. When the project is looked at in its entirety, it will take a while to get there. He believes when Andrew Benelli shared that final design and permitting would likely take them a year to a year-and-a-half, he was not including hiring. However, Mr. Shelton is hoping that once they get the approval, hiring will begin. Also, there might be some unforeseen delays, but it is to be expected.

Chairman Karbassi addressed Mr. Donnelly's concern and added that there would be support in the administration, regardless of who is mayor. He stated that he would like to stick to this timeline or a faster timeline if possible. He mentioned they would know a lot more about our timeline once the City's budget process is completed in a couple of weeks. By the next meeting, he should have a much better idea of that. The Public Works staff is supportive and wants to help, but Mr. Karbassi expressed that maybe they can wait. Chairman Karbassi told Mr. Donnelly if he had questions, this discussion can be revisited after the budget has been approved to see if they have found a way to allocate those positions because the City is committed to helping the Conservancy move forward. He stated that if that does not happen, the Board can explore the idea of an outside firm. He then opened it up for public comment.

Ms. Sharon Weaver asked if the Board could update the status of the part of the settlement agreement that involves payment to the San Joaquin River Access Corporation for the easement over the landfill. She also inquired if this will be a standard State agreement that requires the grantee to agree to 25 years of operations and maintenance of the project.

Mr. Shelton replied that David Pai, The Conservancy's Department of Justice Attorney, has been handling our settlement discussion and working through some of the issues with the purchase of the public easement. The Conservancy is working through the Wildlife Conservation Board for the funding.

Ms. Morkner Brown stated that her understanding is that the easement is currently going through WCB. They have the authority to enter the easement and then hold that for the Conservancy or transfer the entitlement over to the Conservancy.

Mr. Shelton said that this funding is somewhat different than usual. John Donnelly's staff at WCB are the experts on land purchases and easement purchases, and they are helping us with this process to ensure it is reviewed and acceptable to the State system.

Mr. Donnelly commented that it is consistent with the settlement, in which they are planning to take the easement acquisition to the Wildlife Conservation Board in November.

Mr. Shelton addressed Ms. Weaver's second question regarding the standard State agreement. He stated that it would come up during the construction grant application process. It has yet to be determined who will operate this, either the applicant or potentially one of their cooperators. He mentioned that it had been the discussion, at this point, to make sure we are ready for that stage when it happens. He is currently working to put together a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) with the City and the two Counties, Madera and Fresno. It is possible that the JPA would be the ones who would operate this, but there is a long way to go on discussions regarding the JPA and to find out exactly how to get it in place. Other State Conservancies are part of JPAs that are in place for operations, and it is useful to utilize. However, for it to happen, we will need to go through the process carefully.

Ms. Vance asked Mr. Shelton if a standing agenda item could be added regarding these updates so that the Board could keep track of the progress.

Mr. Shelton said he would aim to do so, but that he would certainly have it in his written report. Hopefully, there is enough to have a discussion, depending on how much information there is. He said Ms. Vance is always welcomed to give him a call. Since this is a very high profile and important project, it will most likely be one of the main things that will be discussed moving forward. Another thing that was discussed was the potential to put together a subcommittee. In the past, that was useful in helping the Board and staff figure out the direction we wanted to proceed, regarding the approval of the Alternative 5B and the performance measures. It would be beneficial to do something similar. There will be questions concerning the final design, but there are a few areas where there is flexibility regarding some of the design parameters. Mr. Shelton recommended a subcommittee be formed, and it be as public as possible.

On another matter, Ms. Vance disclosed that due to the damage of Creek fires, a watershed task force had been formed. She asked if Mr. Shelton is participating in that directly or indirectly because there have been conversations of Ball Ranch

potentially being used as a staging area. She queried if Mr. Shelton could provide her an update on that.

Mr. Shelton mentioned that it was briefly covered in the written report because he does not know exactly how it will fit within the scope of things. The Sierra Resource Conservation District (SRCD) has been working with Heidi West and Rebecca Raus to put together an application to utilize biogas coming from the forest. Mr. Shelton mentioned this was all done before the Creek fire happened. Consequently, there was a lot more biomass coming out of the forest, and it would be advantageous to do something with it. There is already quite a bit of logs stored at Ball Ranch, along the old gravel road and just below the main pond. The concept is to work with SRCD to figure out how to use this for either traffic control to replace fence lines or other things. He spoke to Steve Hayes, the Director for SRCD, and informed him that staff would work with him to figure out what we want to do and how to do this. Mr. Shelton is not certain if he can be directly involved since he is not up in the watershed, but he will be working indirectly with groups interested in doing this. His understanding is that the SRCD has already received a grant to do some of the recovery work that is up there. The Conservancy does not have an application yet demonstrating how this will commence, but Mr. Shelton's intent is to be able to show how the biomass, as either logs or chip material, can be used in areas like the San Joaquin River. He shared that it would also be useful to other areas like county or city parks, such as Woodward Park, Lost Hill, or Winton Park, by utilizing this material as carbon that will keep going into the ground. Furthermore, instead of hauling it 200-300 miles to other regions or burning it as a woodpile or forest fire, it could be used in a more effective way.

Ms. Vance said she was uncertain if they specified it was for biomass at the watershed meeting, and maybe she did not understand the connection. Ms. Vance stated she wanted to bring up another topic that might be of interest to the board and shared that the San Joaquin River flows are probably going to be affected for a while because the SCE projects that feed the Millerton reservoir are not operational or not operating the way they normally do, and in-flows are really affected. She is not sure what that will mean for our properties, but there might be flows atypical for this time of year.

Mr. Shelton added the Sierra Resource Conservation District, at the old Auberry mill site, has a biomass converter for biomass regeneration. They also have a chipper and a sawmill. The Conservancy is not looking to get any power coming from there, but the SRCD is looking for different ways to utilize the biomass coming out of the forest. It would be used as Mr. Shelton previously mentioned. He said that he had had discussions with Madera and Oakhurst SRCD, and a few others. There are many people considering this, and he is hoping that they can do something worthwhile.

Chairman Karbassi asked if there were any more questions from the Board or the public. With none given, he moved to closed session

H. CLOSED SESSION

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None.

H-1 Government Code Section 54956.8

Consultation with real property negotiators concerning terms of negotiations, including price and terms of payment.

Property: Slenders
Madera County (APNs 048-280-009 and 048-280-011)

Negotiating Parties: Andrew and Arlete Slenders

Agency Negotiators: John M. Shelton, San Joaquin River Conservancy
Daniel Vasquez, Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

H-2 Government Code Section 54956.8

Consultation with real property negotiators concerning terms of negotiations, including price and terms of payment.

Property: Lanes
Fresno County (APNs 576-020-01, 576-020-02, 576-020-03, 576-020-04, 576-020-05, 576-020-08, 576-020-09, 576-020-10, 576-020-11, 576-020-12, 576-020-13, 576-020-14, 576-020-15, 576-020-16, 576-020-17, 576-020-21, 576-020-22, 576-020-23, 576-020-24, 576-020-25, 576-020-26, 576-020-27, 576-020-28, 576-020-29, 576-020-30, 576-020-31, 576-020-32, 576-020-33, 576-020-34, 576-020-35, 576-020-36, 576-020-38, 576-020-39, 576-020-40, 576-020-41, 576-020-42, 576-020-43, 576-020-44, 576-020-45 and 576-020-46)

Negotiating Parties: Judith Gagnebin

Agency Negotiators: John M. Shelton, San Joaquin River Conservancy
Daniel Vasquez, Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

H-3 Government Code Section 54956.8

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Property: Johnson
Fresno County (APN 300-250-26)

Negotiating Parties: Erick Johnson

Agency Negotiators: John M. Shelton, San Joaquin River Conservancy
Daniel Vasquez, Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Morkner Brown reported that there were no final decisions on any properties.

I. **NOTICE OF ADVISORY AND BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS, OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS RELATED TO CONSERVANCY MATTERS**

None.

J. **NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 6, 2021, location to be determined.

K. **ADJOURN**

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Mr. Karbassi adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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John M. Shelton
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John M. Shelton
Executive Officer- San Joaquin River Conservancy



SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

Agenda Item

Item: E-2

January 6, 2021

TO: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

FROM: John M. Shelton, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Approve Board Meeting Calendar for 2021**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board approve the schedule for the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board meetings reserved for the 2021 calendar year.

SUMMARY:

For the past year, the San Joaquin River Conservancy Board has generally met on the mornings of the first Wednesday of each month, along with a couple of specially scheduled meetings.

Board members were polled during November to discover which Wednesday is convenient to the majority. Twelve of the fourteen Board members responded, and the first and second Wednesday of the month was preferred by the majority.

For 2021, the Board meetings will be scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month. Please note that the Board will not be scheduled to meet in July. Upon Board approval, the schedule for 2021 will be as follows:

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| February 3 | August 4 |
| March 3 | September 1 |
| April 7 | October 6 |
| May 5 | November 3 |
| June 2 | December 1 |
| July– <i>no meeting scheduled</i> | |

The start time will be 10:00 a.m. for meetings held March through October and 10:30 a.m. for November through February. Consistent with Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20, the public and Board members will participate in meetings via Zoom, unless otherwise specified in a meeting notice. Board meetings are cancelled at times when the issues can be postponed and consolidated into fewer meetings; however, to the extent possible staff will work with the chairperson to schedule meetings and set agendas to keep the anticipated duration near two to two-and-a-half hours.

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Vanessa Gavina

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Vanessa Gavina
Staff Services Analyst



SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

Agenda Item

January 6, 2021

Item: E-3

TO: San Joaquin River Conservancy
Governing Board

FROM: John M. Shelton, Executive Officer

DS
JMS

SUBJECT: **INFORMATION ITEM: Reminder to File Statements of Economic Interest and Complete Biennial Ethics Training, Due Thursday, April 1, 2021**

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is provided for informational purposes. No Board action is recommended.

SUMMARY:

The Political Reform Act requires public officials and employees who serve in positions designated by an agency's conflict-of-interest code to annually disclose personal assets and income by filing a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). **The statement is due on April 1 of each year.** The Form 700 can be completed on the online eDisclosure system at <https://form700.fppc.ca.gov/> or the original copy can be mailed to the Conservancy.

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California law requires State officials to complete an ethics training course within six months of their hiring or appointment, and every two years thereafter. Conservancy Board members must take the course specifically for State officials. To help State officials meet this requirement, the Attorney General's Office and the Fair Political Practices Commission have developed an online, interactive training course, available at <http://oag.ca.gov/ethics/course>. Additional information regarding ethics training for State officials can be found on the California Attorney General's website at <http://oag.ca.gov/ethics>. State ethics training certificates can be emailed or mailed to the Conservancy, attention Vanessa Gavina, 5469 E. Olive Ave., Fresno, CA 93727.

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SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

Agenda Item

Item F-1

January 6, 2021

TO: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

FROM: John M. Shelton, Executive Officer 

SUBJECT: ACTION ITEM: Authorize Bond Funds and Grant to Fresno Building Healthy Communities for the San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan: Camp Pashayan to Millburn Overlook.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board approve \$1,519,000 in Prop 84 bond funds and a grant agreement with the Fresno Building Healthy Communities for the San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Activation and Restoration Plan: Camp Pashayan to Millburn Overlook. Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) authorization would be requested at their February 2021 meeting.

LOCATION:

Fresno Building Healthy Communities (FBHC) proposes to develop a public access plan that will focus on the Camp Pashayan boundary area and extend eastward to North Millburn Avenue, encompassing the entirety of western extent of the Parkway on the Fresno side of the River. This is the northwest corner of the City of Fresno and is bisected by the current Amtrak rail line and the future high-Speed Rail (HSR) alignment. The project boundary is from Highway 99 to the west, the San Joaquin River to the northwest and north, North Millburn Avenue to the east, and the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) site and Fresno County Peace Officers training site to the south. The PG&E site is a large utility installation with overhead transmission lines extending across the River, and the fence surrounding this property creates a constricted right-of-way along the riverbank which will need careful study, though the Master Plan has identified an alternative route along North Weber Ave, which is south of PG&E and provides the primary means of access to Camp Pashayan.

It is intended that the project will study and encompass the San Joaquin River itself, though not the northern bank in Madera County. A corridor of approximately a quarter mile wide is envisioned to be the focus, from southern extents up to and including the River. This corridor traverses undeveloped land, residential neighborhoods, a golf course, an existing park, and a wildlife preserve. The north side of the River is primarily agricultural land. The River itself is relatively slow moving and quiet, and accessible by small craft such as canoes and kayaks.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

FBHC and their team proposes to build upon the guidelines of the original 1995 San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan and the 2018 Update (Master Plan Update) by focusing on the

Western Reaches San Joaquin River Parkway. Specifically, it focuses on the two western-most and downstream portions of Master Plan Update, identified as Areas 6 & 7.

The San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan will provide public access to the river and design recreational amenities at the Camp Pashayan site. It will also develop a specific plan for recreational trail along the river, extending four miles eastward to the Millburn Avenue and the Milburn Overlook of the City of Fresno, and setting the stage for additional connectivity and river access called for in the Master Plan Update. Together, these efforts will provide new opportunities for enjoyment of the San Joaquin River for underserved communities in Fresno and Madera Counties. As an additional objective, the FBHC plan will include ecological enhancements to the river's edge, offering protections for sensitive habitat and native riparian vegetation.

The project focuses this initial effort on Master Plan Update's Areas 6 and 7, as they are priority areas of focus for the San Joaquin River Conservancy, as much of the land is readily available and already controlled solely by the Conservancy or in partnership with local jurisdictions. Additionally, while this part of the river currently has limited access points, there is no connectivity to other sections of the Parkway, and these western reaches have the potential to anchor the western extents of the Parkway corridor. They also sit in proximity to many underserved communities in the City of Fresno, which will easily be able to access the site due to its location alongside Highway 99. Critically, the Master Plan Update also identifies the river reach of Area 7 to be a Habitat Focus Area, which means any planning for public access will need to carefully consider environmental implications, including natural water level fluctuations, riparian habitat protection, migratory patterns, stormwater management, and opportunities for interpretation and education around these and other topics.

This project will provide public access opportunities on the south (City of Fresno) side of the River, as well as connecting to the greater San Joaquin River Parkway trail system. This grant ready work will complete 65% planning and design documents, and file a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document, which is expected to tier off the Master Plan Update Final EIR.

The proposed project will identify and re-envision Camp Pashayan as a new trailhead facility and river destination, with parking, park amenities, and new trails and water connections eastward to the Schneider Use Area, Riverside Trailhead area, Riverbottom Park, Liddell Property, and Milburn use areas. Planning will be divided into two sub-project areas: Camp Pashayan, with its public access facilities and riparian enhancements, and the River Trail design, which will identify the appropriate alignment and design for the trail to Millburn Overlook.

FBHC's project team will split the engagement effort as these two components address different communities with diverse strengths and challenges. Currently, Camp Pashayan is a closed area, and the engagement process will identify opportunities to bring various community groups, especially from the nearby Herndon neighborhood and Madera County to the site for more in-depth exposure and connection. The River Trail Implementation segment encompasses different stakeholder and community interests and has distinct unique challenges that the project team will address through targeted engagement effort.

Together, these joint efforts will engage landowners, municipal and community partners, interested stakeholders, adjacent residential neighborhoods, and the general public in the design process, including the City and County of Fresno, who own sites adjacent to the study area, as well as the broader Fresno and Madera County communities. These outreach efforts will create a comprehensive foundation for the advancement of the San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan (Camp Pashayan to North Millburn Ave), which upon completion will deliver a project that is ready for implementation and sets the standard for additional Master Plan projects along the San Joaquin River corridor.

The proposed Project is consistent with the Conservancy's mission and the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan Update and is an eligible use of Conservancy bond funds.

The detailed project proposal, maps, and line item budget are provided in Attachment 1.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND NEEDS:

The project is consistent with the following Parkway Master Plan goals and objectives:

Public Access and Recreation Goals

The projects encourage public access in a manner compatible with existing natural resources. Select relevant goals from the Master Plan Update include:

- Provide river access and high-quality recreation areas and facilities to meet recreational and environmental educational needs while conserving natural and cultural resources.
- Ensure access to all segments of the population and to all residents of the region, in metropolitan and outlying areas.
- Manage recreational uses to minimize indiscriminate activities, trespass on private lands, and human impacts to natural resources in the Parkway.
- Encourage trail corridors of sufficient width (varying with terrain, vegetation, and land) to preserve a scenic environment for users and to minimize impacts of trail use on wildlife and their habitat and on adjacent land uses.

Ecological Goals

Select relevant goals from the Master Plan Update include:

- Preserve and restore a riparian and floodplain corridor of statewide and regional significance along the San Joaquin River from Friant Dam to the Highway 99.
- Conserve wildlife species that depend on the river environment.
- Provide education and recreation facilities and programs, including a continuous multi-use trail the length of the Parkway.
- Conserve, restore, and enhance natural resources and protect cultural resources, while also meeting recreational and educational needs.
- Conserve undeveloped areas of the floodplain to provide that they remain non-urbanized. (FG5)
- Conserve, enhance, restore, and provide for public enjoyment of the aquatic, plant, and wildlife resources of the San Joaquin River Parkway.
- Conserve, enhance, restore and maintain contiguous and continuous native riparian, wetland and upland habitat on public lands and conservation easements for wildlife movement and refuge.
- Encourage conservation of habitat on private lands in the floodplain.

Additional public access and recreation goals may include but are not limited to:

- Provide a safe experience at the river for all people with emphasis on traditionally underserved populations.
- Develop recreational facilities that are unique and complimentary to the river setting.

- Encourage regional trails as access to and from Camp Pashayan.
- Access road for vehicles and adequate parking.
- Provide a restroom that can manage expected capacity at Camp Pashayan.
- Construct a boat launch for non-motorized craft
- Provide picnic areas along the River
- Provide parking and circulation paths that are ADA accessible
- Construct interpretive and education elements that enhance the recreation experience
- Provide opportunities for flexible uses and group programming
- Our public engagement process may highlight specific access and recreation goals

PROJECT FUNDING:

The proposed funding breakdown for the project is as follows:

Task 0	Project Management / Grant Administration	\$230,300.00
Task 1	Inventory and Analysis	\$181,100.00
Task 2	Outreach/Community Engagement	\$241,700.00
Task 3	Planning and Design	\$373,200.00
Task 4	CEQA Documentation	\$114,700.00
Task 5	Cost Estimate and Implementation Strategy	\$93,000.00
Task 6	Master Plan Document	\$120,800.00
	Subtotal	\$1,354,800.00
	<i>Reimbursables (5%)</i>	\$67,740.00
	<i>Indirect Costs</i>	\$24,087.00
	Subtotal	\$1,446,627.00
	<i>Project Contingency (5%)</i>	\$72,373.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$1,519,000.00

Project costs include:

- Project Management / Grant Administration will include initial project setup, invoicing, file structure, communications and graphic standards.
- Inventory and Analysis will include existing Document Review, Site Surveys, mapping, SWOT Analysis, and an ecological enhancement and restoration opportunities analysis.
- Outreach includes developing the stakeholder list and outreach, conducting virtual or in-person engagement activities, capturing progress and summarizing public input.

- Planning and Design includes the conceptual design, Design Alternatives, Schematic Design (30% Documentation) and Design Development (65% Documentation).
- CEQA Documentation will include a qualified consultant to complete necessary CEQA filing.
- Cost Estimate and Implementation Strategy

CEQA REVIEW AND ANALYSIS:

The Project will consider and document site specific environmental review strategies per CEQA in order to avoid impacts, remain consistent with the Master Plan Update Final EIR, and define any necessary additional actions that may be required during construction. This project will result in a filed CEQA document with the San Joaquin River Conservancy as the CEQA Lead Agency.

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Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Attachment 1: Fresno Building Healthy Communities' San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan: Camp Pashayan to Millburn Overlook proposal.

Attachment 1



San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan: Camp Pashayan to Millburn Overlook

*Submitted to the San Joaquin River Conservancy Board and the
State of California Wildlife Conservation Board
December 18, 2020*

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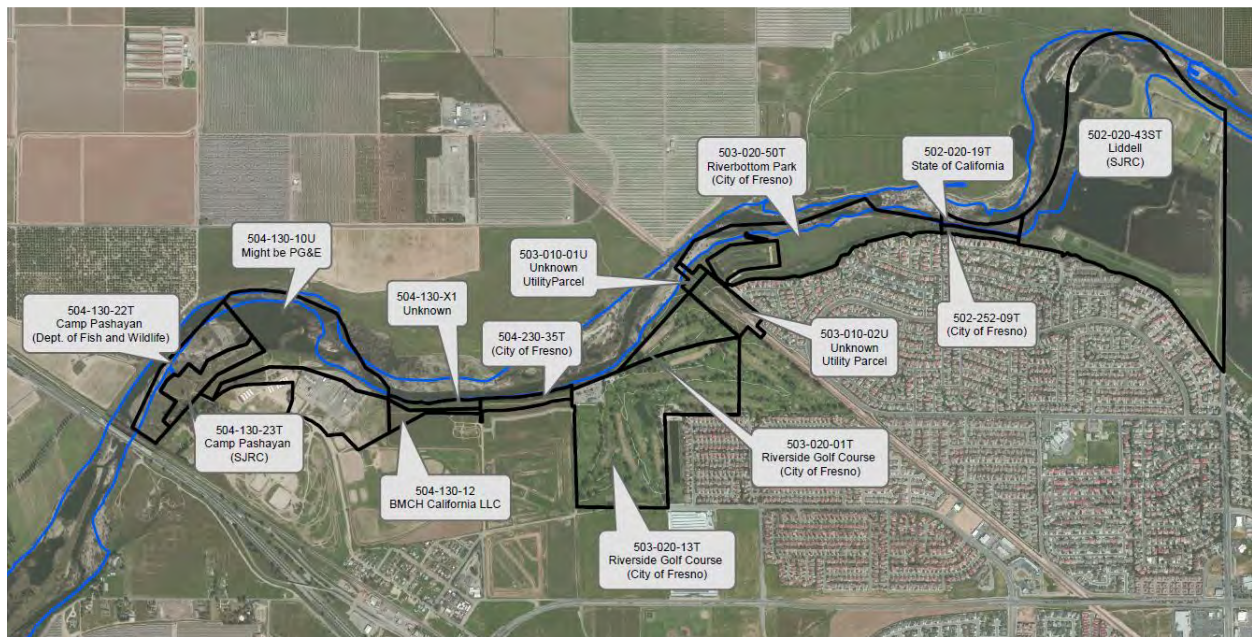


Applicant Information

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Landowner(s) Information

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Adjacent Properties/Landowners' Map – Also Included as Attachment

Project Information

Project Name: **San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan: Camp Pashayan to Millburn Overlook**

April 2021 (Tentative)

Proposed Start Date

TBD

Funding Amount Requested from WCB

\$1,519,000.00

Total Project Cost

April 2023 (Tentative)

Estimated Completion Date

Funding Amount Requested form SJRC

Total Project Cost w/ Add On

Elected Representatives For Project

State Senate District(s)

District Number	Name
8	Andreas Borgeas

Assembly District(s)

District Number	Name
23	Jim Patterson

Proposal Questions

I. Project Location

The San Joaquin River Parkway study area, between State Highway 99 and near the terminus of the trail at the Millburn Overlook. See maps attached.

Address

Multiple

APN

Multiple

Owner

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Acreage of Proposed
Improvements

Project Map (see Attachment B for Project Map)



Project Area shown in orange.

Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN's) (Source: SJRC) (See Attachment H)

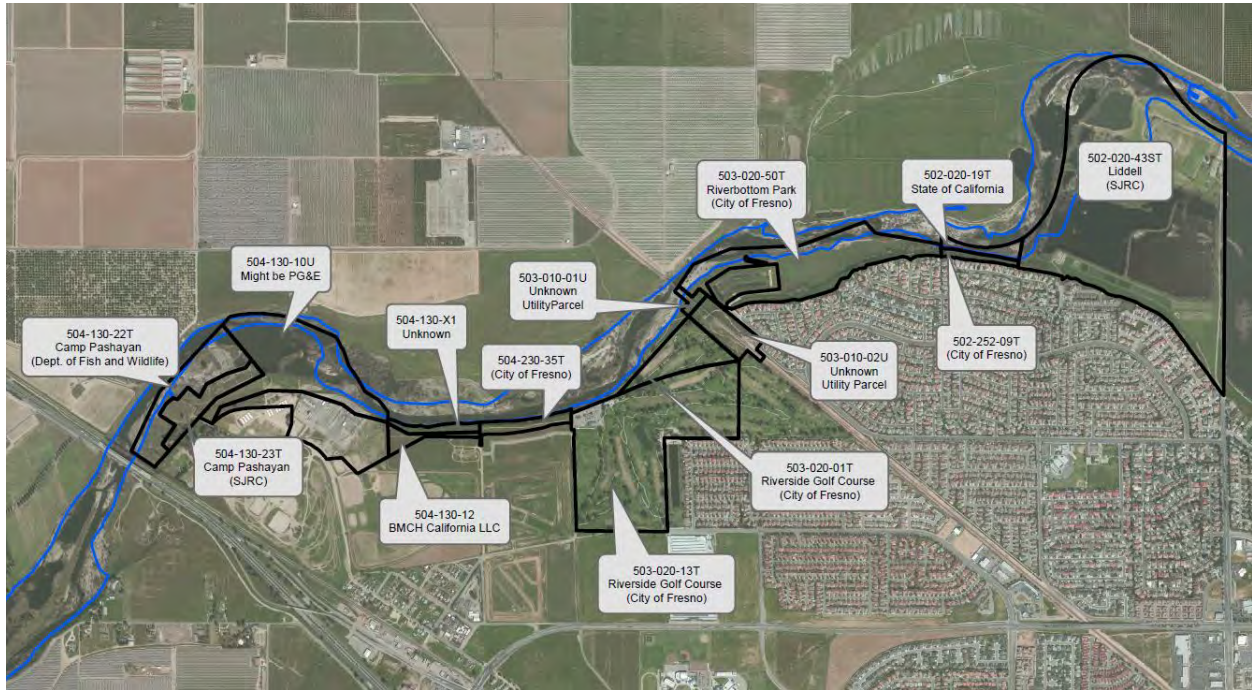
504-130-X1 = TBD

504-230-35T = City of Fresno

503-010-01U = U Parcel (Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway)

503-010-02U = U Parcel (Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway)

504-130-10U U Parcel (PGE)



Parcel Map

Current Zoning and Master Plan Designations

The San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan (SJRMP) and EIR updated in 2017 is the guiding policy plan for the property. It describes public access and recreation features throughout the 22-mile length in seven units called sub areas. Sub Area six and seven describe property within this proposed project. The SJRMP guides the development of trails, water access, habitat restoration, and public access facilities such as parking. The City of Fresno zoning designates the City portions of the land as parks and open space. The overlay designation for mining for select parcels is consistent with limited ongoing gravel operations. Adjacent lands are primarily residential with parcels designated for public and institutions also occurring. The City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan notes existing City parks occurring within the River Parkway. Riverbottom Park, a City owned, unimproved property, will be enhanced through this project. The City also owns the Riverside Trailhead.

Description of Project Location (see Attachment C for more site photos)

The project will focus on the Camp Pashayan boundary area and extend eastward to North Millburn Avenue, encompassing the entirety of Sub Area 7 and the western portion of Sub Area 6 as described in the SJRMP. This is the northwest corner of the City of Fresno, and is bisected by the current Amtrak rail line and the future HSR alignment. The project boundary is from Highway 99 to the west, the San Joaquin River to the northwest and north, North Millburn Avenue to the east, and the PG&E site and Fresno County Peace Officers training site to the south. The PG&E site is a large utility installation with

overhead transmission lines extending across the River, and the fence surrounding this property creates a constricted right-of-way along the riverbank which will need careful study, though the Master Plan has identified an alternative route along North Weber Ave, which is south of PG&E and provides the primary means of access to Camp Pashayan.

Land ownership of the project area is shown in the map above. Key landholders include the San Joaquin River Conservancy and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife.

It is intended that the project will study and encompass the San Joaquin River itself, though not the northern bank in Madera County. A corridor of approximately a quarter mile wide is envisioned to be the focus, from southern extents up to and including the River. This corridor traverses undeveloped land, residential neighborhoods, a golf course, an existing park, and a wildlife preserve. The north side of the River is primarily agricultural land. The River itself is relatively slow moving and quiet, and accessible by small craft such as canoes and kayaks.



Camp Pashayan looking West

There are no structures to impede watercraft through these reaches of the River, which follows a meandering course around small islands and embayments. Water levels fluctuate seasonally and with storm events, and the width of the river varies from over 300 feet wide to less than 50 feet. The floodplain also extends wide in some areas and is more constricted with steep banks in others. Currently at Camp Pashayan, there are scattered trees and brush. Grasses cover much of the site, with a dirt road extending down to the river. There is one picnic pavilion, and one other building (a former restroom). In late summer the land appears parched and brown, but winter and spring seasons see lush green vegetation. Aside from abandoned fencelines and meandering informal dirt footpaths, the site is entirely undeveloped. The river edge is primarily covered with plants, but there are areas where illicit overuse has caused erosion and compaction. A spit of land extending into the river is inundated during high water, creating additional islands and adding to the special nature of the site. As well, there are areas where water has become impounded, creating unique habitat zones. There is ample room at this site for both recreation and conservation enhancements.

Along the river to the east, where the trail will be designed, the property becomes narrower and will take sensitive planning to determine the appropriate alignment. Here the river has a continuous planted

edge, but the floodplain expands inland in certain locations and creates wide swathes of grassland. The topographic change out of the floodplain is quite steep in some areas and will present challenges for trail alignment. Opportunities exist with berms and existing manmade structures that would support the trail and keep visitors away from sensitive areas like steep slopes, private property, or wetlands. These existing structures also create potential for river crossings or additional access points.



Riverbottom Park

II. Other Projects: Not Applicable

III. Goals and Objectives

Ecological Goals

The project advances goals to protect and enhance natural and cultural resources per the SJRPMP. On the whole, the project aims to avoid impacting sensitive ecological resources. Improvements identified will be related to site development and will contribute to visitor experience and interpretation elements. Select relevant goals from the plan include:

- Preserve and restore a riparian and floodplain corridor of statewide and regional significance along the San Joaquin River from Friant Dam to the Highway 99. (FG1)
- Conserve wildlife species that depend on the river environment. (FG2)
- Provide education and recreation facilities and programs, including a continuous multi-use trail the length of the Parkway. (FG3)
- Conserve, restore, and enhance natural resources and protect cultural resources, while also meeting recreational and educational needs. (FG4)
- Conserve undeveloped areas of the floodplain to provide that they remain non-urbanized. (FG5)
- Conserve, enhance, restore, and provide for public enjoyment of the aquatic, plant, and wildlife resources of the San Joaquin River Parkway. (NRG1)

- Conserve, enhance, restore and maintain contiguous and continuous native riparian, wetland and upland habitat on public lands and conservation easements for wildlife movement and refuge. (NRG2)
- Encourage conservation of habitat on private lands in the floodplain. (NRG2)

Public Access and Recreation Goals

The projects encourage public access in a manner compatible with existing natural resources. Select relevant goals from the plan include:

- Provide river access and high-quality recreation areas and facilities to meet recreational and environmental educational needs while conserving natural and cultural resources. (RA1)
- Ensure access to all segments of the population and to all residents of the region, in metropolitan and outlying areas. (no#)
- Manage recreational uses to minimize indiscriminate activities, trespass on private lands, and human impacts to natural resources in the Parkway. (RA3)
- Encourage trail corridors of sufficient width (varying with terrain, vegetation, and land) to preserve a scenic environment for users and to minimize impacts of trail use on wildlife and their habitat and on adjacent land uses. (no #)

Additional public access and recreation goals may include but are not limited to:

- Provide a safe experience at the river for all people with emphasis on traditionally underserved populations.
- Develop recreational facilities that are unique and complimentary to the river setting.
- Encourage regional trails as access to and from Camp Pashayan.
- Access road for vehicles and adequate parking.
- Provide a restroom that can manage expected capacity at Camp Pashayan.
- Construct a boat launch for non-motorized craft
- Provide picnic areas along the River
- Provide parking and circulation paths that are ADA accessible
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IV. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

This project will adhere to all requirements of the ADA to the fullest extent possible, including communications, printed materials, and trail and amenity access.

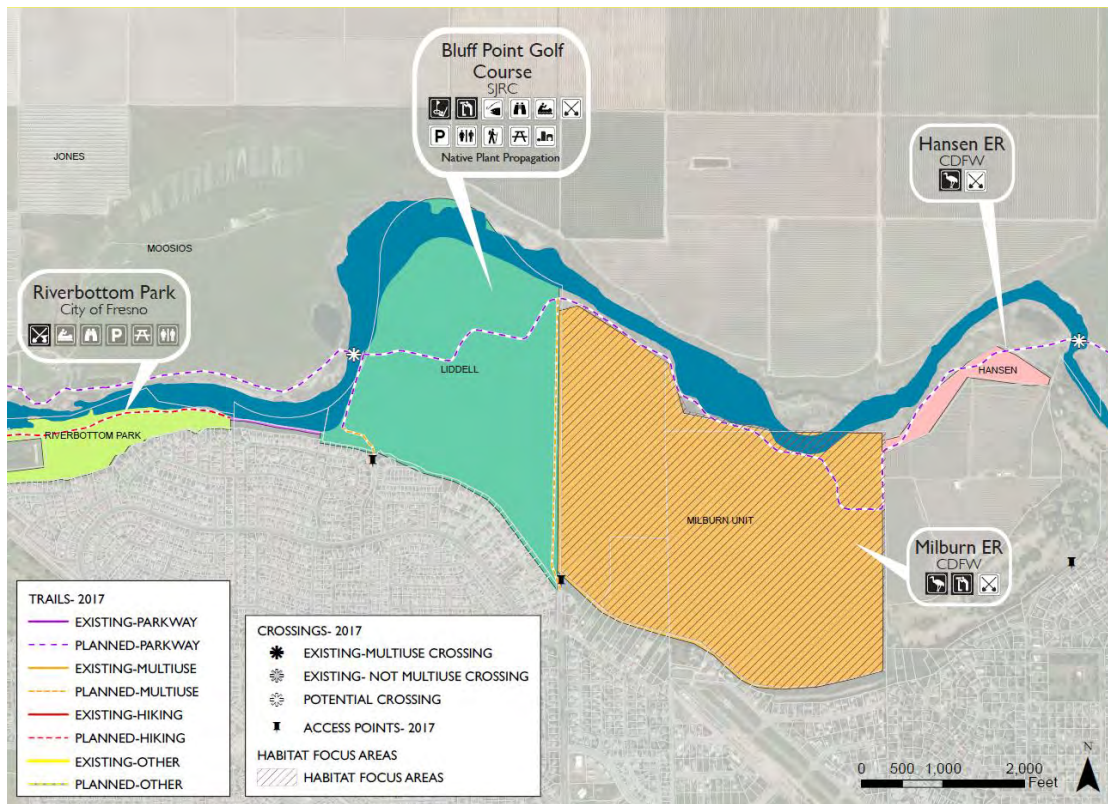
Features that will be designed to ADA standards may include primary trails, including the river trail, and amenities such as picnic areas, restrooms, river access, and fishing piers (if included). As a general rule, improvements made to the Camp Pashayan and River Trail areas will utilize best practices to ensure equitable access wherever feasible. Areas or programming considerations that present significant challenges to doing so, through site constraints such as topographic changes, width and right-of-way restrictions, or ecological sensitivity, will be identified and earmarked for additional study as the project moves forward.

Federal standards require newly designed or newly constructed and altered portions of existing trails connecting to designated staging areas or accessible trails to comply with the guidelines. The ADA guidelines recognize that the natural environment often prevents full implementation of certain technical provisions. Departures are permitted from certain technical provisions where at least one of four conditions is present:

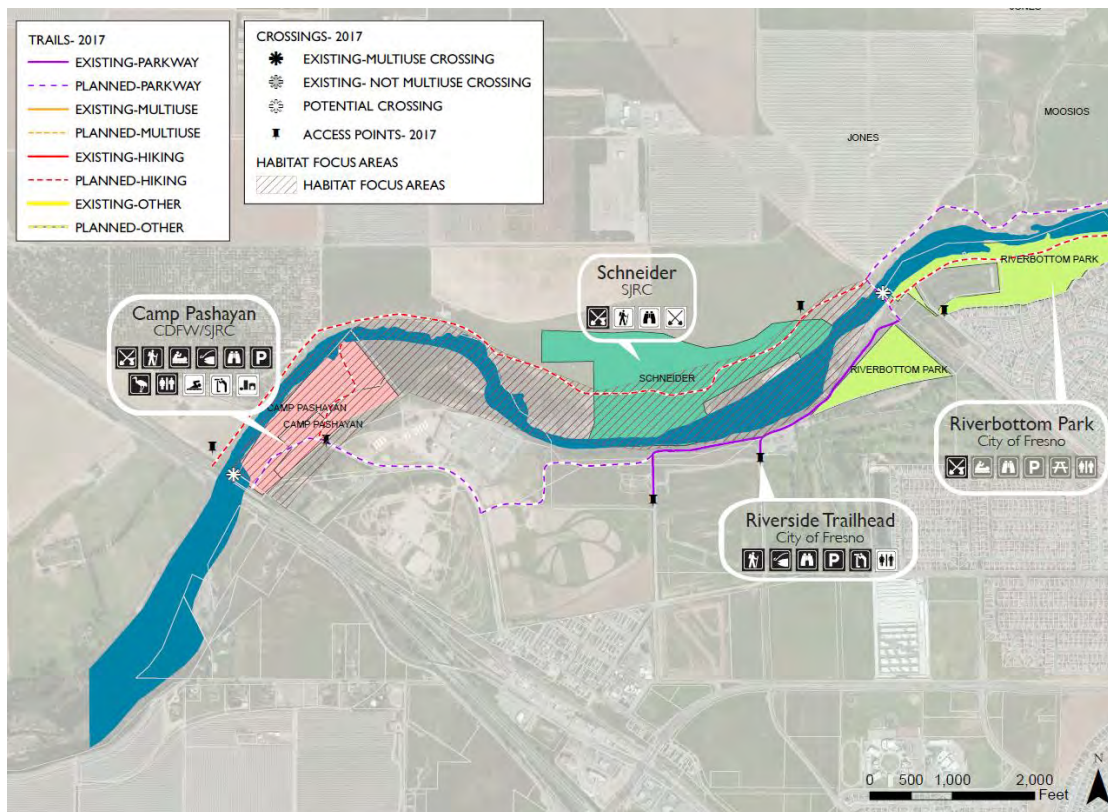
- Where compliance would cause substantial harm to cultural, historic, religious, or significant natural features or characteristics;
- Where compliance would substantially alter the nature of the setting or the purpose of the facility, or portion of the facility;
- Where compliance would require construction methods or materials that are prohibited by federal, state, or local regulations or statutes; or
- Where compliance would not be feasible due to terrain or the prevailing construction practices.

V. Project Description (See Attachment G)

The project focuses on two areas of the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan (SJRPMMP), specifically Areas 6 & 7, which represent the western-most extents of the envisioned Parkway.



SJRPMMP Area 6



SJRPMP Area 7

This project builds upon the guidelines of the original 1995 San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan (SJRPMP) and its 2018 update. Specifically, it focuses on the two western-most and downstream portions of master plan, identified as Areas 6 & 7 and shown in the map above.

The **San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan** will provide public access to the river and design recreational amenities at the Camp Pashayan site, located in Area 7. It will also develop a recreational trail along the river, extending 4 miles eastward to the Millburn Overlook in Area 6 of the SJRPMP, and setting the stage for additional connectivity and river access called for in the plan. Together, these efforts will provide new opportunities for enjoyment of the San Joaquin River for underserved communities in Fresno and Madera Counties. At the same time, they will provide ecological enhancements to the river's edge, and will offer better protections for sensitive habitat and native riparian vegetation.

As a planning effort, this project focuses on identifying those ecological enhancements and developing the necessary infrastructure of design elements that provide visitor access and protect sensitive resources in these two Areas of the master plan. As the westernmost reach of the envisioned San Joaquin River Parkway, the project focuses on developing actionable next steps to establish public access while restoring and enhancing native habitat, setting the precedent for additional work to follow in future phases of the SJRPMP's implementation.

The project focuses this initial effort on Areas 6 and 7, as they are priority areas of focus for the San Joaquin River Conservancy, as much of the land is readily available and already controlled solely by the Conservancy or in partnership with local jurisdictions. Additionally, while this part of the river currently has limited access points, there is no connectivity to other sections of the Parkway, and these western reaches have the potential to anchor the western extents of the Parkway corridor. They also sit in proximity to many underserved communities in the City of Fresno, which will easily be able to access the site due to its location alongside Highway 99. Critically, the SJRPMP also identifies the river reach of Area 7 to be a Habitat Focus Area, which means any planning for public access will need to carefully consider

environmental implications, including natural water level fluctuations, riparian habitat protection, migratory patterns, stormwater management, and opportunities for interpretation and education around these and other topics.

This project presents opportunities to provide public access on the south (City of Fresno) side of the River, as well as connecting to the greater San Joaquin River Parkway trail system. This grant ready work will complete 65% planning and design documents, file CEQA documentation which tiers off the existing EIR from the Master Plan, and set the stage for future detailed implementation and construction documentation. There are two primary areas of emphasis per the SJRPMP which this project acknowledges and seeks to deliver: public access and resource protection/enhancement. This Plan will address each as described and develop appropriate and implementable designs that are responsive to environmental permitting considerations, balancing the need for access with the goal of resource protection. As a place for visitors to find respite and escape, the Western Reaches (Areas 6 & 7) present a unique and relatively undisturbed opportunity for immersion along and on the San Joaquin River. It is this feeling of discovery – both of the river itself and of the beauty of the river environment that this project seeks to deliver, finding the right balance between access and protection.

More specifically, the plan will identify and re-envision Camp Pashayan as a new trailhead facility and river destination, with parking, park amenities, and new trails and water connections eastward to the Schneider Use Area, Riverside Trailhead area, Riverbottom Park, Liddell Property, and Milburn use areas, as detailed in the SJRPMP as Areas 6 & 7. Planning will be divided into two sub-project areas: Camp Pashayan, with its public access facilities and riparian enhancements, and the River Trail design, which will identify the right alignment and design for the trail to Millburn Overlook.

The project team has split the engagement effort as these two components address different communities with diverse strengths and challenges. Currently, Camp Pashayan is a closed area, and the engagement process will identify opportunities to bring various community groups, especially from the nearby Herndon neighborhood and Madera County to the site for more in-depth exposure and connection. The River Trail Implementation segment encompasses different stakeholder and community interests and has distinct unique challenges that the project team will address through targeted engagement effort.

Together, these joint efforts will engage landowners, municipal and community partners, interested stakeholders, adjacent residential neighborhoods, and the general public in the design process, including the City and County of Fresno, who own sites adjacent to the study area, as well as the broader Fresno and Madera County communities. This will create a comprehensive foundation for the advancement of the San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan, which upon completion will deliver a plan that is ready for implementation and sets the standard for additional projects along the San Joaquin River corridor.

Deliverables

These deliverables are also broken down by task under the Scope of Work.

Early tasks for the project include the completion of project base maps, a site survey, and a Summary Document which includes an Existing Conditions Inventory, SWOT Analysis, and identifies Ecological Enhancement and Restoration Opportunities. This is a project record document that will be supplemented with extensive mapping and graphics that communicate critical project information and set the stage for Outreach and Conceptual Design.

Our multi-stage engagement process, active during the Inventory and Analysis, Conceptual Design, and Design Alternatives tasks, could include onsite workshops and tours, community meetings around Fresno, a project website, online surveys, virtual meetings, and project videos. The team will conduct

design charrettes aimed at disenfranchised community members and those that do not typically participate in the planning process.

In particular, the team will seek input from youth and educational partners, in order to build stewardship and a sense of ownership among these groups. Outreach occurs during the latter part of the Inventory and Analysis Task, and continues into the Conceptual Design Task, giving the public multiple opportunities to weigh-in on project direction and see the design evolution. The final product captures public and stakeholder input into a Summary Document which records the engagement process and demonstrates how the design team responded to public comments to create a more community-driven design.

Next the project team will deliver concept design graphics, including plans, sections, diagrams, and perspective renderings as needed to convey the design intent of the project. Design alternatives could include up to three options to be considered for public and stakeholder input. These will also be conveyed with maps and plans and graphics as needed.

Schematic Design drawings will be produced to document the chosen design alternative and will be detailed enough for the CEQA process to be completed, representing 30% design completion. Design Development drawings will be produced that represent 65% of the design completion, and will build off feedback from the CEQA process and go further into the details of the design, to demonstrate constructability, confirm the design has minimal environmental impacts, determine materials and furnishings, create outline specifications, and coordinate with engineers or other subconsultants as needed to create a package of contract documents that are ready to be advanced to the final implementation stage (beyond the scope of this project).

For the CEQA process, the project team will deliver the necessary documentation needed to advance the project through CEQA filings, which will be recorded in the state register.

Additionally, a Cost Estimate will be provided in PDF and Excel form, and will be used to help guide the Implementation Strategy, which is a document designed to be included in the Master Plan Document that outlays the approach to construction, by identifying priority projects, phases (if necessary), and funding mechanisms.

The final deliverable is a concise (100 pages) graphically rich document that communicates the exciting vision, community support, and the necessary technical information to move the project to its next phase.

Scope of Work

The project team is responsible for completing the following tasks:

0. Project Management / Grant Administration

- a. Initial project setup, invoicing, file structure, communications and graphic standards.
- b. This task enables the project to move forward smoothly and efficiently while being cognizant of the grant requirements and meeting deadlines and deliverables, managing the project schedule and subcontractor/team coordination.

1. Inventory and Analysis

- a. Existing Document Review
- b. Site Survey / Drone Flight
- c. Mapping the project area and adjacent context – base map.
- d. Existing Conditions
 - i. Infrastructural Resources

- ii. Recreational Amenities
- iii. Cultural Resources
- iv. Landholdings / Easements
- v. Habitat Conservation Areas
- e. SWOT Analysis and physical assessment: the team will document the physical condition of the site and its access, use areas, ecology, facilities, and infrastructure, supplemented by information provided by the SJRC.
- f. Restoration Opportunities: This project prioritizes providing access to and near the San Joaquin River. Inevitably there will be opportunities for restoration efforts that provide habitat benefits, protect shorelines, and complement and improve the visitor experience while enhancing natural features. These opportunities will be documented in the plan for implementation alongside access improvements per the below:
 - i. Natural resource enhancement opportunities associated with the proposed access improvements will be scoped and described as a series of five to seven possible future projects. These proposed projects may be included with the future construction of the public access features.
- g. *DELIVERABLES: Project base maps, site survey, and Summary Document which includes Existing Conditions Inventory, SWOT Analysis, and Ecological Enhancement and Restoration Opportunities. This is a project record document that is supplemented with extensive mapping and graphics that communicate critical project information and set the stage for Outreach and Conceptual Design.*

2. Outreach

- a. Develop the stakeholder list and outreach strategy for two engagement efforts
 - i. Camp Pashayan: we envision 3 community workshops and 2-3 design charrettes.
 - ii. River Trail Implementation: we envision 2 community workshops, site tours and pop ups.
- b. Conduct virtual or in-person engagement activities as we're able.
- c. Capture the results and summarize public input as it serves to guide project designs.
- d. Share progress as planning and design moves forward, giving the public the chance to weigh-in on strategic alternatives and conceptual designs.

DELIVERABLES: Multi-stage engagement opportunities/workshops or on-site visits and tours (during Inventory and Analysis, Conceptual Design, and Design Alternatives). As necessary, this could also include a project website, online surveys, virtual meetings, and project videos. The team will conduct design charrettes aimed at disenfranchised community members and those that do not typically participate in the planning process. In particular, the team will seek input from youth and educational partners, in order to build stewardship and a sense of ownership among these groups. Outreach occurs during the latter part of the Inventory and Analysis Task, and continues into the Conceptual Design Task, giving the public multiple opportunities to weigh-in on project direction and see the design evolution. The final product captures public and stakeholder input into a Summary Document which records the engagement process and demonstrates how the design team responded to public comments to create a more community-driven design.

3. Planning and Design

- a. Conceptual Design
 - i. Diagramming connectivity, program, amenities, utilities and vehicular and pedestrian site circulation.
 - ii. Team charrettes to develop conceptual design alternatives, which will be presented and refined at a community workshop based on public comments.

- iii. Engineering and architectural evaluation of existing infrastructure (bathroom, gazebo, water well, etc.) to guide proposed design alternatives.
- b. Design Alternatives
 - i. Public Access Diagrams
 - ii. Perspective Renderings
 - iii. Plan Enlargements
- c. Schematic Design (30% Documentation) – completion enables CEQA process to begin
 - i. Review required by partner agencies at 30% (SJRC, WCB, CDFW).
- d. Design Development (65% Documentation) – coinciding with Task 4 CEQA
 - i. Review required at 65% documentation (SJRC, WCB, and CDFW).

DELIVERABLES:

- *Concept design graphics, including plans, sections, diagrams, and perspective renderings as needed to convey the design intent of the project.*
- *Design alternatives could include up to three options to be considered for public and stakeholder input. These will also be conveyed with maps and plans and graphics as needed.*
- *Schematic Design drawings (30% documentation) will be produced to document the chosen design alternative and will be detailed enough for the CEQA process to be completed.*
 - *Review by partner agencies*
- *Design Development drawings (65% documentation) will build off feedback from the CEQA process and go further into the details of the design*
 - *demonstrate constructability*
 - *confirm the design has minimal environmental impacts*
 - *determine materials and furnishings*
 - *create outline specifications*
 - *coordinate with engineers or other subconsultants as needed to create a package of contract documents that are ready to be advanced to the final implementation stage (beyond the scope of this project).*
 - *Review by partner agencies*

4. CEQA Documentation

- a. Engage a qualified consultant (TBD) to complete necessary CEQA filings that tier-off the existing EIR from the SJRPMP.
- b. Review existing EIR, provide guidance for IS/MND.
- c. Identify potential impacts early and avoid them during design to limit the need for future permitting requirements.
- d. Update technical analyses for biological resources and cultural resources

DELIVERABLES: The necessary documentation needed to advance the project through CEQA filings, which will be recorded in the state register.

5. Cost Estimate and Implementation Strategy

- a. Construction cost estimate to be prepared for implementation planning.
 - i. Priority projects/parcels will have a detailed cost estimate – those owned by SJRC or identified as critical first steps or near-term improvements.
 - ii. Overall project costs for following phases will remain more general.
- b. Phasing of construction or amenities to be discussed.

DELIVERABLES: The Cost Estimate will be provided in PDF and Excel form, and will be used to help guide the Implementation Strategy, which is a document designed to be included in the Master Plan Document that outlays the approach to construction, by identifying priority projects, phases (if necessary), and funding mechanisms.

6. San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan Document

- a. The Master Plan process establishes a collective purpose for the opportunity to create a supportive set of facilities and site work to be developed over time. Design graphics and narrative will describe the envisioned improvements at a high level. Technical detail and 65% design documents are provided as required to understand feasibility and cost.

DELIVERABLES: The final deliverable is a concise (100 pages) graphically rich document that communicates the exciting vision, community support, and the necessary technical information to move the project to its next phase.

VI. Timeline and Budget

The project schedule is outlined below, coinciding with Tasks and Deliverables described in Scope of Work above.

Task	Project Duration (24 Months)																							
	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23
Kickoff and Project Initiation	█																							
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A Budget Summary is included below, and a detailed spreadsheet is attached as **Attachment D in both Excel spreadsheet and PDF.**

Project Summary by Task		Totals
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VII. Project Readiness

A series of prior plans (SJRPMP, City of Fresno General Plan, Fresno Parks Master Plan) have provided substantive groundwork for this project. Each has been completed through a public process with environmental clearance granted through the State.

California Environmental Quality Act

The Project will consider and document site specific environmental review strategies per CEQA in order to avoid impacts, remain consistent with the SJRPMP EIR, and define any necessary additional actions that may be required during construction. The project will need to adopt a supplemental EIR or MND and expects it to be tiered off the SJRPMP EIR.

The San Joaquin River Conservancy will be the CEQA Lead Agency, with a consultant to be determined as shown in the project budget, to conduct the Initial Study and provide expert guidance for the supplemental EIR or MND. Baseline biological resource information will be collected on a limited basis, and previously collected data will be reviewed. Potential mitigation of impacts to biologic and botanical resources may be incorporated into the habitat enhancement program. Finally, the project will be registered with the State clearinghouse.

Permitting

This project will prepare a permitting strategy memorandum identifying required permits, timeline for securing, responsible parties, and rough order of magnitude costs. A qualified environmental firm (TBD) with permitting experience will perform this work. Early in the design process, the consultant will identify permitting challenges in order to minimize them if possible. The filing of permit applications is not part of this project and will occur during the subsequent phase of work.

VIII. Durability of Investment / Long-Term Management Plan

Not Applicable.

This project is a planning project and will not be required to provide a long-term management plan

IX. Support and Collaboration

The San Joaquin River Conservancy and California Department of Fish and Wildlife are the main owners of the project site, and the project team has been in correspondence with both agencies. Several meetings with Fresno City staff have been conducted. There are active community volunteer groups that work tirelessly to keep these areas clean, Engage the surrounding neighborhood, and provide educational programs. Project team has already established a good communication with them. Multiple site tours have been conducted with the community organizations like River Tree, a local team of volunteers that organize river clean ups and canoe and hiking trips along the San Joaquin River. When the project launches, Fresno BHC will engage these non-profit organizations that represent the neighboring areas, as well as other disadvantaged communities in Fresno and Madera county.

Applicant Organizational Profile

Fresno Building Healthy Communities (Fresno BHC) was established in 2010 and works to foster and encourage thriving communities where all children and families can live healthy, safe, and productive lives. Fresno BHC serves as the "central table" bringing leaders together to devise and implement innovative solutions to some of the community's most pressing challenges. Fresno BHC has an established network comprising over 30 nonprofit and faith-based organizations, affecting over 97,000 lives in Fresno, California. Fresno BHC utilizes a community organizing approach to build local capacity to address social determinants of health and serves as a backbone organization with experience in marketing and communications, civic engagement, developing and sustaining coalitions, and implementing innovative policy solutions and community development projects to enable Fresnoans to access opportunities and resources to thrive. In 2020, Fresno BHC, in partnership with WRT and Urban

Diversity Design, was awarded a \$6.6 million grant by the California Department of Parks and Recreation Statewide Park Program to implement the Calwa Renovation Project - one of two awards in Fresno County and the only in the City of Fresno – after completing a robust community engagement and design process.

Project Partners

URBAN Diversity Design (UDD) is a Fresno-based consultant firm that offers services in a broad range of urban design and community engagement projects. UDD was founded in January 2010, focusing on Smart Growth, Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and sustainable planning strategies. As residents of the San Joaquin Valley we understand our community and share their needs. We also understand the metrics of land development, and we focus on creating a livable, healthy environment that meets the needs of all residents of communities throughout the Valley. The goal of the firm is to offer resources to address the issues facing this region as municipalities embrace the current realities of economic hardship, ongoing degradation of the environment, and the need for quality, affordable housing for a growing and diverse population. UDD's core mission is to support the vision toward livable and diverse neighborhoods in communities across the Central Valley, where equity, sense of place, access and multigenerational diversity is celebrated. Our familiarity with the local economy, climate, and culture combined with a keen understanding of the distinctly different pressures that drive development here in the Valley, allow us to provide responsive, insightful and affordable urban design and community engagement services. Corridor revitalization, Complete Street design, downtown master planning, Park and green space master planning, public plaza revitalization, Mixed-use and Transit Oriented Development, and adopted reuse are some of recent projects that UDD has been involved with. UDD provides a range of services from urban design, community outreach, workshop facilitation, and project management.

WRT is a national planning and design practice founded in 1963, based in San Francisco and Philadelphia which is comprised of 85 planners, urban designers, landscape architects, and architects. WRT's five practice areas include a major focus on parks and open space, with over 250 projects nationwide. Common to these practice areas is an overarching capability for placemaking, green infrastructure, and community design. Together this anchors our capacity to provide strategic direction and community-based solutions grounded in smart design.

WRT's related projects include Tunitas Creek Beach Improvement Project, HARD Trails Master Plan, Foothill Trail Master Plan, San Lorenzo Creekway Vision, Bothin Marsh Adaptation Project, McLaughlin Eastshore State Park General Plan and EIR, Calwa Park Prop 68 Grant and Implementation Project, and Fresno Parks Master Plan.

Key Personnel

Sandra Celedon is the President and Chief Executive Officer for Fresno Building Healthy Communities. Sandra has a Bachelor of Science, Community Health degree from California State University, Fresno and a Master of Public, Community Health degree from San Jose State University. She has worked in numerous public health positions over the years developing and implementing community programs with special focus on neighborhood development, prevention, and primary care access. Sandra has more than 15 years of experience in community organizing, public policy, management, data and evaluation, budgeting, and communications. As the Project Lead, Sandra will provide strategic support and direction and ensure successful implementation of all project components.

Kimberly McCoy is the Project Director for Fresno Building Health Communities. Kimberly is a dedicated community advocate and leader inspired by her son Norwood to create a healthier and thriving community for all children and families. Kimberly earned her associate degree in accounting at Fresno

City College. Kimberly will lead Fresno Building Healthy Communities' internal staff to guide and support community design and planning efforts and youth engagement activities.

Sheila Hakimipour is the principal and founder of Urban Diversity Design. She has near 20 years of experience in architecture, urban design and community engagement, working in different communities of the Central Valley. Sheila's main work has focused on smart growth and projects that transform auto-dominated communities into thriving pedestrian-oriented environments valuing responsive and sensitive approaches to community engagement planning, natural and cultural resources, complexity of the existing context, and the character and history of the community. Sheila holds a master's degree in urban design from University of California, Berkeley, and a master's degree in architecture from Azad University of Tehran. As the project manager, Sheila will coordinate collaboration between project team members, and the development phases of both projects to make sure deliverables are achieved on schedule. She will work closely with BHC, WRT and other consultants on all aspects of the project. Sheila will be in charge to ensure everyone stays on task, and the two projects move forward simultaneously.

John R. Gibbs, PLA, ASLA, LEED AP – Principal-in-Charge As Principal-in-Charge John will guide the overall direction of the project and provide final review of all products. He is a landscape architect and urban designer with 20 years of experience. He shares WRT's deep commitment to environmentally rooted planning and design excellence. His work reflects his belief that open space infrastructure, whether at the scale of trails, parks, landscaped plazas, or streets, is a crucial and integral part of creating quality urban environments. He is a practice leader in WRT's Parks and Open Space, and Community Design practices where he is committed to enhancing community open space - from park system planning to detailed design - and expanding mobility options through complete streets, trails, and district pedestrian networks. Community engagement is fundamental to all facets of his work and his outreach skills are valued by clients who seek outcomes rooted in productive public dialogue.

Andrew Dawson, ASLA – Project Manager With a background in physical geography, Andy has an MCP and MLA from the University of Pennsylvania. His work revolves around navigating the scale shifts between these complimentary disciplines. Since joining WRT in 2013, Andy has been involved with projects in Washington DC, Maryland, Virginia, Iowa, Pennsylvania, and New York. Andy works with the landscape architecture group in both of WRT's offices, guiding strategic approaches to projects and teams. He is currently managing the implementation of the Calwa Park Prop 68-funded improvement project in Fresno. His project interests span from urban to rural, and from large-scale master planning to construction details, with an attention to local context and place.

Certification

I certify that the information contained in my Application, including all required attachments is accurate and that I have been authorized to apply for this grant.

Date: December 18th, 2020

Signature:  _____

{ ATTACHMENTS / LETTERS }

Attachment A – Fresno BHC Board of Directors Resolution

Attachment B – Project Location Maps

Attachment C – Photos of Project Site

Attachment D – Project Budget Spreadsheet (both in excel and PDF)

Attachment E – Support Letters

Attachment F – SJRPMP Overall Area map

Attachment G – SJRPMP Area 6 & 7 Maps

Attachment H – APN map

Attachment I – Subproject Budget

Checklist

- Resolution from applicant’s governing board (Applicant Information Section) [Attachment A](#)
- For projects located on private lands, copy of legal description of the property that meets county requirements for legibility (Section I) [Not applicable \(this is a planning project. Will be obtained for the next project/phase, permitting and implementation project.](#)
- Project location map showing project area, GIS shape files, site maps, detailed project drawings / plans (Section V) [Attachment B](#)
- Photos of the project site (Section V) [Attachment C](#)
- Complete line item budget in electronic MS Excel spreadsheet (Section VI)
- Appropriate CEQA documentation: Either the Notice of Exemption or environmental document and Notice of Determination (Section VII) [Not applicable \(it will be done as part of this planning process\)](#)
- Long-term management plan (Section VIII) [Not applicable](#)
- Support letters (Section IX) [Attachment E](#)



San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan: Camp Pashayan to Millburn Overlook

Attachments A - I



Attachment A

BHC Board of Director Resolution



FRESNO BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07

APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD FOR THE SJRP WESTERN REACHES ACTIVATION AND RESTORATION PLAN: CAMP PASHAYAN TO MILLBURN LOOKOUT PROJECT

WHEREAS, funds were made available to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the enhancement or restoration of fish and wildlife habitat and for the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing or other wildlife-oriented recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, Fresno Building Healthy Communities intends to engage community members and stakeholders to inform and develop the SJRP Western Reaches Activation and Restoration Plan to build upon the guidelines of the original 1995 San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan (SJRPMP) and its 2018 update to develop a concise graphically rich document ("master plan") to establish a collective purpose and a supportive set of facilities to be developed over time to provide and expand public access to the river and design recreational amenities at the Camp Pashayan site and develop a recreational trail along the river, extending 4 miles eastward to the Millburn Lookout, and set the stage for additional connectivity and river access; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that the proposed grant activities will promote and lead to new opportunities for enjoyment of the San Joaquin River for underserved communities in Fresno and Madera Counties and will provide ecological enhancements to the river's edge, offer better protections for sensitive habitat and native riparian vegetation, in alignment with the Corporations values and goals to advance equitable access to parks and green space;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Fresno Building Healthy Communities hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board; and
2. Certifies that said Applicant will comply with all federal, state and local environmental, public health, and other appropriate laws and regulations applicable to the project and will obtain or will ensure that the other project partners obtain all appropriate permits applicable to the project; and
3. Further commits to the terms and conditions specified in the grant agreement; and
4. Appoints the Corporation's President and CEO or his/her designee as a representative(s) of Fresno Building Healthy Communities to conduct negotiations, execute, submit and sign all documents including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and other documents which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Secretary of the Corporation be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute all documents and to take such action(s) as s/he may deem necessary or advisable to carry out the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolutions.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that I am the duly elected and acting Secretary and the custodian of the books and records of Fresno Building Healthy Communities, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors and that said meeting was held in accordance with state law and the Bylaws of the Corporation; and that said Resolution is now in full force and effect without modification or rescission.





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Adopted by the Board of Directors on December 18, 2020.

Secretary

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Attachment B

Project Location Map



SJRP Western Reaches Activation and Restoration Plan

1" = 1/2 Mile

Attachment C

Photos of Project Site



Camp Pashayan



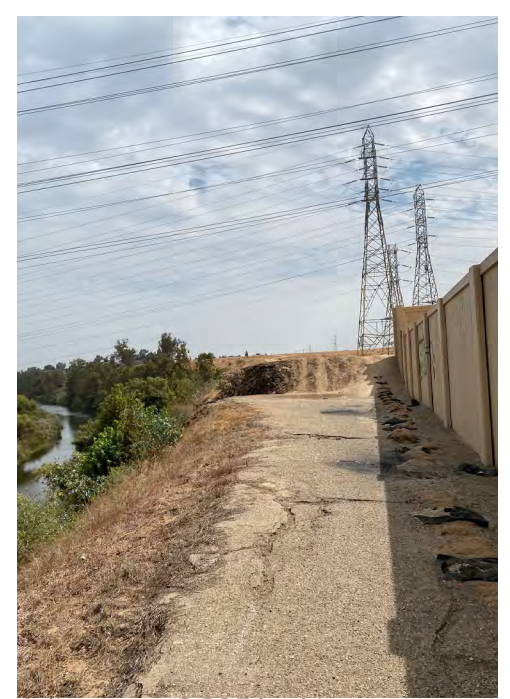
Looking west toward Camp P



Riverbottom Park



Trail @ golf course



Adjacent to PG&E looking east



Riverbottom Park looking east



Fisherman @ Riverbottom Park



Mid-way Trail



Liddell Property

Trail from Camp Pashayan to Millburn Overlook

Attachment D

Project Budget Spreadsheet

San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan: Camp Pashayan to Millburn Overlook

Draft 12-18-20

		Fresno BHC	UDD	WRT	Civil/Structural Engineer	Environmental/Ecologist	Totals by Task
		Prime Consultant / Contract Manager	Program Manager	Planning / Landscape Architecture			
		Cost by Task	Cost by Task	Cost by Task	Cost by Task	Cost by Task	
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Task 4	CEQA Documentation	\$2,600.00	\$2,100.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$114,700.00
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4.3	Minimize impacts and incorporate conservation measures wherever possible.						
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Reimbursables (Printing, materials, staff travel, etc. 5%)		\$11,470.00	\$9,320.00	\$27,550.00	\$14,150.00	\$5,250.00	\$67,740.00
		\$240,870.00	\$195,720.00	\$578,550.00	\$297,150.00	\$110,250.00	\$1,422,540.00

Project Summary by Team Member		Totals
Fresno BHC	Prime Consultant - Fresno BHC Indirect Costs (10%)	\$240,870.00
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Attachment E

Letters of Support



Miguel Angel Arias
City Council President, District 3

December 17, 2020

Ms. Sandra Celedon, President and CEO
Fresno Building Healthy Communities
367 N First Street
Fresno, CA 93702

Dear Ms. Celedon,

On behalf of the Office of Council District Three at the City of Fresno, I am pleased to offer our support of this project to create a new destination river camp serving individuals from the entire City and region. We applaud the additional trail access proposed, linking the camp to other areas of the river park. Implementation of the San Joaquin River Park Master Plan has progressed incrementally since its enthusiastic launch. We are at a pivotal time to advance significant improvements and build out sections of the park. I am confident that through the leadership of Fresno Building Healthy Communities, successful progress can be achieved.

I represent a district challenged by high crime, poverty and lack of access to healthcare facilities, healthy food and public amenities. In alignment with Building Healthy Communities, our office works to increase access to green space and improve the quality of existing parks and community centers citywide. This additional project funding will ensure access to residents across the City.

We are excited to continue to work in partnership with Building Healthy Communities to ensure this project is reflective of community needs and to increase quality and accessible green spaces for all residents citywide.

Sincerely,

Miguel Arias
Council President, District Three



Calwa Recreation and Park District

OFFICE OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR
PHONE (559) 264-6867 - CELL (559) 476-9309

4545 E. CHURCH AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725

December 18th, 2020
Mr. Adam J. Ramos, District Administrator
Calwa Recreation & Park District
4545 E. Church Ave
Fresno, CA 93725

Dear Ms. Celedon,

On behalf of our organization, Calwa Recreation & Park District, I am pleased to offer our full support of this project to create a new destination river camp serving individuals from the entire City and region. We applaud the additional trail access also proposed, linking the camp to other areas of the river park. Our community is in need of a resource that promotes healthy living, outdoor education programs, and the chance for our community members to access nature here in Fresno. Implementation of the SJRP master plan has progressed incrementally since its enthusiastic launch. The time is right to advance significant improvements and build out sections of the park. Through the leadership of Fresno Building Healthy Communities, we believe great things will come.

My organization has supported the planning for the San Joaquin River Park for over 5 years. Our mission is to utilize the SJRP educational outdoor programs, the new hiking trails, and recreational activities that cater towards youth. Without this funding, the river park will remain off limits to so many in our community, which discourages outdoor exploration and connection to nature itself. Our families during these difficult times look forward to free access to any activities the SJRP would offer, and we know through FBHC, the impact and availability would greatly benefit our community at large.

Another reason for our support stems from my personal experience kayaking the river! The group activity that was coordinated through SJRP was amazing and the activity leader was informative, fun, and passionate about us being on the river. I want to bring our community from South Fresno out the River and show them the glorious views, animals, and provide them the education on what our Central Valley has to offer.

We are excited to remain involved in this project long term through our advocacy of group camping, having communities access the river, and clean-up project to show our children in our outdoor programs what it takes to keep our natural wonders clean and safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam J. Ramos", is written over a horizontal line.

Adam J. Ramos

District Administrator

Calwa Recreation & Park District

RiverTree Volunteers

Incorporated
1509 E. Fallbrook Avenue
Fresno, CA 93720-2744

Ms. Sandra Celedon, Executive Director
Fresno Building Healthy Communities
P.O. Box 7694
Fresno, CA 93747

November 10, 2020

Dear Ms. Celedon,

River Tree Volunteers is a 501c3 Non-profit which incorporated March 10, 2003. River Tree Volunteers has been involved with Camp Pashayan and the Camp Pashayan area for 17 years, with some of our staff even longer. We were very sorry to see it close, and fully support any enhancement and return to the active San Joaquin River Parkway.

Camp Pashayan has always been envisioned as the down stream anchor of the the parkway and the 127 mile long San Joaquin River Trail which is on the State of California list of official California trails in progress. Linking Camp Pashayan with the City of Fresno's River Bottom Park and the San Joaquin River Conservancy's Liddell property would be a hugh step in opening up these parks to the public. Especially opening up these parks, to the under served communities since bus service is near by.

River Tree Volunteers can provide limited support at Camp Pashayan and to clients by sponsoring cleanups by canoe and on shore, trail maintenance, free canoe rides, and training on how to paddle a canoe. River tree provides theses services free to the public.

With ever increasing demand by the public for San Joaquin River access, and the close proximity of Herdon (a very under served community) to Camp Pashayan we heartily endorse Fresno Building Healthy Communities grant application for community serving enhancement to the San Joaquin River Parkway.

Sincerely,



Richard F. Sloan
Executive Director

cc: SJRC

Jessica Vaughn

Founder of San Joaquin River Social
A community group
Serving the Fresno area

December 13 2020

Fresno Building Healthy Communities

Dear Reader,

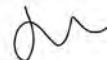
On behalf of the members of San Joaquin River Socials we would like to applaud this proposed project that will bring families and those from all across our great city to this section of the San Joaquin River. We lend our full support and are excited to see this project get underway.

Our community group was founded for the sole purpose to bring more people to the shores of this historical River in our backyards. So many benefits come from visiting and connecting to these outdoor spaces and we love to help facilitate social events between communities to get feet on the ground and hearts connected. Connecting Pashayan to Milburn will be monumental for our communities to be able to access and enjoy these currently untended lands.

We have worked with the San Joaquin River Conservancy and River Tree Volunteers for the past year and our members have loved being involved with hiking, exploring, improving, restoring, and preserving these areas in proposal. Last spring we assisted River Tree with the removal of an entire abandoned fish farm on the Liddell Property adjacent to Milburn. We had Scout troops, Off Road Cycle Club members and even the Executive Director of the SJRC with hands in the job! Our interest is piqued with this trail connection! We commit to continue our efforts and lend support to your project. Bringing more visitors to these shores and opening up these areas safely is going to help heal so many who have been affected by the recent hard times our city and our world have experienced.

Sincerely,

Jessica Vaughn



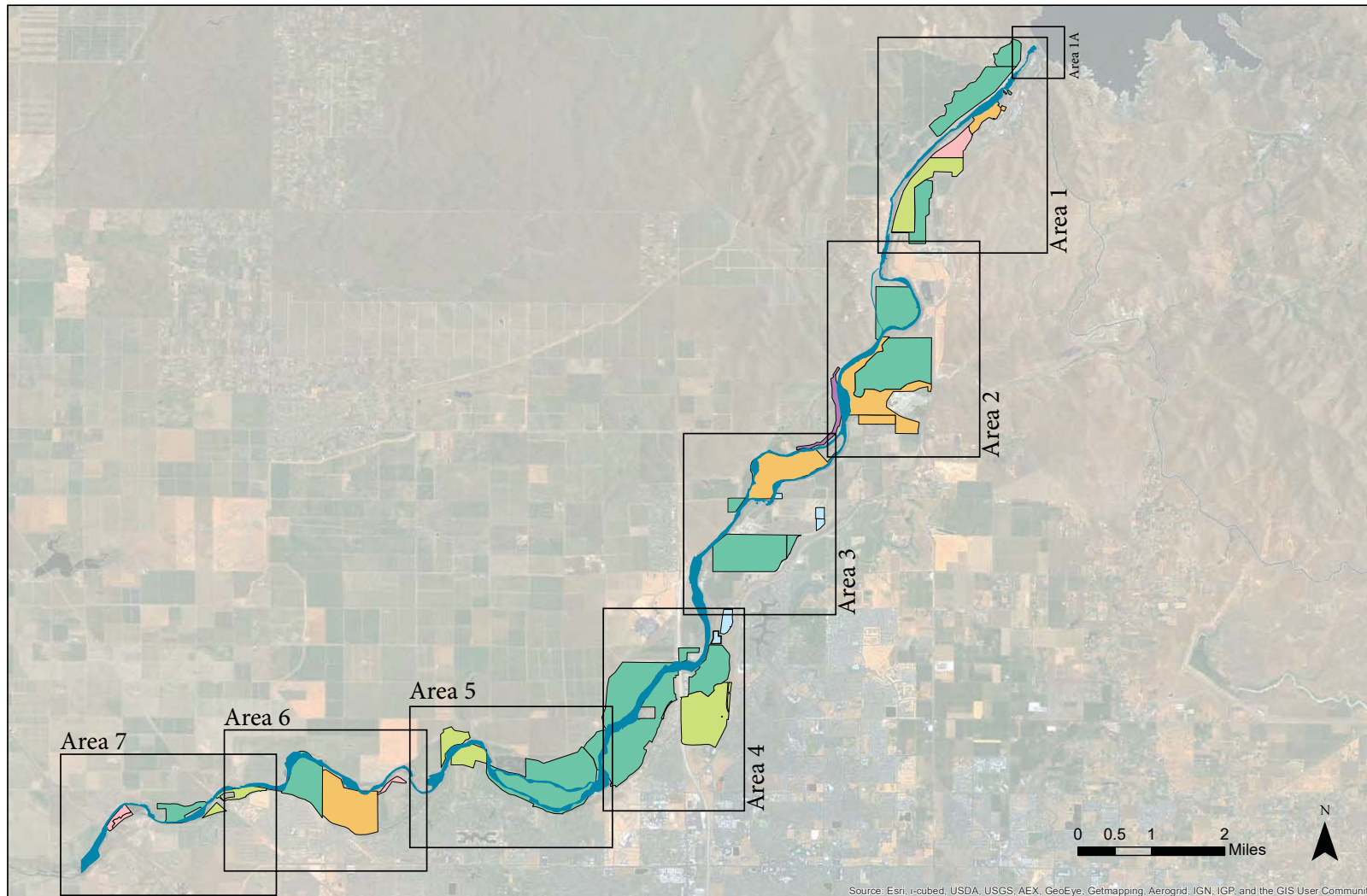
Attachment F

SJRPMP Overall Area Map

San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan Update

Comparison of Trails and River Crossings - 1995 Master Plan and Preliminary Update

Figure 5-3
AREA LOCATOR



- OWNERSHIP**
- CONSERVANCY (SJR)
 - DEPT. OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (CDFW)
 - JOINT OWNERSHIP
 - LOCAL AGENCY
 - STATE LANDS COMMISSION (SLC)
 - SJR PARKWAY & CONSERVATION TRUST (SJRPT)
- HABITAT FOCUS AREAS**
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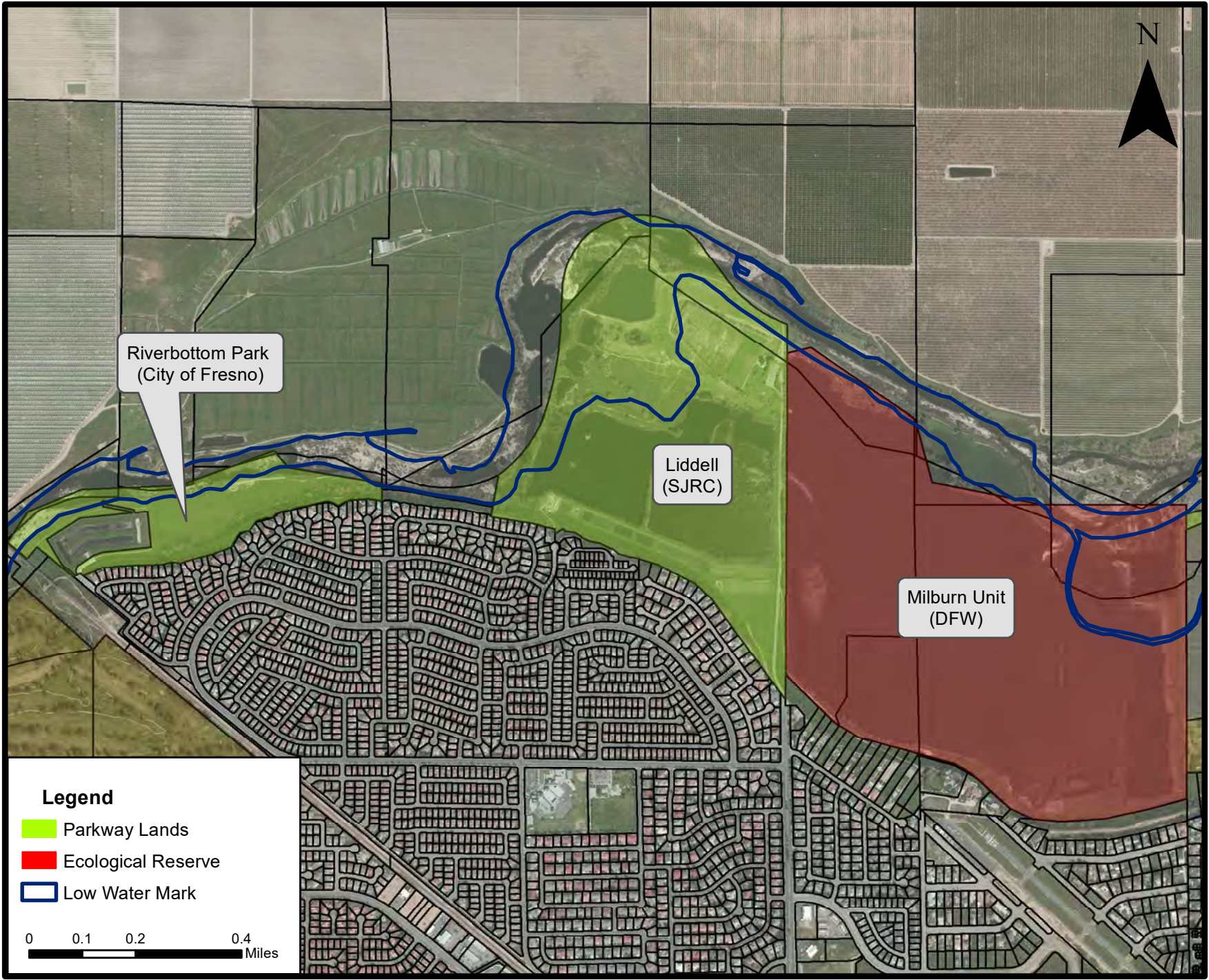
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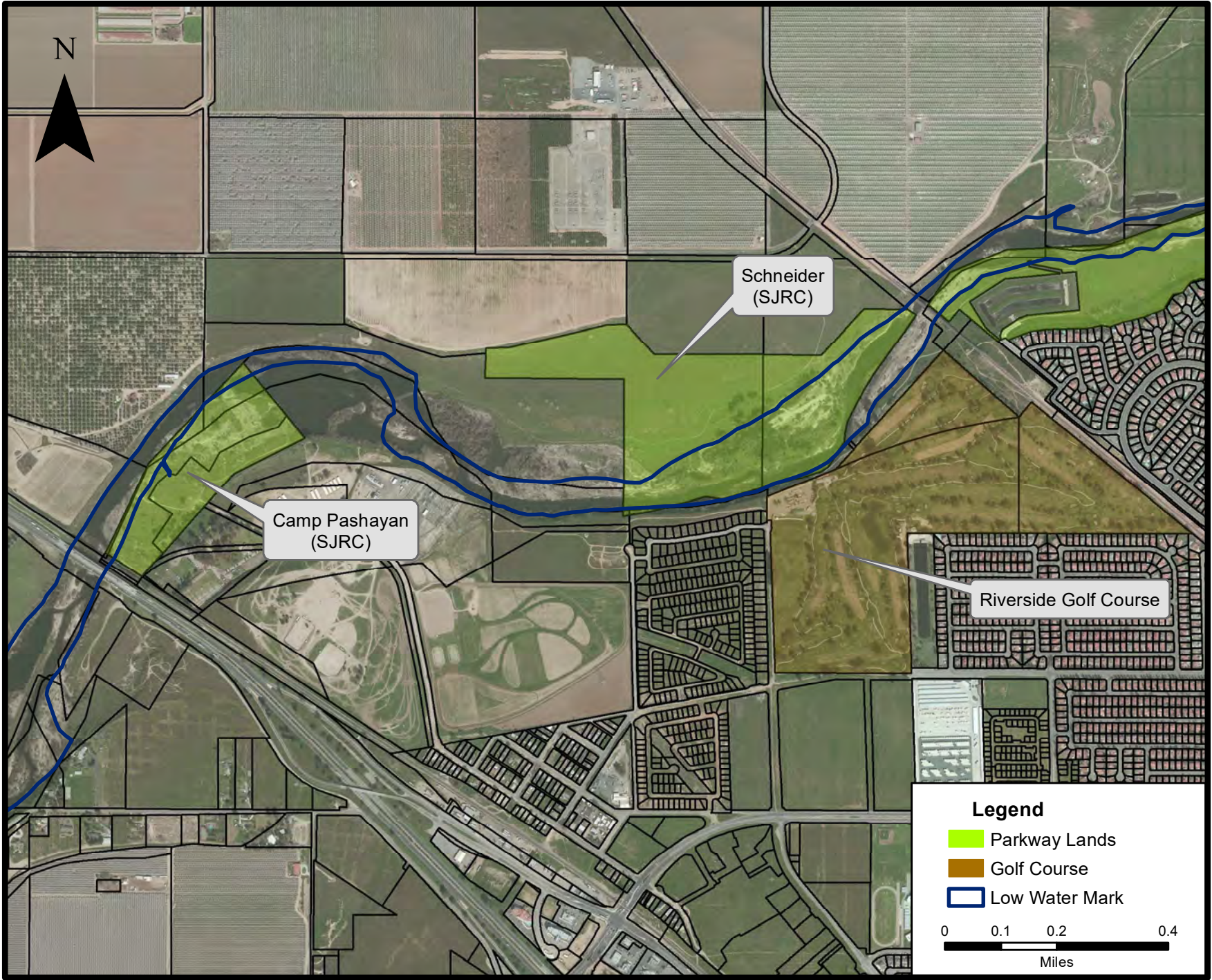
Planned trail alignments, especially those shown on private property, are shown only for illustrative purposes. The location of all Parkway facilities are subject to acquiring property or easements from willing sellers, site- and project-specific design, environmental review, and public participation.

Source: Esri, i-cubed, USDA, USGS, AEX, GeoEye, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, and the GIS User Community

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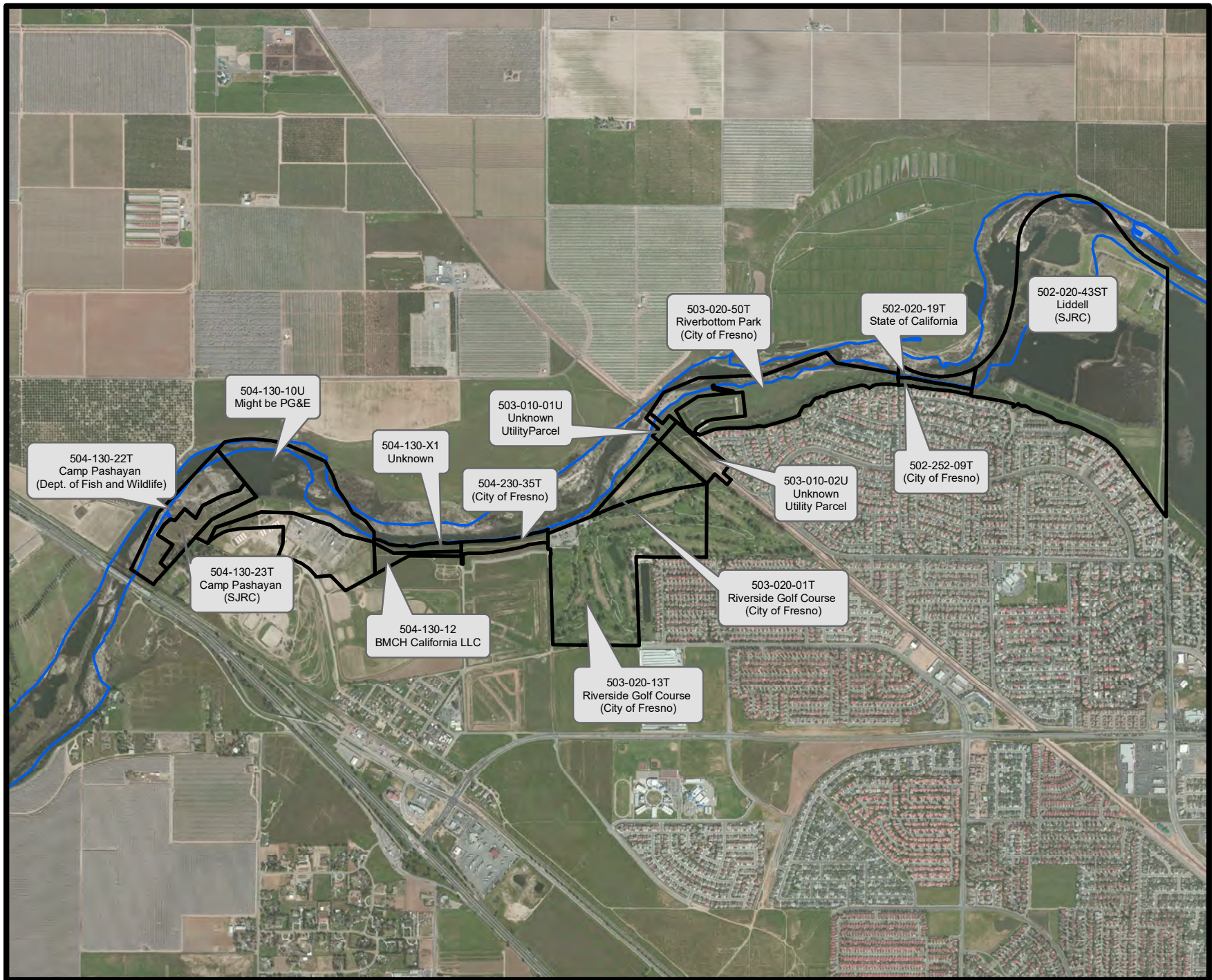
SJRPMP Area 6 & 7 Map





Attachment H

APN Map



Attachment I

Subproject Budget

San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan: Camp Pashayan to Millburn Overlook

Draft 12-18-20

Estimated Budgets for Project Areas

The overall plan budget has been broken into two sub-projects for internal understanding by WCB. The project team and SJRC are treating the projects together, with funding allocated to one overall budget. Specific sub-project allocations are likely to change as the project requires. These estimated figures are current as of the time of the grant application and represent our best understanding of project needs.

	Totals by Task	Total for Camp Pashayan	Total for River Trail Corridor
Task 0 Project Management / Grant Administration	\$230,300.00	\$138,000.00	\$92,300.00
Task 1 Inventory and Analysis	\$181,100.00	\$72,500.00	\$108,600.00
Task 2 Outreach/Community Engagement	\$241,700.00	\$145,000.00	\$96,700.00
Task 3 Planning and Design	\$373,200.00	\$224,000.00	\$149,200.00
Task 4 CEQA Documentation	\$114,700.00	\$57,300.00	\$57,400.00
Task 5 Cost Estimate and Implementation Strategy	\$93,000.00	\$62,500.00	\$30,500.00
Task 6 Plan Document	\$120,800.00	\$81,000.00	\$39,800.00
Subtotals*	\$1,354,800.00	\$780,300.00	\$574,500.00

**does not include reimbursables, contingency, or indirect costs.*



SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

Agenda Item

Item F-2

January 6, 2021

TO: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

FROM: John M. Shelton, Executive Officer 

SUBJECT: ACTION ITEM: Authorize Bond Funds and Grant to US Green Building Council Central California for the San Joaquin River Conservancy Circle V Public Access Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board approve \$1,050,000 in Prop 40 and Prop 84 bond funds and a grant agreement with the US Green Building Council Central California for the San Joaquin River Conservancy Circle V Public Access Plan on 20.76 acres of Conservancy property within Circle V. Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) authorization would be requested at their February 2021 meeting.

LOCATION:

All project activities will occur on property owned by the State of California, under the management jurisdiction of the San Joaquin River Conservancy (Conservancy), operated as Circle V, Madera County Assessor's Parcel Number: 049-062-002, The property consists of approximately 13 acres of unirrigated pasture, a small hobby orchard, and two residences above the bluff; a steep bluff slope; and approximately 7 acres of sycamore/Valley oak woodland on the floodplain and extending to the San Joaquin River. The State Lands Commission determined the net acreage is 20.76 acres (state sovereign lands are not included in the net acreage). The two residences (5,513 square feet and 1,720 square feet) on the property are in fair/average condition dating back to the 1960's. The Property supports high quality riparian habitat within the floodplain below the bluff. Deer, small mammals, coyotes, songbirds, and raptors live or forage on the site.

The Property is within the County of Madera's Rio Mesa Area Plan, and near the County's Gunner Ranch West and Village of Gateway area plans. Riverstone community development is active in the immediate vicinity. The property is surrounded by properties planned for large scale development including lands owned by Richard Gunner, McCaffrey Corporation, and Jim Huelskamp. The upper portion of the property is designated low density residential development in the Madera County General Plan.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

US Green Building Council Central California (USGBC Central California) proposes to develop a public access plan that will serve as a guide for future implementation projects on the 20.76 acres owned by the Conservancy at Circle V. The property includes two residential buildings and a storage shed. The two residences have been emptied since the Conservancy acquired the property in 2016. The residential buildings do not meet the specifications required for office and

meeting usage. This project will prepare the site for public access by discussing programming, usage, and will deliver a schematic design package for the buildings and site. The project will also include site and geotech surveys and the filing of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document. The end product of this planning project will include 65% of design plans completed for the structures and their immediate area, with conceptual designs for access improvements for the rest of the property.

USGBC Central California in collaboration with the Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival are looking to engage stakeholders and the general community in a discussion on potential uses of the Circle V property as Indigenous and Environmental Resource Center. The objective of this project is to create a vision for the public usage of the building and site, including access to the San Joaquin River. Also providing meeting and offices spaces, and more.

The main goal of this project is to adaptively reuse the existing structures and develop highly efficient office and meeting spaces with low operational costs. The resulting structures and adjoining campus will also serve a demonstration of current Green Building technology and building design. Through this project, impacts to the environment will be minimal by following the Green Building guidelines and evaluating and preparing for the third-party green building certification. Landscape design will be considered for the design package and will engage the stakeholders in a discussion on options for native plant gardens and habitat restoration opportunities.

The proposed Project is consistent with the Conservancy's mission and the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan Update and is an eligible use of Conservancy bond funds.

The detailed project proposal, maps, and line item budget are provided in Attachment 1.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND NEEDS:

The project is consistent with the following Parkway Master Plan goals and objectives:

Fundamental Goals

- Provide education and recreation facilities and programs, including a continuous multi-use trail the length of the Parkway.
- Conserve, restore, and enhance natural resources and protect cultural resources, while also meeting recreational and educational needs.

Cultural and Historic Resources

- Preserve and protect cultural and historic resources on Parkway public lands. (RA1)
- Foster community pride, attract visitors and tourists to distinctive areas, provide recreational opportunities, enhance educational opportunities, and augment the body of scientific and historic knowledge through identification, appropriate recognition, and promotion of historic and cultural resources.
- Utilize Parkway cultural and historic resources to educate the public about the values of this heritage (ROP10, RA1).

Environmental Education, Interpretation and Outreach

- Develop Parkway exhibits, interpretive walks and trails, programs, outdoor classrooms, and self-guided brochure tours. (NRPE1)
- Develop public education elements in all Parkway projects, facilities and programs. (NRPE2)

- Utilize educational and recreational programs developed by volunteer, school, and nonprofit organizations in the area to provide public outreach. (RP13)
- Develop educational and interpretive programs to highlight the diversity of features and uses of the river. Create an interpretive theme for each area. (NRPE4)

PROJECT FUNDING:

The proposed funding breakdown for the project is as follows:

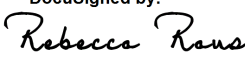
Project Task	Total Cost	SJRC Fund	Cost Share
Project Management	\$180,000	\$180,000	
Inventory and Analysis	\$61,000	\$51,000	\$10,000
Outreach	\$203,592	\$203,592	
Design	\$448,000	\$410,000	\$29,000
CEQA Documentation	\$57,000	\$57,000	
Visioning Document	\$18,083	\$18,083	
Indirect Costs	\$80,327	\$80,327	
Contingency (5%)	\$49,998	\$49,998	
Total	\$1,098,000	\$1,050,000	\$39,000

Project costs include:

- Project Management will include grant administration and oversight.
- Inventory and Analysis will include a qualified consultant to conduct a site survey and Geotech survey.
- Outreach will include stakeholder and community meetings
- Design will include conceptual and schematic design
- CEQA Documentation will include a qualified consultant to complete necessary CEQA filing.
- Visioning Document will include relevant design and engineering documents.

CEQA REVIEW AND ANALYSIS:

This project will result in a filed CEQA document for the 20.76 acres site. The Conservancy has agreed to serve as the CEQA Lead Agency for this project. The USGBC Central California anticipates hiring an environmental consulting firm to engage with all stakeholders and the general community to discuss the potential uses of the Circle V property.

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 Rebecca Raus
 Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Attachment 1: US Green Building Council Central California Proposal, San Joaquin River Conservancy Circle V Public Access Plan.



San Joaquin River Conservancy Circle V Public Access Plan

Submitted to the San Joaquin River Conservancy Board and State of California Wildlife Conservation Board by US Green Building Council Central California

December 8, 2020

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Contact: Laura Gromis, Executive Director
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Applicant Name: USGBC Central California

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Fresno, CA 93740

Project Manager: Laura Gromis Title: Executive Director

Authorized Signatory: Laura Gromis Title: Executive Director

Email: lgromis@usgbccc.org Telephone: 559-916-7023

Organization Type: 501(c)3 Federal Tax ID#: 90-0404106

Certification

I certify that the information contained in this application, including all required attachments is accurate and that I have been authorized to apply for this grant

DocuSigned by:

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Signature

12/24/2020

Date

Landowner Information

Landowner Name: San Joaquin River Conservancy

Contact: John Shelton Title: Executive Director

Authorized Signatory: John Shelton Title: Executive Director

Email: john.shelton@sjrc.ca.gov Telephone: 559-908-0584

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: San Joaquin River Conservancy Circle V Public Access Plan

Proposed Start Date: April 1, 2021

Estimated Completion Date: June 30, 2023

Funding Amount Requested from WCB: \$1,050,000

Total Project Cost (including amount requested and applicant / cooperator contribution):
\$1,098,000

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES FOR PROJECT

State Senate District:

District number	Name
12	Senator Anna M. Caballero

Assembly District:

District number	Name
5	Assembly Member Frank Bigelow

Organizational Profile

The **US Green Building Council Central California (USGBC Central California)** is a 501c3 non-profit organization with the mission to transform the way our building and communities are designed, built, and operated, enabling an environmentally and socially responsible, healthy and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life. USGBC-CC was founded in Fresno in 2006 by green building practitioners aiming to collaborate and learn from each other. In 2007 it earned non-profit status and in 2008 the organization became officially recognized as chapter of the US Green Building Council serving the Central Valley region. USGBC Central California aims to increase green building and community literacy through outreach, education, advocacy, networking and by elevating innovators that are working on implementing green solutions. We look to inspire leaders to aim for highest environmental achievements, teach practitioners how to implement new ways to design, build and operate buildings and connect professionals working on different aspects of green building design, construction and operation. We believe minimizing silos and understanding different perspectives is key to reducing barriers and addressing challenges to sustainability in the built environment. With our multi-disciplinary approach, we have been bringing together a variety of green building experts, building professionals, students, and the general public to learn about and advance transformative practices in the built environment through our green building education program, green building tours and outreach opportunities.

USGBC Central California has been part of the Transform Fresno Initiative since 2016 and is administering bicycle related outreach through the Bike Safe Fresno program since 2019. USGBC Central California is led by Executive Director Laura Gromis, supported by a 7-member board.

Project Collaborator

The **Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival (AICLS, or the Advocates)** is an all-Native led and run non-profit organization. The mission of the Advocates is to support the revitalization Indigenous language and culture in California. The Advocates were established in 1994 by culture bearers, activists and educators who recognized the languages in California were dwindling. A grassroots organization was developed to support the endeavor of linguistic and cultural resilience. After several years as a community organization under the fiscal sponsorship of Seventh Generation Foundation, in 2004 AICLS became incorporated as an independent organization.

Prior to Contact, California was once home to 80-90 different Indigenous languages, making it one of the most diverse places in the country. Throughout California's history, the Indigenous people have been subject to various genocidal acts, from enslavement in the California Mission system, massacres and wars, relocation from their tribal lands, and governmental policies enacted to assimilate them through boarding schools, removing children, and subjecting them to abuse if they spoke their languages or practiced their customs. These acts resulted in historical trauma, an intergenerational trauma passed down by groups that have been systemically

oppressed, resulting in various mental and physical health issues. California Indian tribes, while in the same state, are not homogenous and have different experiences, resulting in different responses. For some tribes, they lost their entire language, and for others, only a few speakers remain. Language and cultural revitalization are a way for the individual and the community to heal and overcome trauma, but they need help to get started.

The Advocates established Master-Apprentice Language Learning Program (MAP), a program that pairs a fluent speaker with an apprentice for up to 3 years during which they work together on the language through their daily activities. This model language approach has been replicated throughout the country and internationally in Australia, Sweden, and Canada. For the communities without speakers, the Advocates created the Breath of Life Institute at U.C. Berkeley, another model that has been replicated throughout the country with national workshops in Oklahoma, Ohio, Oregon, and Washington D.C. In this workshop, the participants learn language from archived materials located in university and museum archives. They learn with the assistance of a linguist, a specialist in the study of languages. The Advocates also support communities with mini-grants through our Seeds of Language program and hold a biennial Language is Life Gathering to bring together language workers from throughout the state to partake in panels, group discussions, and hands-on workshops.

For many communities, the languages spoken at these events are the first words spoken in generations. Many participants of Advocates programs have become educators and speak and write on the importance of Indigenous languages. The U.N. declared 2019 as the International Year of Indigenous Languages and declared 2022-2032 the Decade of Indigenous Languages to raise global awareness of the importance of languages for sustainable development, reconciliation, health and justice. When a language is lost, an entire worldview is lost.

The Advocates are led by an Executive Director, Carly Tex, with a 9-member Board of Directors from various California Indian tribes, Recognized and un-Federally Recognized. They are Richard Bugbee (Payoomkawichum), Nancy Steele (Karuk), Stan Rodriguez (Kumeyaay), Vincent Medina (Chochenyo Ohlone), Julian Lang (Karuk), Kayla Begay (Hupa/Karuk/Yurok), Matthew Vestuto (Ventureno Chumash) and Deborah Morillo (Obispeno Chumash) and supported by our linguistic advisor, Leanne Hinton. Several were on the founding Board and continue their service to this day. We have a statewide reach and work with several tribes from the border of Oregon to down to the border of Mexico, and work with some of the last living speakers of languages.

Project Cooperator

The **Lyles College of Engineering at Fresno State** provides high-quality academic programs in engineering and construction management that support the infrastructure and growth of the Central California region. Our mission includes developing each student's potential to the greatest extent possible, providing quality engineering education to all students and to serve students from groups that historically have not participated in a University education.

The Lyles College offers seven undergraduate degree programs in Architectural Studies, Civil, Electrical, Computer, Geomatics and Mechanical Engineering as well as Construction Management. Graduate degrees include Construction Management, Civil Engineering and Civil Engineering with options in Water Resources Engineering and Environmental Engineering as well as Engineering with options in Electrical, Computer and Mechanical Engineering. The CSU Board of Trustees also recently gave approval for the Lyles College to begin the formal design of a new bachelor's degree program in Biomedical Engineering. The experienced faculty has extensive industry, government, academic and research experience. Faculty members work closely with students and develop partnerships with industry members while opening doors for students to participate in internships, research and service learning projects. The two-dozen laboratories provide opportunities for advanced research projects. Faculty research is funded by external agencies including U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Transportation, Caltrans, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Key Personnel

Laura Gromis, LEED GA is the Executive Director of USGBC Central California. Laura has been working for more than 10 years on climate change solutions related issues, including green buildings, LEED, active transportation, ZNE, water conservation, energy efficiency, workforce development and climate change policies. Laura has a M.A. in Political Science, Public Law and Social Anthropology from Ruprecht Karls University Heidelberg, Germany and a Certificate in Political Studies from Science Po Lille, France.

Her work as executive director has been focused on connecting local and statewide leaders in the green building field with a local audience of practitioners. She has been sharpening the strategic development of USGBC Central California and created a locally focused approach to advance the green building discussion in the Central Valley.

Seeing climate change solutions as opportunities with multiple bottom lines has been the driving force in Laura's work. Her work on the intersection of industry, academia and government paired with her unique work experience offers a global perspective and insight into local solutions that she employs to find new ways to approach the subject, expand to new audiences and help establish beneficial collaborations. Her most recent work has been focused on outreach for active transportation elements in the Transform Fresno Initiative. As project lead, Laura will provide strategic support and direction, lead USGBC-CC's internal staff to guide and support community design and planning efforts and ensure successful implementation of all project components.

Angela Cardona is supporting USGBC-CC as Finance and Operations consultant. Angela graduated with a Business Administration degree with emphasis in Entrepreneurship from Fresno State University. She brings over 10 years' experience in the Finance and Operations fields of non-profits organizations. She worked as the Accounting Manager for Valley PBS and the Finance & Operations manager for the Downtown Fresno Partnership. Angela has created companies like CVITS – an IT Consulting Services business to ANZA WATER- a water filter distribution organization outside of the United States. Angela is currently attending University of

California, Davis to pursue a master's in business administration – MBA. She is the owner of Anza Consulting Services, a local firm created to help streamline operations and finance processes for small business and non-profit organizations. She truly believes that making small contributions to this world will make a big impact in the lives of others and their communities.

Carly Tex is the Executive Director of AICLS. A basketweaver, linguist, language instructor, community organizer and advocate, Carly has been creating a career in language and culture ever since she began weaving baskets at the age of ten. She was an apprentice through the Alliance for California Traditional Arts and co-founded a youth weavers' circle in the Fresno area. She has participated in grantmaking processes, and presented on California Indian language and cultural revitalization to local area schools, museums, and libraries. She obtained a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology with emphasis in Linguistic Studies from California State University Sonoma, and a Master's in Linguistics from University of Arizona through the Native American Languages Master's Program (NAMA). She has 10 years of progressive experience in language revitalization and documentation methods, program administration, event coordination, and project management. She facilitates online language courses and YouTube videos, while working on a website of online Western Mono resources. She also sits on the Board of Directors for the Alliance for California Traditional Arts (ACTA) and is a member of the California Indian Basketweavers Association (CIBA). From 2012 to 2018, she sat on the Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival (AICLS) Board of Directors and in 2018 was appointed Executive Director for Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival (AICLS) where she is responsible for the implementation of the AICLS programs, vision, and mission to support the revitalization of California's Indigenous languages. She is a member of North Fork Rancheria Band of Mono Indians and descendant of Dunlap Band of Mono Indians. She is dedicated to the revitalization of her heritage language, Western Mono.

Carmen Moreno is of the Tachi and Wuckchumni tribes from the Lemoore and Woodlake area. She has worked with AICLS for over 13 years as a volunteer and independent contractor through the AICLS Master-Apprentice Program, trainings and conferences. She is an educator and has demonstrated language and culture at various events and is affiliated with the California Indian Basketweavers Association. She and her family use the language on a daily basis and use technology to adapt language learning long-distance, as well as archiving and documenting her language through the making of a dictionary. She believes it is important for families to stay connected with each other by trying different resources and overcome obstacles they may face while learning to revitalize their languages within the household. She was a health care worker specializing in perinatal health care as a Lactation Consultant, and a Medical Assistant and Health Educator for health centers in Tulare and Orosi. Currently, she is a Program Assistant for the Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival (AICLS) and provides project management assistance to the Executive Director in areas of event coordination, outreach, communication, and mentorship to AICLS program participants.

Dr. Farīborz M. Tehrānī (fa.rī.borz-teh.rā.nī) is an Associate Professor at the CSU Fresno Lyles College of Engineering in the Department of Civil & Geomatics Engineering. His roles include Director, Fellow ASCE, Professional Civil Engineer, Sustainability Professional, and Project

Management Professional with three decades of academic and industry background in structural, geotechnical, and transportation engineering and management. Dr. Fariborz Tehrani has contributed to the publication of ten books; nearly seventy papers and technical reports; and presented nearly ninety papers and posters. His research and practice experiences focus on sustainable and resilient structural engineering, mechanics, and materials (SR-SEMM) and include structural analysis and design; earthquake resistant design; building materials and construction; road and bridge design; and project management. His research on sliding seismic isolation resulted in a patented methodology, Sliding Foundation System with Safety Margin, applied in construction of a small building in 1998. He has contributed to the engineering design of more than fifty structures and infrastructures; management and planning of nearly \$150 million projects; and development of several research proposals leading to nearly \$700k funding from NSF, DOT, and other public and private sources. Fariborz is a Fellow of ASCE and professional member of ACI, EMI, ASTM, and EWB. He is a voting member of ACI 213, EAC and ASTM C09, C12, C15, D04, and D18, the Academic Committee Past Chair of the ISI, and the Director of the ESCSI. Further, Dr. Tehrani has served in NCEES, PMI, CHESC, and EMI as panelist and subject matter expert. Fariborz reviews ACI, ASCE, IJDM, ES, and Elsevier journals and serves as an editor of SAGE journals. He has also mentored EWB student chapters in USC, UCSD, and Cal Poly SLO on multiple projects in Honduras, Ontario, and Nicaragua. Dr. Tehrani received the ASCE Region 9 Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award in 2015 for leading the Student Chapter from 2010 to 2015, the Best Practice Award from California Higher Education Sustainability Conference in 2017, and the best Research Award from ASCE Fresno and San Francisco for two projects in 2019. Fariborz received BSc from Sharif University of Technology, MSc from Amirkabir University of Technology, and MS, Degree of Engineer, and PhD from University of California, Los Angeles.

Michele Randel M. Arch, AIA, Assoc. DBIA, Architect is an Assistant Professor in the Construction Management Department in the Lyles College of Engineering. She is a licensed Architect in CA and has 25 years of experience in the industry. She has worked on many types of projects: Commercial, residential, educational, historic. In 2015 she won a City of Fresno Historic Preservation award for the Armenian Town Restoration project in Downtown Fresno. Michele received her Master of Architecture and Bachelor of Arts in Architecture and Religious Studies from Washington University in St. Louis, MO. She has been teaching architecture related courses part time since 2011. Since 2016, her main focus was to create a well rounded curriculum for students wanting to pursue a career as a Licensed Architect. In 2019, she went full time to teach more courses, advise students interested in architecture, and spearhead the approval to pilot the new Bachelor of Science Degree in Architectural Studies which began Fall 2020.

Dr. Lubo Liu is a licensed Professional Engineer in Environmental Engineering and a professor in the department of Civil and Geomatics Engineering of California State University, Fresno. Dr. Liu's general research areas are water resources engineering and environmental engineering. His particular research interests include urban storm water management and design, reactive transport and fate of contaminants in surface water and groundwater, environmental process modeling, environmental and geophysical fluid dynamics including limnological and riverine

hydrodynamics, bioremediation, subsurface characterization. Dr. Liu got his bachelor and master degree from Tsinghua University of China, and his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. He worked as a post-doctoral associate at Rutgers University and Michigan State University, respectively. Dr. Liu has more than 15 years teaching and 25 years research experience in his professional areas.

Dr. Laura Huisinga is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Art and Design (graphic design area; Interactive Multimedia BFA track) in the College of Arts and Humanities. She has her Ph.D. in Human-Computer Interaction from Iowa State University and her MFA in Graphic Design from the College of Art and Design at Iowa State University. She received her MFA in 2016 and her Ph.D. in 2017. Dr. Huisinga currently teaches in the Interaction Multimedia BFA design track. Her interest focuses on user experience (UX) design, usability testing methods, universal design, game theory for education, immersive design for extended reality (XR), including augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR), and designing for new technologies. Dr. Huisinga's research focuses on using augmented and virtual reality for education.

Dr. Chris Sterling is the Director of the Solutions Hub, a Craig School of Business Center, which connects community organizations with significant project needs to talented teams of MBA student consultants led by Craig School faculty experts. Dr. Sterling is an Associate Professor of Management teaching classes in Leadership, Negotiation, and Organizational Behavior while his research focuses on social networks, engagement and emotions in the workplace. In addition to his research pursuits Dr. Sterling has been involved in several consulting projects with a variety of organizations running the range from small non-profit organizations, medium size hospitals to fortune 500 companies in the food retail and pharmaceutical industries.

Project Location

All project activities will occur on property owned by the State of California, under the management jurisdiction of the San Joaquin River Conservancy (Conservancy), operated as Circle V, Madera County Assessor's Parcel Number: 049-062-002, 42388 Avenue 11, Madera, CA 93636. The property consists of approximately 13 acres of unirrigated pasture, a small hobby orchard, and two residences above the bluff; a steep bluff slope; and approximately 7 acres of sycamore/Valley oak woodland on the floodplain and extending to the San Joaquin River (Please see Figure 1). The State Lands Commission determined the net acreage is 20.76 acres (state sovereign lands are not included in the net acreage). The two residences (5,513 square feet and 1,720 square feet) on the property are in fair/average condition dating back to the 1960's. The Property supports high quality riparian habitat within the floodplain below the bluff. Deer, small mammals, coyotes, songbirds, and raptors live or forage on the site.

The Property is within the County of Madera's Rio Mesa Area Plan, and near the County's Gunner Ranch West and Village of Gateway area plans. Riverstone community development is

active in the immediate vicinity. The property is surrounded by properties planned for large scale development including lands owned by Richard Gunner, McCaffrey Corporation, and Jim Huelskamp. The upper portion of the property is designated low density residential development in the Madera County General Plan.



Figure 1: project site

Goals and Objectives

The project is in line with the mission of the San Joaquin River Conservancy and advances goals and policies defined in the San Joaquin River Parkway Masterplan. In general, the project looks to minimize impact on sensitive ecological resources by updating and repairing existing facilities and following protocols in line with leadership in energy and environmental design. It provides public access to quality scenery and outdoor recreation and emphasizes the engagement of tribal and other relevant stakeholders. It promotes the inclusion of local historical culture and aims to conserve and share cultural knowledge and foster community pride and collaboration.

Specific elements from the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan in line with this project include:

Vision:

- Vision 1: Safe, nearby, high-quality, and affordable outdoor, nature-oriented exercise, recreation, and hobbies;
- Vision 2: Natural areas and parklands in a metropolitan area deficient in such amenities;
- Vision 4: Direct benefits to many target audiences—e.g., anglers, bicyclists, outdoors-people, families, seniors, children, etc.
- Vision 5: Stewardship of important resources: e.g., water, floodplains, cultural sites;
- Vision 6: Venues, programs, and displays for hands-on, in-the-environment learning;
- Vision 7: Involvement and engagement in stewardship and service;
- Vision 9: Quality scenery, aesthetics, and viewsheds;
- Vision 10: Services and features within the Parkway that, as a by-product, also enhance the views, character, amenities, and values of neighboring properties; and
- Vision 11: Assurance that future generations will enjoy these resources, recreational and educational experiences.

Values:

- Value 1: The natural environment must be respected, cared for, and conserved;
- Value 3: Experiences in nature invigorate, refresh, instill wonder, and educate;
- Value 4: Outdoor activities contribute to individuals' health and well-being;
- Value 5: The community deserves and needs broadly available, convenient public access to open spaces and parks;
- Value 6: Parkway must benefit the public and serve all constituencies effectively, efficiently, and equitably, to maximize the common good;
- Value 7: The community must be involved in and have the opportunity to influence Parkway development; and
- Value 8: The Parkway will preserve natural areas and open spaces for the benefit of generations to come.

Fundamental Goals:

- Fundamental Goal 3: Provide education and recreation facilities and programs, including a continuous multi-use trail the length of the Parkway.
- Fundamental Goal 4: Conserve, restore, and enhance natural resources and protect cultural resources, while also meeting recreational and educational needs.
- Fundamental Goal 5: Conserve undeveloped areas of the floodplain to provide that they remain non-urbanized.
- Fundamental Goal 6: Develop the Parkway in a transparent and cooperative manner among local and state agencies; nonprofit land trusts, conservation, and stewardship organizations; neighboring landowners; and other stakeholders.

- Fundamental Goal 7: Create a Parkway and encourage land use and management policies for the San Joaquin River, its floodplain and bluffs, that will contribute to the economic vitality of the region, and enhance the health and quality of life of the region's residents.
- Fundamental Goal 8: Develop rules, regulations, outreach, and management practices to protect public health, safety, and natural resources.

Specific Goals and Policies

San Joaquin River Restoration Program

Policies

- SJRRP 2: Support, promote, and educate Parkway visitors about river history, restoration ecology, water supply, and the SJR Restoration Program.
- SJRRP 6: Maximize recreation and public access, while still taking into account the goals and objectives of the SJRC

Floodplain and Water Resource Management

Goals

- Water 4: Design and site Parkway structures and amenities to ensure that such features do not obstruct flood flows, do not create a public safety hazard, or result in a substantial increase in off-site flows or water surface elevations. For permanent above-grade structures, the minimum level of design flood protection shall be the adopted 100-year event, or as regulated by state and federal agencies. (RFMP2/RDP1)
- Water 10: Incorporate construction best management practices for stormwater quality management, including erosion and sedimentation controls and spill prevention and control, into construction specifications and permits. (RFP3/RFP4)
- Water 11: Incorporate drainage swales and other appropriate post-construction best management practices into the design of Parkway improvements to manage stormwater runoff. (RDP3)
- Water 13: Facilitate projects that demonstrate multiple benefits to water quality, water supply, and/or ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration, including, but are not limited to: protecting healthy watersheds, fisheries, and stream flows; implementing projects within watersheds that facilitate climate change adaptation; conserving and restoring ecosystems; collaborating and coordinating with the San Joaquin River Restoration Program and collaborating with federal agencies to protect fish and wetlands; reducing wildfire risks; improving watershed health; reducing contamination of rivers, lakes and streams; and assisting in the recovery of sensitive species by improving watersheds and associated habitat

Agricultural Resources

Goals

- Agri 1: Design, construct, and manage the Parkway in a manner that is compatible with agricultural uses (crops, livestock, orchards, and nurseries). (AO1)

Air Resources, Climate Change Adaptation, and Sequestration

Goals

- Air 1: In developing the Parkway, utilize opportunities to improve regional air quality and reduce the potential for Parkway projects to contribute to air pollution. (RFP1)
- Air 2: Incorporate climate adaptation and sequestration strategies in Parkway projects.
- Policies
- Air 5: Work with community and regional interests as a positive contributor to conservation of habitat and natural resources, and partner in the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- Air 6: Work to minimize the GHG footprint, energy and water use of Parkway operations, Conservancy and grant projects.
- Air 7: Participate in and implement state and regional strategies to address climate change.
- Air 9: Develop and incorporate climate change goals and evaluation criteria in Parkway projects and grants, elevating priorities for components such as sequestration and habitat and trail linkages.

Cultural and Historic Resources

Goals

- Cultural 1: Preserve and protect cultural and historic resources on Parkway public lands. (RA1)
- Cultural 2: Foster community pride, attract visitors and tourists to distinctive areas, provide recreational opportunities, enhance educational opportunities, and augment the body of scientific and historic knowledge through identification, appropriate recognition, and promotion of historic and cultural resources.
- Cultural 3: Utilize Parkway cultural and historic resources to educate the public about the values of this heritage (ROP10, RA1).

Policies

- Cultural 2: Develop educational materials and provide them at key public use locations instructing the public on value of cultural heritage and the need to leave sites

undisturbed. Include what to do in the event a cultural site is disturbed or an artifact is discovered. (ROP10)

- Cultural 3: Evaluate the potential for cultural resources at project sites and protect all such resources from disturbance during project construction. (RDP19)
- Cultural 4: Work with local Native Americans organizations to develop programs allowing ceremonial use of Parkway lands.
- Cultural 5: Work with local Native Americans organizations to develop programs allowing cultivation and harvesting of culturally significant plants.
- Cultural 6: Solicit the views of the local Native American community in cases where development may result in disturbance to sites containing evidence of Native American activity and/or sites of cultural importance
- Cultural 11: As part of any required CEQA review, identify and protect important historical, archeological, paleontological, and cultural sites and their contributing environment from damage, destruction, and abuse to the maximum extent feasible. Project-level mitigation shall include accurate site surveys, consideration of avoidance and project alternatives to preserve archaeological and historic resources, and provision for resource recovery and preservation when displacement is unavoidable.
- Cultural 13: Preserve and enhance historic resources for educational and cultural purposes through maintenance as feasible and through development of interpretive programs and facilities within the Parkway.
- Cultural 14: To the extent feasible, preserve any unique geologic resources within the Parkway for public enjoyment.

Public Access and Recreation

Goals

- Access 1: Provide river access and high quality recreation areas and facilities to meet recreational and environmental educational needs while conserving natural and cultural resources. (RA1)
- Access 2: Ensure access to all segments of the population and to all residents of the region, in metropolitan and outlying areas. (no#)

Policies

- Access 2: Minimize potential impacts to sensitive natural resources by grouping facilities and intensive uses, or siting facilities and intensive uses in areas that are already disturbed or developed, where feasible. (RP3)
- Access 17: Plan for transit connections/stops at trailheads, Parkway staging areas, and activity centers during project development. (RTPP1)
- Access 24: Maintain Parkway areas, access, and facilities in good condition and repair. (ROP4/RDP13)

Environmental Education, Interpretation and Outreach

Goals

- Interp 1: Provide within the Parkway a range of outdoor and environmental educational opportunities and programs to serve all members of the community.
- Interp 2: Develop support for the Parkway through outreach and engagement.
- Interp 3: Assure that educational opportunities highlight and incorporate the Parkway's natural resources, wildlife, and habitat.

Policies

- Interp 1: Develop Parkway exhibits, interpretive walks and trails, programs, outdoor classrooms, and self-guided brochure tours. (NRPE1)
- Interp 6: Develop public education elements in all Parkway projects, facilities and programs. (NRPE2)
- Interp 7: Utilize educational and recreational programs developed by volunteer, school, and nonprofit organizations in the area to provide public outreach. (RP13)
- Interp 8: Develop educational and interpretive programs to highlight the diversity of features and uses of the river. Create an interpretive theme for each area. (NRPE4)
- Interp 9: Engage in public outreach to a variety of groups and cultures; incorporate designs, text and graphics to communicate across multiple languages.
- Interp 10: Develop specific outreach messages and programs to reach a variety of audiences including, but not limited to, visitors, business and economic development interests, tourism, and others.
- Interp 11: Lead a process to secure community consensus in support of the Parkway.

Operations, Management, and Implementation

- Oper 10: Encourage public-public and public-private partnerships with other agencies and organizations that can assist in funding, implementing, managing, and maintaining Parkway facilities and programs.

Project Description

US Green Building Council Central California (USGBC Central California) proposes to develop a public access plan that will serve as a guide for future implementation projects on the 20.76 acres owned by the Conservancy at Circle V. The property includes two residential buildings and a storage shed. The two residences have been unoccupied since the Conservancy acquired the property in 2016. The residential buildings do not meet the specifications required for office and meeting usage. This project will prepare the site for public access by discussing

programming and usage for the buildings and site. The project will also include site and geotech surveys and the filing of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document. The end product of this planning project will include 65% of design plans for building and site above the bluff completed and conceptual ideas about access to the area below the bluff, the oak and riparian woodlands along the San Joaquin River captured.

USGBC Central California in collaboration with the Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival are looking to engage stakeholders and the general community in a discussion on potential uses of the Circle V property as Indigenous and Environmental Resource Center. The objective of this project is to create a vision for the public usage of the building and site to provide meeting and office spaces, access to the San Joaquin River, and more. The intent of this project is to adaptively reuse the existing structures and develop highly efficient office and meeting spaces with low operational costs. Impacts to the environment will be minimal by following green building guidelines and evaluating and preparing for third party green building certification. Landscape design will be considered for the design package and options for native plant gardens and habitat restoration opportunities discussed.

Through this project, local tribal communities will be able to access land and natural resources relevant for cultural practices and expressions, including collecting natural grasses, plants and acorns that are still relevant as building materials and staples for tribal communities. The property includes many species of cultural significance to the native American tribes. This project will allow tribal members access to these culturally relevant resources close to the urban center than many tribal members have moved to to be close to jobs and housing. In addition, the general public to gain access to a natural part of the river. Through this project and by creating access to this property, management of the property will be easier to facilitate and any natural elements will be easier to protect.

To increase the educational value, the project plan includes collaboration with Fresno State students in the department of Engineering, Construction Management, Interactive Multimedia and Business. The engineering and architectural students are going to work on conceptual designs based on discussions during the first stakeholder meetings and current site conditions. Interactive Multimedia concepts will be presented and upon approval of stakeholders options further developed. Two constructional management student interns will be working with the design team on design development. A capstone project from business students is going to develop a business plan based on the design concept incorporating the different elements of the building and property to prepare for the implementation grant. Educational site visits and other opportunities will engage stakeholders, the general public and local professionals in a conversation on ways to minimize impact of development and construction projects on the environment.

Scope of Work

The scope of work for this project includes the following tasks:

1. Project Management / Grant Administration

- a. Contracting / Procurement
- b. Initial administrative project set-up
- c. Scheduling, data management, project updates
- d. Team coordination

Deliverables: Subcontractor and personnel additions to team. Tasks 1b and 1c enable the project to move along efficiently, meeting deadlines and deliverables, managing the project schedule and subcontractor / team coordination.

2. Inventory and Analysis

- a. Existing document review
- b. Site survey / aerial survey by qualified consultant
- c. Geotech survey by qualified consultant
- d. Landscaping Analysis: Tree and Native Plant Report
- e. Student Service Learning Project: Planning
- f. Student Service Learning Project: Stormwater Management
- g. Student Service Learning Project: Engineering Design
- h. Student Service Learning Project: Business Plan Development

Deliverables: Site survey, geotech survey, landscaping analysis, engineering report, permit strategy for next stage of project development, business plan.

3. Outreach

- a. Develop stakeholder list and outreach strategy for three envisioned stakeholder meetings and 2 community meetings.
- b. Conduct virtual or in-person engagement opportunities with stakeholders, community and potential future users as possible by COVID guidelines
- c. Capture results and summarize public input to help guide project design
- d. Share programming, planning and design updates
- e. Stakeholder and community coordination

Deliverables: Stakeholder and community meetings or on-site visits and tours. May also include a project website, online surveys, virtual meetings, design charettes and project videos. The team will conduct outreach specifically focused on native american tribes to include local tribal members explicitly in the planning process and provide opportunities for input in the design, building a sense of ownership in the project and cultivating stewardship for the property.

4. Design

- a. Conceptual design

- i. Design alternatives (Student Service Learning Project)
 - ii. Drainage system design (Student Service Learning Project)
 - iii. Low-impact development concept (Student Service Learning Project)
 - iv. Interactive Multimedia Tools Overview (Student Service Learning Project)
- b. Conceptual Design for access pathway to river and landscaping on the lower part of the property (15% documentation)
 - c. Schematic design for building and site above the bluff (30% documentation)
 - d. Design Development for building and site above the bluff (65% documentation)

Deliverables: Conceptual design alternative overview posters and presentation, Schematic Design Package: Preliminary Project Description, Scope Narrative by Discipline, Schematic Site Plan, Proposed Design Sketches including schematic plans, elevations, 3D visualization, Cost Estimate, Set of 65% design plans from the following disciplines:

- Architectural (Dimensioned Demolition and Proposed Floor Plans, Reflected Ceiling Plans, Roof Plan, Elevations (Interior and Exterior), Cross Sections, Locations of Doors and Windows, Exterior and Interior Finishes
- Structural system (Framing and foundation plan)
- Mechanical & Plumbing (Equipment, diffusers and ducting layout)
- Electrical & Low Voltage (lighting, switch, Outlet locations)
- Landscaping: detailed site inventory of flora and fauna species, design development of pathways, design development of public use areas, plant list to be featured on site, development of irrigation system
- Civil Engineering: Civil Construction Documents (Cover Sheet, Existing Conditions / Demo Plan, Civil Site Plan, Detail Sheet, Precise Grading and Drainage Plan, Details, Master Onsite Utility Plan, Details, Erosion Control Plan, Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, Storm drain analysis and design, including incorporation of Low Impact Development best management practices incorporated at a conceptual level, Bluff Stabilization)

5. CEQA Documentation

- a. Qualified consultant (TBD) to complete initial study / mitigated negative declaration CEQA filings
- b. Qualified consultant to complete cultural resources study that tier-off the existing SJRPMP.
- c. Evaluate further permitting needs.
- d. Student Service Learning Project: Traffic Study

Deliverables: Necessary documentation for CEQA filings, which will be recorded in the state register.

6. Visioning Document

- a. The Visioning Document includes all relevant design and engineering documents developed throughout the process, excluding the CEQA documentation. Design graphics and narrative will help to envision the proposed updates for the property. Technical detail and 65% design documents will be included for the building and site above the bluff, 30% of the design for access to the river bottom and site below the bluff including oak forest and riparian woodland.

Deliverable: A Visioning Document will provide an overview of the project that communicates the vision, community input and necessary technical support documentation to move the project to the next phase.

Timeline

1. Project Management / Grant Administration	4/1/2021	6/30/2023
2. Inventory and Analysis	8/1/2021	2/28/2022
3. Outreach	4/1/2021	6/30/2022
4. Design	8/1/2021	6/30/2023
4.a Conceptual design development	8/17/2021	12/31/2021
4.b Schematic design development	11/1/2021	4/30/2022
4.c Design Development	4/1/2022	4/30/2023
5. CEQA	8/1/2021	6/30/2022
6.a Visioning Document assembly and development	1/30/2023	6/30/2023
Project Completion	6/30/2023	

Budget

Task Number and Name	Total Task Cost	Cost Share Contribution 1	Cost Share Contribution 2	Cost Share Contribution 3	WCB Funds Requested
1. Project Management / Grant Administration	\$180,000				\$180,000
2. Inventory and Analysis	\$61,000			\$10,000 Engineering SSLP In-kind contribution	\$51,000
3. Outreach	\$203,592				\$203,592
4. Design	\$448,000	\$18,000 Interactive Multimedia	\$10,000 Construction Management	\$10,000 Engineering	\$410,000

		SSLP In-kind contribution	SSLP In-kind contribution	SSLP In-kind contribution	
5. CEQA documentation	\$57,000				\$57,000
6. Visioning Document	\$18,083				\$18,083
Total	\$967,634				\$919,634
Admin Cost	\$80,327				\$80,327
Total	\$1,047,961				\$999,961
Contingency (5%)	\$49,998				\$49,998
Total	\$1,098,000				\$1,050,000

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Federal standards require newly designed or newly constructed and altered portions of existing trails connecting to designated staging areas or accessible trails to comply with the guidelines. The ADA guidelines recognize that the natural environment often prevents full implementation of certain technical provisions. Departures are permitted from certain technical provisions where at least one of four conditions is present:

- Where compliance would cause substantial harm to cultural, historic, religious, or significant natural features or characteristics;
- Where compliance would substantially alter the nature of the setting or the purpose of the facility, or portion of the facility;
- Where compliance would require construction methods or materials that are prohibited by federal, state, or local regulations or statutes; or
- Where compliance would not be feasible due to terrain or the prevailing construction practices.

Project Readiness

The project is ready to start as proposed in this proposal. For project approval processes of the SJRC, CEQA will need to be submitted by SJRC during this grant phase.

Permitting

This project will prepare a permitting strategy identifying required permits, timelines, responsible parties, and rough costs through qualified consultant (TBD) with permitting experience. The filling of permit applications is not part of this project and will occur during following phases of the project.

Long Term Management Plan

This project is a planning project and does not need to provide a long-term management plan.

Support and Collaboration

The landowner San Joaquin River Conservancy initiated the project discussion and is in support of the project. The collaboration team includes the Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival (AICLS) as tribal liaison representing the interest and conducting outreach to local tribes. The project is supported by Fresno State Construction Management, Engineering and Graphic Design.

Attachments

NOTE: THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO WCB ALONG WITH THE COMPLETED PROJECT APPLICATION A MINIMUM OF FOUR MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DESIRED BOARD MEETING DATE.

Attachment A - Resolution from USGBC-CC governing board

Attachment B - Project location map showing project area, GIS shape file

Attachment C - Photos of the project site

Attachment D - Complete line item budget in electronic MS Excel spreadsheet (Section VI)

Attachment E - Support letters (Section IX))

Attachment A

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1

Resolution of the Board of Directors of US Green Building Council Central California approving the application for grant funds from the Wildlife Conservation Board for the Vinnard Project.

WHEREAS funds were made available to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the enhancement or restoration of fish and wildlife habitat and for the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing or other wildlife-oriented recreational uses.

WHEREAS: US Green Building Council Central California intends to (insert project description).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the US Green Building Council Central California hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board; and
2. Certifies that said Applicant will comply with all federal, state and local environmental, public health, and other appropriate laws and regulations applicable to the project and will obtain or will ensure that the other project partners obtain all appropriate permits applicable to the project; and
3. Further commits to the terms and conditions specified in the grant agreement; and
4. Appoints Laura Gromis, Executive Director, as a representative(s) of US Green Building Council Central California to conduct negotiations, execute, submit and sign all documents including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and other documents which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed project.

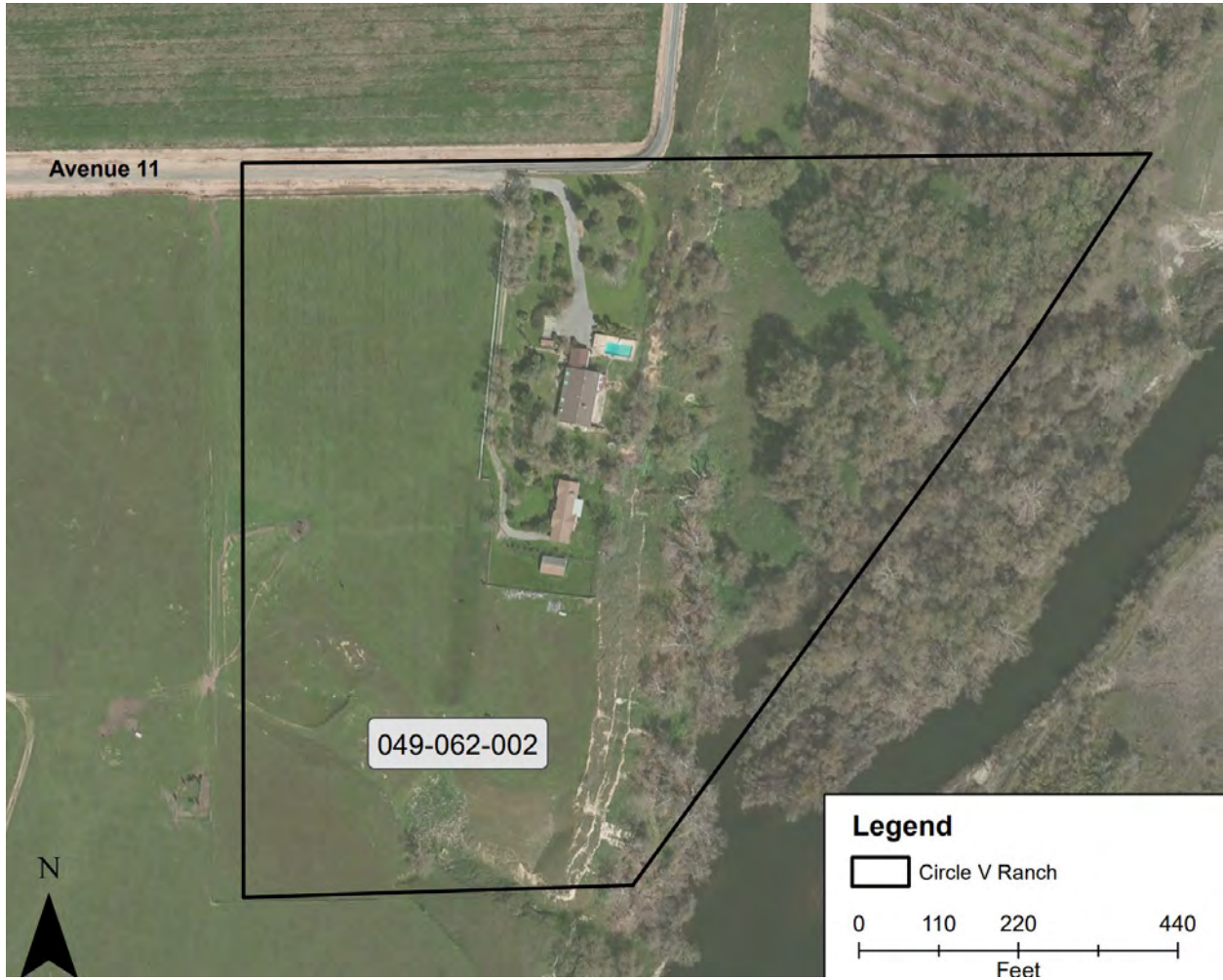
APPROVED AND ADOPTED the 1st day of December, 2020.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 1 was adopted by board of directors of
US Green Building Council Central California



Sheila Hakimipour, President of the Board

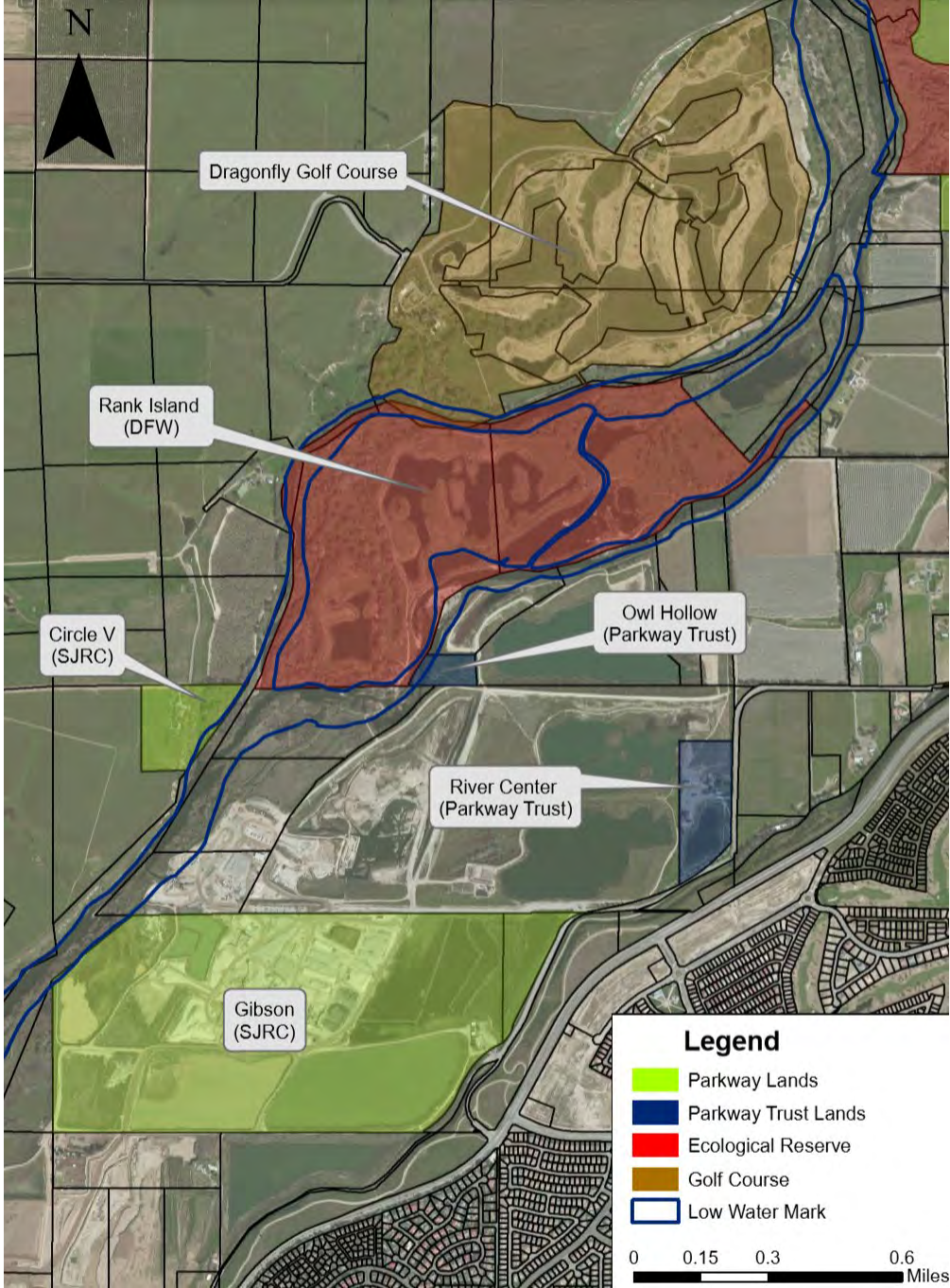
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Task Number and Name	Task Description	Org	Total Task Cost	Cost Share Contribution 1	Cost Share Contribution 2	Cost Share Contribution 3	WCB Funds Requested
1. Project Management / Grant Administration	a. Contracting: Design team, site survey, geotech survey, CEQA b. Initial project set-up (invoicing, file structure, communications and graphic standards) c. Scheduling, data management, project updates d. Project coordination	USGBC	\$180,000				\$180,000
2. Inventory and Analysis	a. Existing document review b. Engage a qualified consultant to conduct site survey / aerial survey c. Engage a qualified consultant to conduct geotech survey d. Engage qualified consultant to conduct tree and native plant study d. Project Studies, Evaluations, and Proposed Alternatives (Student Service Learning Project) e. Evaluation of hydrological conditions (Student Service Learning Project) f. Permit strategy (Student	Consultants	\$61,000			\$10,000 Engineering SSLP In-kind contribution	\$51,000
3. Outreach	a. Develop stakeholder list and outreach strategy for three envisioned stakeholder meetings and 2 community meetings. b. Conduct virtual or in-person engagement opportunities as possible by COVID guidelines c. Capture results and summarize public input to help guide project design d. Share planning and design updates	USGBC, AICLS	\$203,592				\$203,592
4. Design	a. Conceptual design for access to lower part b. Schematic Design (30% documentation) building and site c. Design development (65% design plan developed) building and site	Design Team: Architect, MEP, Landscape Architect, Civil Engineering, Interns	\$448,000	\$18,000 Interactive Multimedia SSLP In-kind contribution	\$10,000 Construction Management SSLP In-kind contribution	\$10,000 Engineering SSLP In-kind contribution	\$410,000
5. CEQA documentation	a. Qualified consultant (TBD) to complete necessary CEQA filings incl cultural report that tier-off the existing SJRPMP. b. Identify potential project impacts c. Traffic study (Student Service Learning Project)	CEQA Consultant, Fresno State Engineering	\$57,000				\$57,000
6. Visioning Document	a. The Visioning document includes all relevant design and engineering documents developed throughout the process, excluding the CEQA documentation. Design graphics and narrative will help to envision the proposed updates for the property. Technical detail and 30% design documents will be included.	USGBC	\$18,083				\$18,083
Total			\$967,634				\$919,634
Admin Cost	20% of non-contractor fees		\$80,327				\$80,327
Total			\$1,048,002				\$1,000,002
Contingency	5%		\$49,998				\$49,998
Total			\$1,098,000				\$1,050,000




SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

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Item: G-3

January 6, 2021

TO: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

FROM: John M. Shelton, Executive Officer 

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEM: Executive Officer's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is provided for informational purposes. No Board action is recommended.

SUMMARY:

Update on Current Activities of the Conservancy, with a more detailed update on a highlighted Project.

In order to keep the Board apprised of current activities, plus remind you of all the progress that has been made in the past, I will be reporting on current projects and other activities. The San Joaquin River Parkway (Parkway) is depicted in Figure 1: SJR Parkway Existing features, from the SJRC Master Plan Update 2018. If you have not read through the Conservancy's Master Plan Update, it is available at <http://sjrc.ca.gov/Parkway-Master-Plan-Update/>, and it is a great reference. The Conservancy has acquired over 2,600 acres of land along the San Joaquin River (**Error! Reference source not found.8**). Table 2 lists the other public lands within the San Joaquin River Parkway. Each report will highlight a project complex with additional background information so that activities can be put into the context of the multipurpose aspects of not only the San Joaquin River Parkway, but with individual components. This meeting, I will be highlighting the DWR's Sycamore Island Fishing Pond Enhancement Project.

COVID 19 and the Conservancy: The **Conservancy's office** is closed to the public until further notice due to COVID-19 related directives and orders from state and local agencies to prevent the spread of the virus. However, to provide the public with a continuity of service while protecting both the public and our employees, the Conservancy remains open for business by phone, email, and regular mail. Because our office has transitioned to maximize telework for the duration of this emergency event, there may be some delay as we work to respond to all requests in a timely manner. Our regular contact information remains valid, although we have been experiencing problems with our call-forwarding. We are considering the purchase of cell phones for all staff in the near future, but at this time, we mainly use our personal cell phones to stay connected. The Conservancy has finished the transition from the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District's server for our email to a state system hosted by the Department of Water Resources. With this transition, we all have new laptops to facilitate our work away from the office. Although we have all set up work-focused Gmail accounts to make our electronic correspondence more direct, we now have access to our state emails (first.last@sjrc.ca.gov). The public can still reach us at our general email: info@sjrc.ca.gov and office telephone (559) 253-7324.

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Focused Project Update:

1. Sycamore Island Fishing Pier

Background: The Department of Water Resources (DWR) submitted their Sycamore Island Fishing Pond Enhancement Project to the Conservancy as part of our Multi-benefit Ecosystem and Watershed Protection and Restoration (Proposition 1) competitive grants November 14, 2016, Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP). The project budget included significant leveraged funding from DWR and in-kind services from the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW). This project proposal was among the competitive grants recommended by the Conservancy's Evaluation Panel for the 2016/2017 grant cycle. The Conservancy Board approved this at the June 2017 meeting, and the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) approved it at their August 2017 meeting.

DWR proposed to construct public access enhancements to an existing off-stream gravel pit pond located at the Conservancy's Sycamore Island property. The project aims to improve fishing for the public and accessibility to the pond within the recreation area. The project includes a boat-launching and fish-stocking ramp, an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-accessible path and fishing pier for disabled individuals, an improved parking lot surface, and a restroom facility. The design includes an articulated gangway connecting the fishing pier to allow it to move with the variable water surface elevations resulting from river flow changes. It also included French drain structures that will allow water to flow into the fishing pond from adjacent ponds to extend the useful season duration. The project site was selected based on DFW's studies, which identified opportunities to improve public access to Sycamore Island and its increasing popularity as a fishing location.

Both DWR and DFW are parties to the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP) through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Settling Parties of the settlement to restore fish and flows back to the San Joaquin River. This project will increase off-stream recreational fishing along the San Joaquin River, a mitigation measure of the SJRRP, as stated in the SJRRP Program Environmental Impact Statement/ Report.

Status:

DWR and DFW have nearly completed the project, with almost all construction-related tasks done. This includes the construction of the boat ramp (Figure 2: Sycamore Island Fishing Pier Boat Ramp. This can also be used by DFW for stocking purposes.), a 40-foot by 16-foot fishing pier (Figure 3: Fishing Pier during installation of the walkway. Also notice the low water level from before the installation of the French Drain structure. and Figure 4: Fishing Pier after water level increase from installation of the French Drain.) with a 5-foot by 88-foot gangway (Figure 5: Delivery of the 88-foot gangway. and Figure 6: Installation of the gangway), a concrete and gravel parking area (4,696 sf) (Figure 7: Concrete and gravel parking area.), a 5-foot wide concrete and asphalt pathway connecting the parking area to a new 20-foot by 17-foot single vault toilet restroom facility (Figure 8: Installation of the vault restrooms.), and an 80-foot long French drain along the eastern berm of the fishing pond (Figure 9: Fishing Pond).

Next Steps:

DWR and DFW are finalizing the Project. Sycamore Island is currently closed for the season. The San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust (Parkway Trust)

concession agreement with the Conservancy base operating months is February through Veterans' Day (November 11th). This year, due to the high demand for open space during the public's response to COVID-19, the Parkway Trust has asked to re-open Friday, January 8th. We approved this request and expect to have Sycamore Island opened this Friday. Although DWR is still finishing required inspections and reports, we are very close to having this new Fishing Pier, the restroom facility, and parking all available to the public within weeks.

Other Current Projects Updates:

2. River West – Fresno

The City of Fresno staff has agreed in principle to apply for a grant to undertake the Final Design and Permitting. City staff is waiting for their change in administration before presenting the project to the Fresno City Council. The Conservancy is staying in contact with City staff in order to assist them where we can with this important step. With only three staff at the Conservancy, undertaking this step ourselves would likely require many other current projects to be delayed, so we are very supportive of working with the City of Fresno as the lead on this step and that their decision-makers are fully aware of what is needed to complete the future phases of this project. In addition to applying for the Final Design and Permitting grant, we will need to begin our discussions of operations and maintenance of the completed facilities. This discussion will need to be successfully completed before the Conservancy and the Wildlife Conservation Board can approve the actual construction of the facilities (see below for an update on the City of Fresno's Measure P). A rough estimate of a little over a year will be needed for Final Design and Permitting. This timeline can vary based on the complexities of the permitting process and the availability of staff to either complete the work or manage consultants. It is likely that if the City is our partner on this, they will contract out much of the actual design and permitting work, which requires additional time to secure these contracts. Once this phase is complete, we will have an estimate of the cost of construction of all the facilities, how to break them into tasks for project management, and the required time for construction, including any potential restrictions on construction windows due to environmental permits. At this point, the Conservancy estimates that construction will take a little over a year. This estimate is likely to be too short, but for the level of information we have at this point and assuming work can be carried out at all three parking areas and on the multipurpose trail concurrently, a year of construction may be possible. We should also understand that a shorter construction window would likely be more expensive than a more relaxed rate. Table 3 has a rough estimate of the timing needed, with a finish date of February 2024.

3. City of Fresno: Measure P

In the November 2018 general election, 52% of Fresno voters voted for Measure P, a voter initiative measure entitled the "Fresno Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Tax Ordinance" which proposed a 3/8-cent sales tax that would generate \$37.5 million annually for 30 years for Fresno parks and cultural arts. The City and the Superior Court determined that Measure P was invalid because it imposed a special tax approved by less than two-thirds of the voting electorate as covered by Proposition 13 (in 1978) and Proposition 218 (in 1996). Fresno Building Healthy Communities appealed the decision of the City and the trial court to the California Fifth District Court of Appeal, which ruled December 17th that, consistent with a recent First District Appellate decision, that neither Proposition 13 or 218 affects the voters' initiative power, and therefore neither imposes a two-thirds voting requirement on the passage of voter initiatives that impose special taxes.

Subsequent to this ruling, both Current Mayor Brand and incoming Mayor-elect Dyer have stated that they do not intend to appeal this decision. The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, according to press accounts, will be appealing this decision.

Measure P will impose a 3/8-cent sales tax to improve park safety and accessibility for persons with disabilities, update and maintain playgrounds and restrooms, provide youth and veteran job training, improve after-school, arts, and recreation programs, beautify roadways, and create parks and trails in neighborhoods without current access. The measure estimated in 2018 that this will generate \$37.5 million annually. The San Joaquin River Parkway is specifically mentioned in the Expenditure Plan (Text from Measure P):

“7-1406 - EXPENDITURE PLAN.

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(5) Safe Walking and Biking Trails; Street Beautification and Litter Removal; and the San Joaquin River Parkway

(A) Eleven-point twenty-five percent (11.25%) of the funds made available from Section 7-1404 shall be dedicated as described in this paragraph.

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(E) Of the funds made available pursuant to this paragraph, eighteen percent (18%) shall be made available for operations and projects consistent with the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan, in coordination with the San Joaquin River Conservancy and the San Joaquin River Parkway Trust”

4. Fig Garden Golf Course

In May of 2020, the County of Fresno’s Department of Public Works and Planning issued a notice of Initial Study Application and review of an application proposing to amend the County-adopted Bullard Community Plan by changing the land use designation of two parcels totaling 140.1 acres from “Recreational Open Space-Golf Course” to “Low-Density Residential” and to subdivide the two parcels into seven 20-acre parcels. These parcels are where the Fig Garden Golf Course was located next to the San Joaquin River at the end of Van Ness Blvd and are now controlled by Fig Garden Investment, LLC. The State Lands Commission (SLC) filed a comment letter alerting the County that according to the 1992 Administrative Maps of the River between Friant Dam and State Highway 99 that depicts the locations of the high and low water lines, the proposed 20-acres parcels conflict with state sovereign land and interest claims of the State. These administrative maps show the location and extent of sovereign land title interest claims of the State in and to the bed of the River. The comment letter explained that any use of sovereign land must be authorized by the SLC through a lease and be consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine. The Public Trust Doctrine generally limits property uses to public recreation, navigation, commerce, or environmental preservation. Further, SLC staff noted that private residential use is generally inconsistent with the Public Trust Doctrine. The SLC staff explained in their comment letter that they might be willing to explore the possibility of a land exchange agreement to convey the sovereign lands within the former golf course in exchange for lands that would benefit the public. The requirements for a land exchange are found in Public Resources Code section 6307, including the State receiving lands of equal or greater value than those given by the State, among other requirements.

Staff from the SLC has reached out to coordinate with the Conservancy so that their discussions with Fig Garden Investment can help further the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan, if agreeable to all parties. The Conservancy’s goals and objectives for this

area include a continuation of our Multipurpose trail, and public access to the River. In addition, since educational opportunities are an important area of interest in our 2018 Master Plan Update, we are interested in working with the Fresno County Office of Education on their interests in improving facilities and access to Scout Island. Two significant issues for public access and the use of Scout Island are that a public access pathway to the River is not readily identified, and the primary access road used for Scout Island is a single lane road that limits public safety requirements of the School site.

5. Van Buren – Valley Children’s Hospital – Hwy 41 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge

Conservancy staff continues to have discussions with the County of Madera and the City of Fresno regarding the Madera River West Project and the potentially associated Hwy 41 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge. Now that the November 2020 general election is over and the City of Fresno and County of Madera have their officeholders decided, we believe that these discussions can progress. In addition to the local jurisdictions, the Conservancy has also had informal discussions with the Parkway Trust about tackling the next phase of the Madera River West project. All of the various parties discussing these related projects are interested in collaboration, not competition for any grant funding. The Conservancy staff will continue to consult with all the parties to help support whoever decides that they can manage these projects effectively.

6. Ball Ranch & Ledger Island – Willow Unit, Tesoro Viejo and Cemex

Tesoro Viejo Conservancy’s (TVC) work has begun again after a pause due to the COVID-19 restrictions and uncertainties. In our latest communication, TVC reported that they hope to get a revised application into the SLC early this year.

River Partners has begun work on Ball Ranch and California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Willow unit as part of their grant to develop a restoration plan for the area. Their biologist conducted some initial surveys, and they were prepared to undertake some soil studies, but the latest COVID-19 restrictions have delayed the fieldwork until the Department of Fish and Wildlife staff can facilitate access through the Willow Unit of the equipment needed to carry out the soil studies.

In December of 2019, CEMEX filed the Rockfield Modification Project application with Fresno County, proposing to modify and continue its operations with a new operational plan (CUP Application No. 3666 - Plant Site and CUP Application No. 3667 for the Quarry Site). CEMEX and their consultants said that they would keep the Conservancy informed as this process continues. We continue to stay in communication with CEMEX, which included exploring ideas on how to work with CEMEX if their application is approved.

The Sierra Resource Conservation District (SRCD) (see <https://sierrarcd.com/>) has paused their work on an application for grant funding from the Conservancy due to the Creek Fire, and their work in addressing recovery efforts. The SRCD expects a tremendous number of additional trees and woody biomass will be available due to recovery efforts and that determining innovative uses forest derived biomass is very important. SRCD has coordinated a virtual meeting with Blue Forest Conservation and is working on a virtual meeting with CalRecycle to further these discussions.

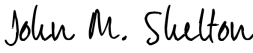
7. River Vista Bridge Remnants, Parking, and Gravel Path

The River Vista project is ready to move into implementation. Fresno and Madera Counties are working together to build a new vehicular bridge at Friant (Road 206 or North Fork Road). Conservancy staff continues to coordinate with the County of Fresno, who is the lead on this replacement, to see if they can add to the new bridge construction project

and remove the old bridge remnants. The Conservancy has submitted a support letter to assist their efforts to add onto the new bridge project a bicycle/pedestrian passage. It is our understanding that under state guidelines that including bicycle crossings of Rivers into existing or replacement infrastructure is a priority (see Fresno COG's SB743 Local Assistance Program and Regional Guidelines: <https://www.fresnocog.org/sb743-regional-guidelines-development/>). In our last update from Fresno County, they informed us that the bike path would likely be part of the replacement bridge.

8. Lost Lake Park Master Plan and Facilities Improvements

The County of Fresno is still working on getting a grant to the Conservancy to finish the Lost Lake Master Plan update and upgrade a couple of their playground areas for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. Although these projects are important to the County, due to staffing turnover and other priorities, they have not provided any grant applications yet. The latest issues pertaining to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and how they will need to address this. The County's staff working on this is not well versed in CEQA but has reached out to other County staff with this experience to help in the application. Wildlife Conservation Board staff, along with Conservancy staff, have been assisting as needed.

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San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan Update

Figure 5-1 EXISTING FEATURES

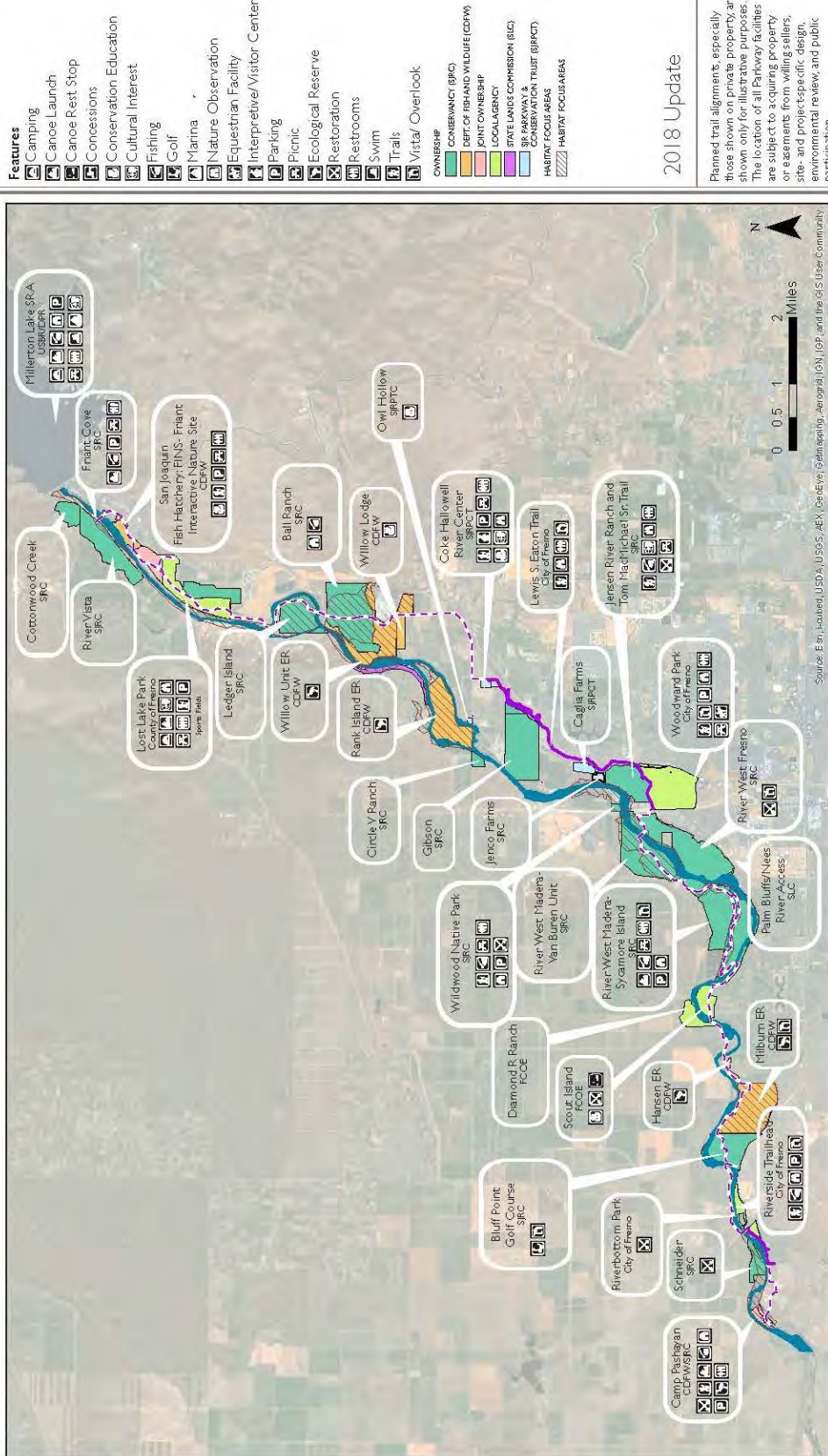


Figure 1: SJR Parkway Existing features, from the SJRC Master Plan Update 2018

Table 1: SJRC Properties, updated from the SJRC Master Plan Update 2018

San Joaquin River Conservancy Properties

Land Acquisitions	Year	Fresno (Acres)	Madera (Acres)
Wildwood Native Park	1996	0.00	22.00
Jensen River Ranch	1997	156.10	0.00
Beck	1998	105.92	0.00
Friant Cove	1998	2.64	0.00
Ball Ranch	2000	358.40	0.00
Schneider	2000	0.00	47.10
Wagner (aka Cottonwood Creek)	2001	0.00	64.32
Ledger Island	2001	0.00	161.17
River Vista	2001	0.00	176.66
Van Buren (aka Proctor, Broadwell, Cobb, part of River West Madera)	2001	0.00	261.54
Willow Lodge (Finch, Glaspey)*	2002	40.00	0.00
River West Fresno (Spano)	2003	290.84	50.00
Sycamore Island	2005	0.00	347.00
Transfer of lands between DFG and SJRC including River Vista, Van Buren, Ledger Is, and Moen	2006-08		974.54
Liddell/Bluff Pointe Golfing Center	2005	134.00	0.00
Gibson	2008	320.96	0.00
SJ Fish Hatchery (Friant Station)*	2008	2.00	0.00
SJ Fish Hatchery (Hovannisian)*	2011	0.17	0.00
Camp Pashayan**	2012	11.43	0.00
Jenco Farms	2015	23.16	0.00
Circle V Ranch (Vinnard)	2016	0.00	20.82
Cobb/Madera Co	2020	0.00	11.52
Slenders (in process)	2021	0.00	35.45
Lanes Road - Gagnebin (on WCB's agenda for Feb. 2021)	2021	22.87	0
Total	2,666.07	1468.49	1197.58
<p>*These lands were acquired by the Conservancy to be managed under the jurisdiction of CDFW.</p> <p>**Camp Pashayan was originally acquired by the River Parkway Trust in 1995 and later sold to the Conservancy.</p>			

Table 2: San Joaquin River Parkway – Public Lands other than SJRC Properties

OTHER PARKWAY PUBLIC LANDS

California Department Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	Year	Fee		Cons. Easement
		Fresno (Acres)	Madera (Acres)	
Hansen Unit San Joaquin River Ecological Reserve (ER)		34.00	0.00	
Lost Lake Park (see also County of Fresno)		76.00	0.00	
Rank Island Unit SJR ER		270.00	0.00	
SJ Fish Hatchery		35.35		
Milburn Unit SJR ER	1989	286.00	0.00	
Willow Unit SJR ER (1)	1990	149.67	0.00	
Willow Unit SJR ER (2)	1992	88.23	0.00	
Camp Pashayan Unit SJR ER**	1995/ 2012	20.00		
Total	959.25	959.25	0.00	0.00

**Camp Pashayan was originally acquired by the River Parkway Trust in 1995 and later sold to the Conservancy.

San Joaquin River Parkway & Conservation Trust	Year	Fee		Cons. Easement
		Fresno (Acres)	Madera (Acres)	
Coke Hallowell River Center		20.00	0.00	
Spano Remnants	2003	6.00	0.00	
Owl Hollow	2005	5.00	0.00	
Caglia Farms	2006	28.20	0.00	
Sumner Peck Ranch Winery (in progress)	2021	76.20	0.00	
Total	59.2	135.40	0.00	0.00

American Farmland Trust	Year	Fee		Cons. Easement
		Fresno (Acres)	Madera (Acres)	
Hansen Conservation Easements		0.00	0.00	95
Total	95	0.00	0.00	95.00

Fresno County	Year	Fee		Cons. Easement
		Fresno (Acres)	Madera (Acres)	

Lost Lake Park (see also CDFW)		191.66	0.00	
Friant Road Scenic Lands (Eaton Trail)		141.00	0.00	
Total	332.66	332.66	0.00	0.00

Fresno County Office of Education	Year	Fee		Cons. Easement
		Fresno (Acres)	Madera (Acres)	
Scout Island	2000	84.66	0.00	
Diamond R Ranch	2000	0.00	68.00	
Total	152.66	84.66	68.00	0.00

City of Fresno	Year	Fee		Cons. Easement
		Fresno (Acres)	Madera (Acres)	
Riverbottom Park	1999	35.00	0.00	
Total	35.	35.00	0.00	0.00

US Bureau of Reclamation	Year	Fee		Cons. Easement
		Fresno (Acres)	Madera (Acres)	
Friant Dam Access Areas		137.50	137.50	
Total	275.	137.50	137.50	0.00

Partners Total	Year	Fee		Cons. Easement (Acres)
		Fresno (Acres)	Madera (Acres)	
Total	1,889.97	1684.47	205.50	95.00

	Subtot	Fee		Cons. Easement (Acres)
		Fresno (Acres)	Madera (Acres)	
San Joaquin River Conservancy Properties	2666.07	1468.49	1197.58	0.00
Other Public Lands	1813.77	649.02	205.50	95.00
Total Public Lands in SJR Parkway	4479.84	3076.76	1403.08	95.00



Figure 2: Sycamore Island Fishing Pier Boat Ramp. This can also be used by DFW for stocking purposes.



Figure 3: Fishing Pier during installation of the walkway. Also notice the low water level from before the installation of the French Drain structure.



Figure 4: Fishing Pier after water level increase from installation of the French Drain.



Figure 5: Delivery of the 88-foot gangway.



Figure 6: Installation of the gangway



Figure 7: Concrete and gravel parking area.



Figure 8: Installation of the vault restrooms.



Figure 9: Fishing Pond

Table 3: Rough estimate of River West Timeline.

	Duration (weeks)	Start	End
		08/17/20	
Next Phase Grant Application Approvals			
Final Design and Permitting Application Approval (WCB's May 21 meeting)	21	02/03/21	05/27/21
Final Design and Permitting	66	05/27/21	09/01/22
Construction Grant Application Approval	10	09/01/22	11/10//22
Construction	68	11/10//22	02/29/24