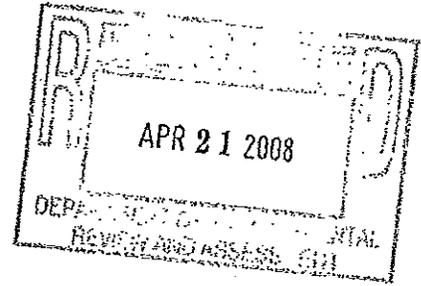


CAL EXPO

April 15, 2007



Sacramento County Environmental Coordinator
827 7th Street, Room 220
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR "AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY PLAN UPDATE 2006" (CONTROL NO: 03-GPB-0332)

Dear Sir/Madam:

The California Exposition & State Fair (Cal Expo) has the following comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the "American River Parkway Plan Update 2006". Cal Expo supports the "American River Parkway Plan Update 2006" and urges its adoption subject to the comments below for the Cal Expo Area Plan.

For Mitigation Measure LU-3 - Cal Expo recommends that option number 2 be adopted which would restrict the proposed Limited Recreation Area to the area of the levee, the levee slope, and the toe of the levee where the habitat is primarily grassy.

For Mitigation Measure LU-6 - Cal Expo recommends that option number 2 be adopted which would relocate the Interpretive Area shown on Cal Expo Area Plan in the center of Bushy Lake near an existing or proposed public access path or trail.

In "New Policies" Table PD-1, #7.25 - Cal Expo recommends that the boundary line to be considered "urban core" for the Sacramento metropolitan region be extended eastward to past the adjacent boundary with the California State University, Sacramento. This area is highly commercial with many existing structures on both sides of the Parkway.

New Polices Table PD-1, #10.18.1 - This policy must be modified if Mitigation Measure LU-3 is adopted as a trail access into the Parkway from the Cal Expo West Trailhead cannot be accomplished without crossing the Nature Study Area.

On Plate PD-2 "Map of Ownership" - Cal Expo should be added to the legend as the property owner of the land in the Cal Expo area. The "State" is incorrectly listed as the owner.

Amended Policies Table PD-3 #7.24 - This policy should be amended to include greater flexibility to reduce visual intrusion for areas of the parkway that pass through already existing commercial areas of the city and county.

The Map on Plate PD-7 "Cal Expo Area Plan" - Needs to be corrected to show year round parking for equestrians and exhibitors. The Map currently shows a caption "Temporary Exhibitor Parking" (During State Fair Only).

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Cal Expo feels that changes suggested represent the consensus of the Update Committee and the public process utilized to update the 1985 Parkway Plan.

Sincerely,
CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION & STATE FAIR



Brian A. May
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cc Norbert J. Bartosik, General Manager/CEO
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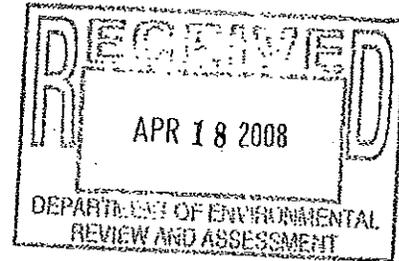
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**COMMENTS ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, UPDATE TO THE
1985 AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY PLAN, SACRAMENTO COUNTY (CONTROL
NO. 03-GPB-0322)**

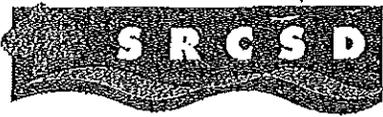
I have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Update to the 1985 American River Parkway Plan, which we received on 17 March 2008. We understand that the proposed project consists of modifications to the previous Parkway Plan.

The Draft EIR presents an adequate description of the project and analysis of its potential impacts to water quality. The policies, project-specific actions incorporated into the project, and mitigation measures all appear to be adequate to prevent significant impacts to water quality. If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 464-4740.

ANNE L. OLSON, P.E.
Water Resource Control Engineer

cc: Steve Kalvelage, Sacramento County Environmental Management Dept.,
Sacramento

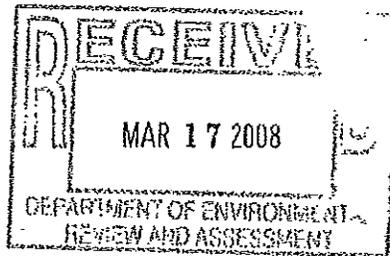
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Dear Ms. Hocker:

Subject: American River Parkway Plan Update 2006 Draft Environmental Impact Report

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above mentioned letter. Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) has completed its review, and has the following comments:

SRCSD has several existing facilities located within the American River Parkway Plan Areas (such as the Northeast Interceptor) and also has future facilities planned within the American River Parkway Area.

It is vital that SRCSD have continuous access to its existing pipelines and facilities for operation and maintenance purposes, and also retains the ability to rehabilitate these facilities, including the possibility of adding future structures, in order to meet the needs of the community.

In addition to rehabilitating existing facilities, it is also imperative that SRCSD retain the right to build future below ground facilities, and have continuous access to these future facilities for maintenance and operations purposes to meet the needs of the community.

If you have any questions regarding these comments please contact me at 876-6130 or arshadh@saccounty.net.

Sincerely yours,

Humera Arshad, EIT

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cc: SRCSD Development Services
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**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

May 7, 2008
(8 minutes)

Board Date: To Be Determined

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM:  SANDRA BURNETT, Secretary
Policy Planning Commission

SUBJECT: **03-GPB-0332** -

AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY PLAN

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – The American River Parkway is an open space area surrounding the American River, extending approximately 29 miles from Folsom Dam in the northeast portion of Sacramento County to the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers in the northwest area of downtown Sacramento.

The Policy Planning Commission, meeting in regular session on April 22, 2008, voted 4-0 (Commissioner Carpenter was absent) to recommend adoption of the American River Parkway Plan.

The Commission took the following actions on key issues:

American River Parkway South (formerly known as Goethe Park) Area:

The Commission stated new development recreation uses should be exclusively related to an interpretive center or adjunct to current farming or native plant nursery uses.

Cal Expo Area:

The Commission responded to a request by Cal Expo for year round exhibitor parking in addition to the Plan's proposed year round equestrian staging and clarified that exhibitor parking will remain temporary and limited to the time of the State Fair.

Discovery Park Area:

The Commission accepted staff recommendation to remove mitigation measure LU-2 and keep the bridge on the local area plan map.

Rossmoor Bar Area:

The Commission agreed the updated Park Plan should include Board endorsed language on Rossmoor Bar Area sensory garden.

Draft Environmental Impact Report:

The Commission recognized the content of the Draft Environmental Impact Report and all public comments received. The DEIR provided two mitigation options for LU-1, LU-3, LU-5, LU-6, and the Commission supported the second option for all four mitigation measures. The Commission further determined the Draft Environmental Impact Report is adequate and complete, excluding mitigation measure LU-2, as staff recommends overriding its associated environmental impacts, and directed the Final Environmental Impact Report be prepared for your Board.

SB:sb

cc: In house

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Board of Supervisors for the purpose of considering the following request, pursuant to provisions of Ordinance No. SZC 83-10, for the following described property.

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO.: Various

LOCATION: The American River Parkway is an open space area surrounding the American River, extending approximately 29 miles from Folsom Dam in the northeast portion of Sacramento County to the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers in the northwest area of downtown Sacramento.

APPLICANT:

Planning and Community Development Department
827 7th Street, Room 230
Sacramento, CA 95814

REQUEST: The Policy Planning Commission recommends approval of the following request:

The American River Parkway Plan as an element of the Sacramento County General Plan, to be forwarded to the City of Rancho Cordova and to the State Legislature.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: **NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

HEARING DATE: **AUGUST 13, 2008, AT 2:00 PM**

If you challenge the Board of Supervisors' action on the above referenced request(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The hearing will be held in Room 1450 of the County Administration Building, 700 "H" Street, Sacramento, CA. All persons interested are invited to attend and be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THIS 23RD DAY OF JULY, 2008.

CYNDI LEE, Clerk
Board of Supervisors

**AGENDAS AND RELATED MATERIALS MAY BE VIEWED PRIOR TO THE
MEETING AT <http://www.saccountytv.saccounty.net/index.htm>**

Municipal Services Agency

Planning and Community Development
Robert Sherry, Director



Terry Schutten, County Executive
Paul Hahn, Agency Administrator

County of Sacramento

July 22, 2008

Greetings:

It is my pleasure to share with you that the American River Parkway Plan Update is scheduled for its final hearing by the Board of Supervisors.

Date: August 13th, 2008
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: 700 H Street, Suite 1450

Following staff's presentation on the American River Parkway Plan Update, it is anticipated that the Board of Supervisors will certify the Final Environmental Impact Report, adopt a final version of the Plan, and forward the Plan to the City of Rancho Cordova and the City of Sacramento to complete the local adoption process. Once the American River Parkway Plan is adopted locally, it will be forwarded to the State Legislature.

Please contact me or Leighann Moffitt with the Sacramento County Planning Department at 874-6141 if you have specific questions about the Plan or process. The Planning Department's website (<http://www.planning.saccounty.net/>) will continue to be updated with the most current hearing schedule under the link "American River Parkway Plan Update".

Thank you for your time and participation in the preparation of this Plan.

Sincerely,

Regina Lugani
Project Manager

ADDENDUM #1

For the Agenda of:
August 27, 2008
Agenda Item No.

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY PLAN UPDATE
CONTACT: *Regina Lugani, Project Manager, 916-874-4994, luganir@saccounty.net*
Leighann Moffitt, Principal Planner, 916-874-5584, moffittl@saccounty.net

Overview:

The updated American River Parkway Plan is forwarded for adoption by the Board of Supervisors at your hearing of August 27, 2008. The Plan has been heard before the Policy Planning Commission, the Recreation and Park Commission and the American River Parkway Advisory Committee. Recommendations by the Policy Planning Commission and Recreation and Park Commission are noted in the body of this addendum. Several issues have arisen since the writing of the initial joint staff report and this addendum summarizes proposed resolutions to those issues. Two issues addressed in the hearing process include the need for more detailed policies and implementation measures to resolve internal inconsistencies in the Cal Expo Local Area Plan related to both Cal Expo parking and public access, and a request by the Sunriver Neighborhood Association to re-designate land in the Lower Sunrise Local Area Plan from Developed Recreation to Limited Recreation. Another item for consideration, recently submitted by Sacramento County Regional Park Department, with concurrence by County Planning, is a recommended change to the Plan that would allow permanent restroom facilities in designated Limited Recreation and Protected Areas. Also, the updated Plan will reflect the renaming of the former Goethe Park Area Plan to the River Bend Area Plan.

Additionally, staff recommends inclusion of the modifications to the River Bend Park, Rossmoor Bar, and Discovery Park Local Area Plans, as outlined in the original joint staff report. A comprehensive list of staff recommendations on the final adoption of the Plan, from both this addendum and the original staff report, are included as Attachment "B".

Staff Recommendations:

Staff is recommending **ADOPTION** of the Draft American River Parkway Plan, with modifications. Recommended actions are located on page six (6) of this addendum.

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I. DISCUSSION

- A. History and Background: This project is an update of the 1985 American River Parkway Plan, and once adopted will be used as a policy Plan for the 29 miles of open space greenbelt running from the Folsom Dam to the American River's confluence with the Sacramento River. A history and background on the American River Parkway Plan Update can be found within the joint staff report prepared by the staff of the County of Sacramento, City of Sacramento and City of Rancho Cordova which was issued in mid-April of 2008. Issues discussed in the joint staff report were vetted at the Project Management Team (PMT) meetings on February 6, 2008, March 6, 2008 and June 19, 2008.

River Bend Park Area Plan: This addendum report and the final 2008 American River Parkway Plan will reflect the new name of "River Bend Park" rather than the former "Goethe Park." Note that the joint staff report used the interim name "American River Parkway South", and that any usage of either "American River Parkway South" or "Goethe Park" refers to the Board adopted River Bend Park and River Bend Park Area Plan.

- B. Proposed Resolution to Recent Issues:

Cal Expo Local Area Plan: Following staff's presentation of the American River Parkway Plan Update Draft and associated Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) to the Recreation and Park Commission and the Policy Planning Commission, questions arose regarding the intended use of the parking area in the northeastern portion of the Cal Expo floodplain. Upon closer review of the Local Area Plan, inconsistencies were identified between Policy 10.18.5, the Local Area Plan Map, and the Bushy Lake Preservation Act. Therefore, staff proposes a revision to Policy 10.18.5 and the Area Plan Map to resolve these inconsistencies. In addition, staff proposes a new implementation measure that addresses the future management and programming of the parking area, and another implementation measure that addresses the need to amend the Parkway Plan and the Bushy Lake Preservation Act concurrently and consistently. The staff memo on the Cal Expo Area Plan prepared on July 17, 2008 for the Recreation and Park Commission is included as Attachment "C". The memo offers specific language that was endorsed for inclusion in the Plan by the American River Parkway Coalition, the American River Parkway Advisory Committee, and the Recreation and Park Commission.

Permanent Restrooms in Limited Recreation and Protected Areas: Currently, the Limited Recreation and Protected Area land use designations allow portable restrooms, however permanent restrooms are precluded. The only land use designation within the current Plan that provides for permanent restrooms is

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Developed Recreation. The Sacramento County Regional Park Department requests that the Board direct modification of the Plan to allow permanent restrooms as potential facilities within the Limited Recreation and Protected Area definitions of permitted uses/facilities. Actual installation of permanent restrooms would have to follow the formal planning and development process as outlined in the Plan. Staff researched historical records of the American River Parkway Plan and found that providing appropriate sanitary amenities to meet the needs of the user groups within the Parkway was a recommended action made within the 1968 Plan. The letter submitted by the Regional Park Department on August 4, 2008 is included as Attachment "D". Additionally, the Regional Park Department is scheduled to present its request at the August 15, 2008 American River Parkway Advisory Committee meeting to solicit the Committee's input.

Lower Sunrise Local Area Plan: Sunriver Neighborhood Association (SNA) wrote a letter April 21, 2008, to request a change to the Plan's General Land Use Map and the Lower Sunrise Local Area Plan. The request is to replace a Developed Recreation designation with Limited Recreation on Parkway land abutting the neighborhood. Sacramento County Department of Environmental Review and Assessment staff indicated that SNA sent a letter expressing concerns over the existing 1985 Developed Recreation land use designation as a comment to the Notice of Preparation of the Environmental Document. As the concern was with an existing condition, and outside the project description, the Draft Environmental Impact Report was not the appropriate instrument to respond to the request for re-designation.

The Parkway update was scoped as an update of the Policy Plan and to address a number of specific interests and issues. In addition, three area plans within the lower reach of the river were included in the project scope, particularly given the successful outcome of a request for state grant funding. Updates of two area plans within the City of Rancho Cordova occurred towards the end of the update process. All of the changes to these five Local Area Plans, and the associated overall land use diagram, were made by the Update Committee and finalized by the Project Management Team through a consensus based decision making process. Given time and budget constraints, an update of the remaining 14 area plans, including Lower Sunrise, was not feasible. Planning staff does not have a specific recommendation on the request by the SNA given the lack of public consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of such a change. However, we offer that the updated Parkway Plan provides local jurisdictions the opportunity to consider proposed changes to Local Area Plans through the local adoption process, when those changes are consistent with the State adopted land use designations and policies. Therefore, there may be a future opportunity to tailor policies within the Lower Sunrise area to address any neighborhood concerns. The letter submitted by SNA on April 21, 2008 is included

as Attachment "E". As an additional follow-up to the letter, County staff and Supervisor Nottoli will meet with SNA representatives on Friday, August 22, 2008.

C. Resolution of Issues from Public Hearings:

The Policy Planning Commission and the Recreation and Park Commission both worked to resolve issues raised in the original joint staff report. Their recommendations are noted in the discussion below. In addition, Attachment "F" provides the detailed subagendas and final actions from hearings before both the Policy Planning Commission and the Recreation and Park Commission. Below are the highlighted recommendations on two issues that modified the PMT recommendations found in Attachment "B". County staff continues to recommend the PMT agreements on both issues.

River Bend Park Area Plan: The Project Management Team proposed a further change to the draft plan to resolve the City of Rancho Cordova's request for greater design flexibility for a future interpretive center in the River Bend Park Area Plan (adjacent to Hagan Park) while remaining consistent with the intent of the Update Committee's recommendation. This resolution would designate 10 acres of Developed Recreation land (three additional acres as directed for study in the DEIR by the Board) but via policy language would limit the amount of actual Developed Recreation uses to seven acres.

Policy 10-x. No more than seven acres of the Developed Recreation uses may be permitted within the 10-acre Developed Recreation designation area west of Hagan Park, in the River Bend Park Area Plan Map and the General Land Use Map. Development of the remaining three acres shall be consistent with Limited Recreation designation regulations.

The policy language above was discussed during the hearing process with each commission recommending additional language to clarify the intent of the policy to limit highest intensity uses.

The Policy Planning Commission used input from the American River Parkway Coalition and recommends:

Policy 10-x. No more than seven contiguous acres of the Developed Recreation uses may be permitted within the 10-acre Developed Recreation designation area west of Hagan Park, in the River Bend Park Area Plan Map and the General Land Use Map. Development of the remaining three acres shall be consistent with Limited Recreation designation regulations.