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## **American River Parkway NRMP Chapter Update**

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### **Status of Administrative Draft Sections**

The Administrative Draft Natural Resources Management Plan (NRMP or Plan) was delivered to Sacramento County Regional Parks on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The draft included all the chapters except for the final chapter, Implementation. MIG has received comments from Regional Parks and WCB. The following provides information about each chapter and the status of the draft. As a note, future drafts will separate the Natural Resources Chapter into two separate chapters: (1) Biological Resources; and (2) Physical Resources. The Administrative Draft does not contain images and figures; these will be incorporated into the Public Draft NRMP.

### **Administrative Draft Status**

- 1.0 Introduction = Completed
  - Introduces the purpose of the NRMP, the planning approach applied in the Plan, and the key issues on which the Plan focuses.
- 2.0 Goals and Objectives = Completed
  - Outlines the NRMP's goals and objectives. The chapter also presents Regional Parks' mission statement and goals, the Parkway Plan's goals, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Acts, guidelines from the NRMP RFP/RFQ, and desired conditions, all of which guided the development of the NRMP.

- 3.0 Parkway Setting = Completed
  - Describes the Parkway setting in greater detail with a focus on Area-specific physical attributes and land use. The chapter also discusses the regulatory setting, including federal, state, and local laws and regulations, that will influence NRMP implementation, the Parkway's contribution to regional conservation initiatives, and the anticipated impacts of climate change on natural resources.
- 4.0 Natural Resources = Completed
  - Provides a description and analysis of existing natural resources. Natural resources are defined as both the biotic (living) and abiotic (non-living) components of the environment. For subsequent drafts, the chapter will be divided into two separate chapters: Biological Resources and Physical Resources. The includes a discussion on wildland fire and the potential impacts of wildland fire on Parkway natural resources. As such, the chapter will be divided into separate biological resource and physical resource chapters in future drafts.
- 5.0 Cultural Resources = Completed
  - Describes the Parkway's cultural resources. The chapter includes discussion on the ethnographic and historic setting of the Parkway and the results of archeological studies and historical reports on cultural resource findings.
- 6.0 Human Use = Completed
  - Gives an overview of human uses in and adjacent to the Parkway, including recreational uses, non-recreational uses (e.g. residences and infrastructure), and homelessness. The chapter analyzes these uses and discusses their impacts on Parkway natural resources.
- 7.0 Management Actions and Strategies = Completed
  - Discusses management actions and strategies to protect natural resources and then applies the strategies to addressing the key issues of concern. The chapter also outlines how the NRMP will incorporate aspects of the adaptive management framework.

- 8.0 Implementation = Pending
  - Addresses implementation strategies, including performance metrics, research and monitoring, potential funding, and agency roles and responsibilities. The implementation plan will also include potential Parkway enhancements coordinated through the NRMP Task Force. The NRMP Task Force would be comprised of agencies with mitigation and restoration interest in the Parkway (e.g. SAFCA, Water Forum, WCB).