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RE: Comments on the Draft Natural Resources Management Plan Released March 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

The Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC) has reviewed the American River Parkway (ARP) Draft Natural Resources Management Plan (NRMP) released March 2021 and would like to submit the following comments for consideration in the final draft of the NRMP.

The SEC found the Draft NRMP to be a comprehensive and detailed plan that provides guidance in the management of ARP natural resources and environmental quality. Actions proposed include measures to address inconsistent land uses in the ARP such as removal of the Riverdale Mobile Home Park, rehabilitating homeless encampment impact areas, managing vegetation beneath existing powerlines, acquisition, and naturalization of the Urrutia Pond property. However, the SEC identified several topics that warrant further consideration discussed in the plan. These topics include:

1. Management of existing improvements and areas within and/or adjacent to the Parkway which may adversely impact natural resources in the ARP caused by water quality discharges, surface runoff, changes to ARP river channel hydraulics, or air pollutant emissions. These areas include:
  - Ancil Hoffman Park Golf Course
  - Campus Commons Golf Course
  - Nimbus Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery
  - Hagen Community Park
  - Sutter's Landing Park, Sutter's Landing Corporation Yard, and Sutter's Landing Skate Park

2. Identification of potential conflicts associated with the existing Bell Marine Industrial Aggregates Concrete and Asphalt Recycling plant facilities and operations on the ARP and its consistency with the goals and objectives of the Draft NRMP.

3. Discussion of existing river crossings owned and maintained by California Department of Transportation (I-5, SR 160 and I-80), Union Pacific Railroad, and Sacramento County Department of Transportation (Watt Avenue and Sunrise Boulevard) whose future maintenance or expansion may be inconsistent with the goals and objectives of the Draft NRMP.

4. Further information regarding the ARP habitat improvements to be implemented by the US Army Corps of Engineers in a future 10-year time frame. Because of the reliance on this future habitat improvement effort to achieve NRMP's goals, additional information is needed to describe these ecosystem restoration projects and the environmental benefits to be achieved.

The SEC appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments on the Draft NRMP. We are available to discuss these comments further if needed. Please respond with any questions to the SEC secretary, Jill Koehn, at [koehnjill@saccounty.net](mailto:koehnjill@saccounty.net).

Sincerely,



Mark White, Chair