

1a. Sutter's Landing Regional Park ADA River Access Trail Planning

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Advisory Committee of the Lower American River Conservancy Program recommend this project as proposed and recommend WCB staff present this project to the Wildlife Conservation Board for approval at a future Board meeting.

Project Title:	Sutter's Landing Regional Park ADA River Access Trail Planning
Project Type:	Planning
Applicant/Grantee:	City of Sacramento
Amount Recommended:	\$950,000
Funding Partners:	City of Sacramento
Landowner(s):	City of Sacramento
Funding:	Proposition 68
Program Goals:	Public Access, Habitat, Education
Disadvantaged Community:	Within a Severely Disadvantaged Community
Average Score:	82.5

LOCATION

Sutter's Landing Regional Park (Sutter's Landing) is immediately adjacent to the American River Parkway (Parkway) and is owned and managed by the City of Sacramento (City). Sutter's Landing provides recreational facilities that serve high population densities in the adjacent neighborhoods some of which are classified as disadvantaged communities. A federal flood control levee on the northern side of Sutter's Landing marks the park's boundary, and the narrow riverbank on the river side of the federal levee is part of the Parkway and is managed by Sacramento County.

Sutter's Landing Regional Park ADA River Access Trail Planning (Project) is located within the City of Sacramento on the south side of the American River in the Woodlake area of the Parkway. This area is characterized by stratified sands and silts that are highly susceptible to bank erosion. The Natural Resources Management Plan for the Parkway identifies management of social trails and rehabilitation of vegetation understory as top management priorities for this area adjacent to Sutter's Landing.

In 2018, WCB provided funding to the City to acquire 19 acres of land adjacent to the Parkway for expanding public access to and open space values for the Parkway. This recently acquired parcel is on the west side of Sutter's Landing and is not the subject of the Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City received public funding to construct a new concession stand building near the 28th & B Street Skate Park at Sutter's Landing that will include paddleboard and kayak rentals. The American River waterfront at Sutter's Landing is anticipated to be the launch site for people utilizing these rentals; however, the current access

to the river is informal and not ADA compliant. With site traffic predicted to increase with improvements, it is important to offer a formal, safe, and ADA compliant trail to accommodate all users while also enhancing the natural environment through closure of social trails and active revegetation.

The Project will finalize designs for a formal ADA trail and boat launch, develop a restoration plan for habitat that has been degraded by social trails, and develop interpretive signage for the new trailhead.

Planning activities will include environmental surveys, community outreach, agency consultation, and County collaboration to inform the design of two alternatives for the ADA trail and boat launch and influence the interpretive signage content and a habitat restoration plan. Conceptual trail and boat launch designs will be released for feedback from stakeholders, upon which two alternatives will be selected and refined to the 30% design level. A second round of stakeholder and public outreach will be conducted before selecting the preferred trail alternative design and proceeding with final designs and environmental review and permitting.

All necessary environmental review and permitting will be conducted for the trail designs and habitat restoration. It is anticipated that an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration will be prepared to meet the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. Additionally, all permits and permissions for construction will be applied for, including those required by California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board.

PROJECT FUNDING

The proposed funding breakdown for the Project is as follows:

Project Task	WCB	Non-WCB Funds	Total Cost
Project Management	\$100,075	\$50,000	\$150,075
Feasibility Study, Engineering, and Designs	\$423,194	---	\$423,194
Public & Stakeholder Outreach	\$41,900	---	\$41,900
Environmental Review & Permitting	\$146,889	---	\$146,889
General Expenses	\$48,118	---	\$48,118
Indirect	\$113,894	---	\$113,894
Contingency	\$75,930	---	\$75,930
Total	\$950,000	\$50,000	\$1,000,000

Costs associated with WCB funding include:

- Project Management: Contracting, scheduling, budgeting, invoicing, reporting.

- Feasibility Study, Engineering, and Designs: Field surveys, conceptual designs, alternatives development, landscape architecture, habitat restoration plan, sign design and content, 30-100% designs, cost estimates, technical reports and memos, utility coordination and agreements, construction documents.
- Public & Stakeholder Outreach: Outreach materials, tracking database, project web page, public meetings, online survey.
- Environmental Review & Permitting: Biological and cultural reports, draft and final IS/MND, permit applications for CDFW, USACE, CVFPB, and RWQCB.
- Indirect Costs: Incidental or indirect costs not to exceed 15 percent of the total direct WCB award.
- Contingency: Unanticipated project costs associated with WCB-funded tasks only, requires WCB staff approval prior to use.

CEQA REVIEW AND ANALYSIS

The Project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies, as it would involve only feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions. Subject to approval of this proposal by the WCB, the appropriate NOE will be filed with the State Clearinghouse.

CONSISTENCY WITH AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY PLAN

In accordance with Public Resources Code section 5845.5, the American River Parkway Compliance Analysis will be completed for the project at the October 2023 Recreation and Parks Commission meeting.

