



Lower American River Conservancy Program Project Updates

Project Name: *Effie Yeaw Nature Center Facilities Improvement Planning*

Grantee: *American River Natural History Association (Association)*

WCB Grant Amount: *\$112,000*

Planning or Implementation Grant: *Planning*

Grant Term: *4/8/2020 to 3/31/2023*

Brief Project Summary: This planning project will enable the Association to complete environmental review for the Effie Yeaw Nature Center's Master Plan and obtain approval of the Master Plan by Sacramento County. Additionally, engineering studies and designs will be completed for Phase 1 construction to bring this work to a shovel ready status. Phase I includes construction of a separate aviary adjacent to the Museum Building and replacement of the amphitheater with an improved and more useable outdoor education classroom. The new aviary will replace the outdated and substandard mews currently used to house live animals serving as ambassadors for the Nature Center. The existing mews will be converted into an improved animal care area.

Deliverables Status:

Task 1 – Public Outreach

- *Advertising and marketing materials – 50%*
- *Public meeting dates and attendance records – 25%*
- *Consolidated report of input received from public meetings – 0%*

Task 2 – Phase I Engineering and Designs

- *Final engineer study reports – 25%*
- *65% and 100% design plans for Phase I construction – 25%*
- *Construction documents – 0%*
- *Approval of 100% designs for Phase I construction by Sacramento County Recreation and Parks Commission (RPC) – 0%*
- *Copies of issued permits – 0%*

Task 3 – Master Plan Environmental Review

- *Regional Parks CEQA Request submitted to the County Office of Planning and Environmental Review – 100%*
- *Initial Study prepared by Lead Agency – 25%*
- *List of Responsible Agencies and all Trustee Agencies that were informally consulted with by Lead Agency – 25%*

- *Draft CEQA document provided 30 days prior to start of public comment period – 0%*
- *Notice of intent filed with the State Clearinghouse – 0%*
- *County BOS certification/approval of CEQA document - 0%*
- *Notice of Determination filed with the State Clearinghouse – 0%*

Task 4 – Master Plan

- *Minutes of the ARPAC and RPC meetings for Master Plan review - 0%*
- *RPC approval of Phase I 100% designs- 0%*
- *BOS Resolution approving Master Plan – 0%*

Task 5 - Project Management/General

- *Invoices – 0%*
- *Quarterly progress reports – 25%*
- *Copies of subcontracts over \$10,000 – 0%*

Upcoming Work: Public meetings, construction documents and associated permitting, formal planning review processes

Is the project on track for completing by end of grant term? Yes, pending permitting

Describe any significant delays, oversights, or shortfalls with the project:

- *Transitions in organization management.*
- *Transitions in Board leadership.*
- *Covid-19, facility closures and financial impacts.*
- *CEQA cost and process not covered or waived by County of Sacramento.*

Will a time extension request be needed? No

Will a funding augmentation be needed? No