



Lower American River Conservancy Program Project Updates

Project Name: *Lower American River Natural Resources Management Plan*

Grantee: *Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks*

WCB Grant Amount: *\$618,380*

Planning or Implementation Grant: *Planning*

Grant Term: *1/7/2019 to 3/15/2023*

Brief Project Summary: Preparation of a Natural Resources Management Plan (NRMP) for the American River Parkway (Parkway) is intended to provide a clear understanding of Parkway resources, the effects of disturbances such as flood, fire, invasive species and human impacts, as well as opportunities for protections and enhancements. The NRMP is also intended to provide relevant and defensible information to ensure the Parkway Manager is making informed decisions for managing, maintaining, and enhancing Parkway resources. The goal is to aid in management that promotes a healthy ecosystem by protecting and enhancing natural resources while balancing the concurrent American River Parkway Plan goals of flood control, recreational opportunities, and public safety.

Deliverables Status:

- Project Management: 85% Complete (100% estimated by February 15, 2023)*
- Data Collection, Data Management, and Geographic Information System: 85% Complete (100% estimated by December 1, 2022)*
- Public Outreach: 50% Complete (100% estimated by December 1, 2022)*
- Natural Resources Management Plan: 95% Complete (100% estimated by December 1, 2022)*
- Programmatic Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement: 60% Complete (100% estimated by January 31, 2023)*

Upcoming Work:

- Issuing the public draft of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) with a final version of the NRMP and holding a public meeting.*
- Finalizing the SEIR for certification by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and adoption of the final NRMP.*

Is the project on track for completion by end of grant term? *Yes*

Describe any significant delays, oversights, or shortfalls with the project: *The level of effort to prepare the NRMP in coordination with various stakeholders has required additional resources that has resulted in much higher costs than originally estimated. The total project cost with the amendments is currently about 10% above the estimated project costs.*

Will a time extension request be needed? *No*

Will a funding augmentation be needed? *No*