

American River Parkway

# Natural Resources Management Plan



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# Presentation Outline

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# Background

## 🦫 2007- 2010

- SARA Envisioned NRMP
- 1<sup>st</sup> Committee (*SARA – Parks – Water Forum*)
- Baseline Veg. Mapping & Recommendations

## 🦫 2014 – 2018

- NRMP Work Plan Drafted
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee (*Multiple Stakeholder Groups*)
- RFQ Issued - Based on Work Plan



# Background

- 🦨 **2019 – 2022 – Final NRMP Process Begins**
  - Grant Agreement with WCB
  - NRMP Task Force Formed (*Multiple Meetings*)
  - Multiple Public Engagements Held
- 🦨 **2021 - Public Draft NRMP – Issued in March**
- 🦨 **2022 - September**
  - Public Draft Sub. EIR Issued
  - Final Draft NRMP



# Purpose

- 🐼 Protect & Enhance Natural Resources
  - ➡ Identify Goals & Objectives
  - ➡ Guide Adaptive Management
- 🐼 Addresses ARPP Goals, Policies, & Implementation Measures Including:
  - ➡ Resource Impact Monitoring Plan (3.4)
  - ➡ Vegetation & Wildlife Management Plan (3.5)








# NRMP Overview

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- 🦉 Provides Relevant Background Information
  - 🐟 Biological, Physical, & Cultural Resources
  - 🐟 Human Use Impact Reduction
- 🦉 Details Existing Resources & Potential Actions for each of the 19 Area Plans



# NRMP Overview

<u>Goal Areas</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Objectives</u>
 <b>Biological Resources</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>
 <b>Physical Resources</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
 <b>Cultural Resources</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
 <b>Human Use Impact Reduction</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>
 <b>Agency &amp; Community Coordination</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>45</b>

**S**pecific-**M**easurable-**A**chievable-**R**ealistic-**T**ime-Bound





# NRMP Overview

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- 🐼 Site Specific Potential Management Actions
  - ~ 65 Projects: ~ 12 likely within 10-years
  - Examples
    - Establish Low-Growing Native Vegetation Under Power-Lines (Discovery, Woodlake, Cal Expo, & Watt)
    - Develop a Conceptual Naturalization Plan for Storm Water Runoff Channel (Woodlake)
    - Develop Conceptual Naturalization Plan for Open Mining Pits/Ponds (Sacramento Bar)





# NRMP Overview

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- 🐼 General Management Actions
  - Common Actions Across Parkway
  - Many Identified as Goals & Objectives - Including
    - Update Invasive Plant Management Plan
    - Rehabilitate Areas Impacted by Encampments
    - Remediate Social Trail Impacts
    - Develop a Wildfire Prevention, Response, and Rehabilitation Strategy



# NRMP Overview

- 🐿 Management Categories
  - Conservation, Restoration, Naturalization, (Rehabilitation)
  - Strive to Convert Areas to Conservation Status



# NRMP Overview

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- 🐼 NRMP Annual Monitoring & Reporting
  - ➡️ Oversight – Tech. Advisory Committee (TAC)
    - 9 members - 3 Stakeholders
- 🐼 Draft Monitoring Plan (NRMP Appendix D)
  - ➡️ Finalizing with TAC
  - ➡️ Recreation & Parks Commission Approval



# NRMP Feedback

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- 🦨 Prior to March 2021 Draft NRMP
  - ➡ 1 Web Survey & 7 Workshops
    - Recreation and Parks Commission
    - American River Parkway Advisory Committee
  - ➡ Key Take Aways / Highlighted Concerns
    - Encampments, Invasive Plants, Education to Reduce User Impacts, Wildfire, Monitoring & Community Science, Electric Utility Corridor



# NRMP Feedback

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## 🐼 Draft NRMP

- 13 Commentors - Over 330 Comments
  - ~ 48% - Corrections or Clarifications
  - ~ 18% - Feedback From Good to Not Enough
  - ~ 35% - Clarification Provided to Commentor
- Responses Shared & Posted on Parks Website
- Key Concern – Funding for Implementation



# NRMP Implementation

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## 🦫 Five Year Work Plan

- Estimated \$18M Increase
  - \$16M in Potential Grant Funding Opportunities
  - \$2M Funding Gap
  - Ongoing Future O&M Costs Likely to Increase
- FY 23/24 growth request forthcoming for staff augmentation
  - Associate Planner
  - Natural Resource Specialist





# Environmental Analysis

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- 🦫 NRMP Draft Subsequent EIR (ARPP EIR)
  - 🐟 Public Review: Sept. 9 – Nov. 3, 2022;
    - 4 Comment Letters
  - 🐟 Minor Changes to Mitigation Measures
    - BR-18: Survey Period for Nesting Raptors – Feb. 1 to Sept. 15
    - BR-17: Surveys Associated with Bank Swallows to occur within 200-feet of Bluffs





# Environmental Analysis

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- Minor Changes to Mitigation Measures (Cont.)
  - CR-3 & CR-4: Clarifies that Lands On or In Tide or Submerged Land Falls Under CA State Lands Commission Jurisdiction and they shall be consulted
- NRMP Final Subsequent EIR –
  - Published February 16, 2023



# Recommendation

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- 🐻 Certify NRMP Subsequent Final EIR
- 🐻 Adopt Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations
- 🐻 Adopt Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
- 🐻 Approve Final NRMP

## Questions?

