

American River Parkway

# Natural Resources Management Plan



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# Presentation Outline

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- 🐾 Discussion



# Background

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## 🐼 2007- 2010

- ➔ SARA Envisioned NRMP
- ➔ 1<sup>st</sup> Committee (*SARA – Parks – Water Forum*)
- ➔ Baseline Veg. Mapping & Recommendations

## 🐼 2014 – 2018

- ➔ NRMP Work Plan Drafted
- ➔ 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee (*Multiple Stakeholder Groups*)
- ➔ RFQ Issued - Based on Work Plan



# Background

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- 🐻 **2019 – 2022 – Final NRMP Process Begins**
  - ➔ Grant Agreement with WCB
  - ➔ NRMP Task Force Formed (*Multiple Meetings*)
  - ➔ Multiple Public Engagements Held
- 🐻 **2021 - Public Draft NRMP – Issued in March**
- 🐻 **2022 - September**
  - ➔ Public Draft Sub. EIR Issued
  - ➔ Final Draft NRMP



# Purpose

- 🐼 Protect & Enhance Natural Resources
  - ➔ Identify Goals & Objectives
  - ➔ Guide Adaptive Management
- 🐼 Addresses ARPP Goals, Policies, & Implementation Measures Including:
  - ➔ Resource Impact Monitoring Plan (3.4)
  - ➔ Vegetation & Wildlife Management Plan (3.5)



# NRMP Overview

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- Provides Relevant Background Information
  - Biological, Physical, & Cultural Resources
  - Human Use Impact Reduction
- Details Existing Resources & Potential Actions for each of the 19 Area Plans



# NRMP Overview

Goal Areas

Goals

Objectives



**Biological Resources**

**7**

**23**



**Physical Resources**

**2**

**3**



**Cultural Resources**

**2**

**2**



**Human Use Impact Reduction**

**6**

**9**



**Agency & Community Coordination**

**5**

**8**

**Total**

**22**

**45**

**S**pecific-**M**easurable-**A**chievable-**R**ealistic-**T**ime-Bound



# NRMP Overview

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- 🐼 Site Specific Potential Management Actions
  - ➔ ~ 65 Projects: ~ 12 likely within 10-years
  - ➔ Examples
    - Establish Low-Growing Native Vegetation Under Power-Lines (Discovery, Woodlake, Cal Expo, & Watt)
    - Develop a Conceptual Naturalization Plan for Storm Water Runoff Channel (Woodlake)
    - Develop Conceptual Naturalization Plan for Open Mining Pits/Ponds (Sacramento Bar)





# NRMP Overview

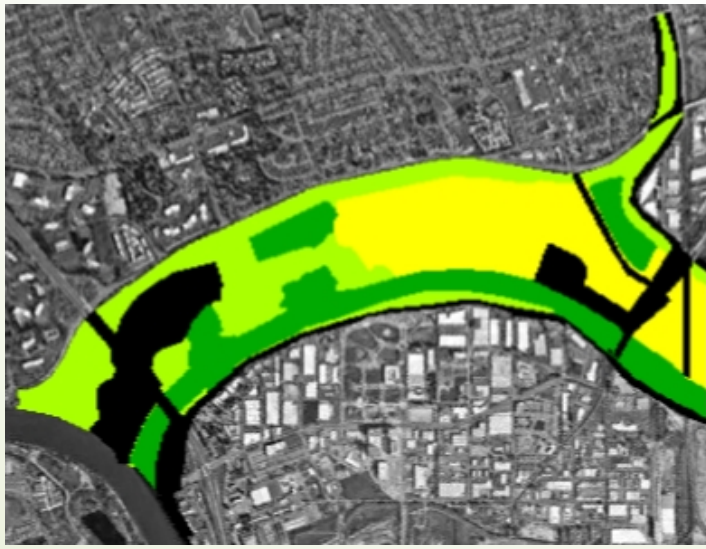
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- 🐼 General Management Actions
  - ➔ Common Actions Across Parkway
  - ➔ Many Identified as Goals & Objectives - Including
    - Update Invasive Plant Management Plan
    - Rehabilitate Areas Impacted by Encampments
    - Remediate Social Trail Impacts
    - Develop a Wildfire Prevention, Response, and Rehabilitation Strategy



# NRMP Overview

- 🐿 Management Categories
  - ➔ Conservation, Restoration, Naturalization, (Rehabilitation)
  - ➔ Strive to Convert Areas to Conservation Status



# NRMP Overview

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- 🐢 NRMP Annual Monitoring & Reporting
  - ➔ Oversight – Tech. Advisory Committee (TAC)
    - ➔ 9 members - 3 Stakeholders
- 🐢 Draft Monitoring Plan (NRMP Appendix D)
  - ➔ Finalizing with TAC
  - ➔ Recreation & Parks Commission Approval



# NRMP Feedback

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- 🐼 Prior to March 2021 Draft NRMP
  - ➡ 1 Web Survey & 7 Workshops
    - Recreation and Parks Commission
    - American River Parkway Advisory Committee
  - ➡ Key Take Aways / Highlighted Concerns
    - Encampments, Invasive Plants, Education to Reduce User Impacts, Wildfire, Monitoring & Community Science, Electric Utility Corridor



# NRMP Feedback

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## 🐼 Draft NRMP

- ➔ 13 Commentors - Over 330 Comments
  - ~ 48% - Corrections or Clarifications
  - ~ 18% - Feedback From Good to Not Enough
  - ~ 35% - Clarification Provided to Commentor
- ➔ Responses Shared & Posted on Parks Website
- ➔ Key Concern – Funding for Implementation



# NRMP Implementation

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- 🐼 Five Year Work Plan

- ➔ Estimated \$18M Increase
  - \$16M in Potential Grant Funding Opportunities
  - \$2M Funding Gap
  - Ongoing Future O&M Costs Likely to Increase
- ➔ FY 23/24 growth request forthcoming for staff augmentation
  - Associate Planner
  - Natural Resource Specialist



# Environmental Analysis

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- 🐿 NRMP Draft Subsequent EIR (ARPP EIR)
  - 🐟 Public Review: Sept. 9 – Nov. 3, 2022;
    - 4 Comment Letters
  - 🐟 Minor Changes to Mitigation Measures
    - BR-18: Survey Period for Nesting Raptors – Feb. 1 to Sept. 15
    - BR-17: Surveys Associated with Bank Swallows to occur within 200-feet of Bluffs



# Environmental Analysis

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- Minor Changes to Mitigation Measures (Cont.)
  - CR-3 & CR-4: Clarifies that Lands On or In Tide or Submerged Land Falls Under CA State Lands Commission Jurisdiction and they shall be consulted
- NRMP Final Subsequent EIR –
  - Published February 16, 2023





# Recommendation

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- Certify NRMP Subsequent Final EIR
- Adopt Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations
- Adopt Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
- Approve Final NRMP

## Questions?

