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# AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

A PROGRAM OF THE AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATION

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# ARPF MISSION AND VISION

Incorporated in April 1983 as a nonprofit 501c3

**Vision:** The American River Parkway to be one of the nation's premiere urban parks

**Mission:** Lead and inspire the community to conserve and nurture the American River Parkway as a unique, accessible resource for everyone to enjoy



# ARPF PROGRAMS

Clean-Ups  
Invasive Plant Removal  
River Bend Outdoor Education Site  
Parkway CONNECT  
Interpretive Program  
Trail Maintenance  
Infrastructure Improvement  
Mile Steward Program  
Native Plant Program  
Pups in the Park  
Tribute Tables  
American River Parkway Fire Safe Council



# CALIFORNIA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

Nonprofit corporation first formed as a project of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) in 1993

**Mission:** To be California's leaders in community wildfire risk reduction and resiliency

**Leadership:** CFSC works with community leaders, governmental agencies, and corporations to provide education on the dangers of wildfires and how they could be prevented through hazardous fuel reduction and defensible space

**Grants:** Since 2004, CFSC has awarded over \$118M in grant funding



# PARKWAY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL: CONCEPT

Began discussions with State Fire Safe Council in response to significant increase in Parkway fires during early-2021

- Public service infrastructure *within* the Parkway at highest risk

Started meeting with CAL FIRE, regional Fire Safe Councils, local fire protection agencies, utilities, and other Parkway stakeholders

Evaluated various models for Council organization and structure including single-purpose nonprofit, government-convened, and program-based approach



# PARKWAY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL: CONVENED

Established the American River Parkway Fire Safe Council as a Program of the American River Parkway Foundation

Hosted first meeting in August 2021

- Over 20 representatives from 15 agencies and organizations met to review locations of critical infrastructure in Parkway (i.e. electric, water, sewer, flood, etc.)



# PARKWAY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL: COMMITTED

## Mission

To reduce fire risk and preserve the natural and infrastructure resources within the American River Parkway and contribute to reduced fire risk for homes and businesses along the Parkway.

## Goals

- Develop prescribed wildfire hazard risk reduction plans for each area within the Parkway
- Protect the infrastructure that exists on the Parkway
- Identify other high fire risk issues
- Address the safety concerns of Parkway users
- Engage the public in support of fire management activities



# PARKWAY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL: PLANNING BEGINS

In September, Council members agreed the highest wildfire risks lay between miles 2 through 6 – the Cal Expo/Woodlake area including Bushy Lake and Sutter's Landing

- Council members select Cal Expo/Woodlake area for 2022 Pilot Project

Planning begins using measures from the Sacramento County-commissioned *2015 Report of Wildfire Hazard Conditions and Recommendations for Wildland Hazard Reduction in the Sacramento County Regional Park System* as a foundation





# PARKWAY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL: THE PILOT PROJECT

In December 2022, the Council completed the actionable 2022 Cal Expo/Woodlake Fire Hazard Reduction Plan with measures related to:

- Fuel Reduction and Integrated Vegetation Management
- Improving Trails, Fire Roads, and Fire Breaks
- Reviewing Maps, Signage, and Safety



# PARKWAY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL: IMPLEMENTATION

In July 2022, the Council coordinated its first fuel reduction project in collaboration with Sacramento County Regional Parks and Team Rubicon, an international relief organization



# NEXT STEPS

Develop and implement a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for the American River Parkway

- Hired Deer Creek Resources in October 2022 to complete the CWPP
- Goals of the CWPP:
  - Identify and prioritize areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments
  - Recommend the types and methods of treatment that will protect essential infrastructure and communities adjacent to the Parkway
  - Recommend measures to reduce structural ignitability throughout the at-risk community
- The draft of the CWPP will be available in late October 2023 for public comment

Fulfill Goal 5.2 of the American River Parkway Natural Resources Management Plan

- Reduce wildfire fuel and hazardous fuel in the Parkway



# THANK YOU!



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