

American River Parkway Public Notification Procedures

Background:

The 2008 American River Parkway Plan includes policies that require the Board of Supervisors to adopt public notification procedures specific to projects within the American River Parkway.

Purpose:

As required by the American River Parkway Plan, and as stated in the County of Sacramento Good Neighbor Policy, staff and contractors will engage community members in discussions regarding new facilities or changes in uses that could impact the neighborhood and park users. Adopted public notification procedures for projects on the American River Parkway require Regional Parks staff to implement the Good Neighbor Policy and gather public input during the project design phase.

Location: The American River Parkway is an open space greenbelt, extending approximately 23 miles from Hazel Avenue to the American River's confluence with the Sacramento River at the southwest. Sacramento County and the Cities of Sacramento and Rancho Cordova have jurisdictional boundaries underlying the Parkway.

Project Types to be Noticed:

The Parkway Manager will determine what projects warrant early notification, based on the three project types listed below. These project types require early notification:

1. New Facilities & Uses Not Identified on Local Area Plan Maps*, and
2. New Facilities and Uses Identified on Local Area Plan Maps*, and
3. Significant Changes in Use or Re-modeling of Existing Facilities identified on Local Area Plan Maps*.

**Local Area Plan Maps are found in the American River Parkway Plan and include current and proposed facilities and uses. Any new facility or use typical of those shown in the legend (Exhibit 1-b) require a local area plan amendment and must be mapped within the Local Area Plans.*

Timing and Structure:

Early notification will occur during the project design phase of the planning process. The project design phase precedes California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review. Hearing notification will occur after early notification. Project managers (both Regional Parks and outside agencies) of projects within the American River Parkway will at minimum follow the notification procedures as set forth. The County recognizes that it has limited jurisdiction over the planning activities of state and federal agencies. Emergency projects (related to immediate or imminent health and safety matters) within the Parkway will be exempt from the procedures

outlined. In such emergency instances, notice shall be provided to interested parties within a reasonable time.

Recipients of Early Notification Procedures:

The following list of recipients will be notified at a minimum. The list of recipients may be expanded depending upon the area and type of impact to the neighbors and park users. A list of recipients will be kept in the office of the Parkway Manager. New groups can be added by contacting the office of the Parkway Manager.

Notices will be sent to:

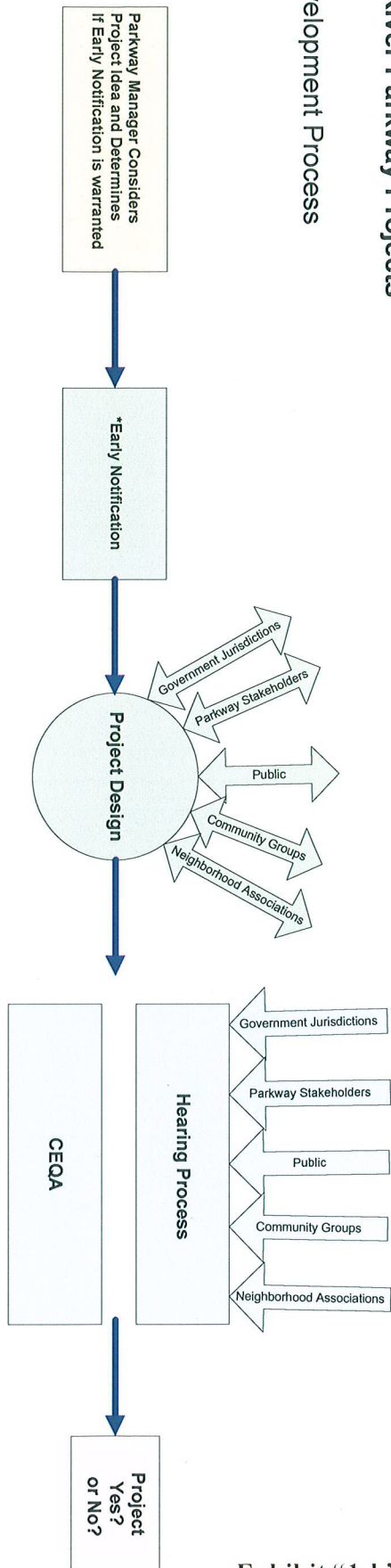
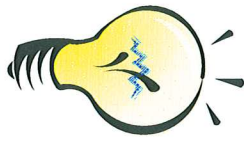
- Neighbors within 500 feet of the nearest park boundary to the proposed project location and other areas within the Parkway impacted by the proposed project
- Leadership of any known homeowners association and neighborhood association adjacent to the Parkway
- Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Chair, County Planning Commission Chair, Recreation and Park Commission Chair, American River Parkway Advisory Committee Chair, as well as the Cities with jurisdictional boundaries underlying the project site via notification to Mayors and chairs of Planning Commissions and Recreation Commissions
- Directors of Sacramento County and the Cities of Rancho Cordova and Sacramento Planning and Parks agencies
- Leadership of any known Parkway stakeholder group such as Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates, American River Natural History Association, American River Parkway Equestrian Patrol and Save the American River Association

Content of Notices:

Early project notices will include a project manager name and contact information, as well as a brief project description. In addition to the information above, hearing notices will include the date, time, and location of any scheduled community meeting or public hearing on the project.

American River Parkway Projects

Project Development Process



*See narrative for details on project types to be noticed and groups to be notified.

Exhibit "1-b"

Parkway Map Legend














LAND USE DESIGNATIONS

-  Parkway Boundary
-  Developed Recreation Area
-  Limited Recreation Area
-  Nature Study Area
-  Open Space Preserve
-  Open Water
-  Protected Area
-  Recreation Reserve
-  Area Plan Boundary

ACCESS

-  Equestrian Access
-  Pedestrian Access
-  Bicycle, Pedestrian Access
-  Car, Pedestrian Access
-  Car, Bicycle, Pedestrian Access
-  Car, Equestrian Pedestrian Access
-  Car, Bicycle, Equestrian, Pedestrian Access

EXISTING FACILITIES

-  Archery Range
-  Boat ramp, Trailer boat
-  Car Top Boat Launch
-  Emergency phone
-  Entry Kiosk
-  Equestrian Staging
-  Information/Signage
-  Interpretive Center
-  Overnight Camping
-  Parking
-  Picnic Area
-  Restroom
-  Radio tower
-  Utility Tower

PROPOSED FACILITIES

-  Arboretum
-  Boat ramp, Trailer boat
-  Car Top Boat Launch
-  Commercial Concessions
-  Equestrian Staging
-  Information Kiosk
-  Interpretive Area
-  Interpretive Center
-  Proposed Parking
-  Sensory Garden

ROADS AND TRAILS

EXISTING ROADS AND TRAILS

-  Pedestrian Trail
-  Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail
-  Equestrian/Hiking Trail
-  Unimproved Hiking Trail
-  Parkway Road
-  Maintenance Road
-  Existing Bridge

PROPOSED ROADS AND TRAILS

-  Proposed Pedestrian Trail
-  Proposed Bike Trail
-  Proposed Horse Trail
-  Proposed Unimproved Hiking
-  Proposed Maintenance Road
-  Naturalized Stormwater Outfall
-  Proposed Bridge