

San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan

Updated Policy Review Matrix – Draft 05-02-13

	Goal/Policy	
	Old Policy No.	
VISION AND GOALS		
<i>New #s</i>	<i>Fundamental Goals</i>	
	FG1	Preserve and restore a riparian and floodplain corridor of statewide and regional significance along the San Joaquin River from Friant Dam to the Highway 99.
	FG2	Conserve wildlife species that depend on the river environment
	FG3	Provide education and recreation facilities and programs, including a continuous multi-use trail the length of the Parkway.
	FG4	Conserve, restore and enhance natural resources and protect cultural resources while also meeting recreational and educational needs.
	FG5	Conserve undeveloped areas of the floodplain, to provide that they remain non-urbanized and be retained in resources management, open space, and agriculture.
	FG6	Develop the Parkway in a transparent and cooperative manner among local and state agencies; nonprofit land trusts, conservation, and stewardship organizations; neighboring landowners, and other stakeholders.
	FG7	Create a Parkway and encourage land use and management policies for the San Joaquin River, its floodplain and bluffs, that will contribute to the economic vitality of the region, and enhance the health and quality of life of the region's residents.
	FG8	Develop rules, regulations outreach, and management practices to protect public health, safety and protect natural resources.
SAN JOAQUIN RIVER RESTORATION PROGRAM (TO BE SEPARATED AND/OR INCORPORATED AS APPROPRIATE INTO DOCUMENT)		
	<i>Goals</i>	
	G1	Coordinate and cooperate with the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJR Restoration Program) to ensure efficiency and develop projects that meet mutual objectives.
	G2	Support, promote, and educate Parkway visitors about river history, restoration ecology, water supply, and the SJR Restoration Program.
	<i>Policies</i>	
	P1	Cooperate and collaborate in the isolation of gravel pits on public Parkway lands from the San Joaquin River. Explore and collaborate with the Program on other restoration measures, such as floodplain habitat improvement and spawning bed enhancement, to generate multiple-use benefits from public Parkway lands.

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P2		Engage the SJRRP in Parkway planning and project design to avoid conflicting infrastructure plans or habitat restoration.
P3		Cooperate and collaborate in providing off stream recreational fishing.
P4		Provide public information to enhance Parkway visitors' knowledge of river water resources and the SJR Restoration Program and to protect the fisheries and natural resources.
P5		Ensure that lawful public uses and management activities do not result in incidental violations of the Endangered Species Act, through safe harbor agreements or other methods
P6		Maximize recreation and public access, while still taking into account the goals and objectives of the SJRRP.
HABITAT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT		
<i>Goals</i>		
G1	NRG1	Conserve, enhance, restore, and provide for public enjoyment of the aquatic, plant, and wildlife resources of the San Joaquin River Parkway.
G2	NRG2	Conserve, enhance, restore and maintain contiguous and continuous native riparian, wetland and upland habitat on public lands and conservation easements for wildlife movement and refuge.
G3	NRG2	Encourage conservation of habitat on private lands in the floodplain.
<i>Policies</i>		
P1	NRO6	Recommend to local land use agencies requirements, conditions, and mitigation measures consistent with the Parkway Master Plan for proposed projects that are in or adjacent to the Parkway plan area, or may affect or be affected by the Parkway.
P2	NRO1	Conserve the San Joaquin River as aquatic habitat. Collaborate with wildlife agencies to enhance and protect fisheries in the river and in ponds in the Parkway.
P3	NRO3	Establish, through purchase, easements, or other mutually satisfactory arrangements, natural resource conservation areas, open space, and a continuous wildlife corridor along the river to facilitate the movement of large mammals between habitat areas, to provide a variety of nesting and foraging areas, and to enhance and protect the aquatic habitats of the river and associated wetlands.
P4	NP2	Collaborate to conserve a wildlife movement corridor from the Parkway to Little Table Mountain
P5	NRO4	Control and remove exotic plant species from the Parkway as feasible, including the river channel, where they threaten to displace native plant species or disrupt natural plant community structure. Employ measures that will discourage introduction and or repopulation of exotic plant species.
P6	NRO5	Enhance, restore, and maintain native vegetation, riparian, wetland, woodland, and grassland habitats within natural reserves, open spaces, and wildlife corridors
P7	NP4	Coordinate Parkway habitat restoration programs with agencies responsible for flood protection to ensure revegetation does not displace or obstruct floodwaters.
P8	NP8.2	Incorporate natural features (e.g., wetlands, grasslands, woodlands, and other native vegetation) and integrate supporting artificial features (e.g. existing access roads, ponds on reclaimed mined lands) into Parkway development.

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P9	NP8.3	Minimize grading except as necessary, for example to improve hydrology, enhance and restore habitat, or protect public safety.
P10	NP8.4	Implement construction and post-construction best management practices to reduce and avoid adverse impacts of Parkway development on water quality.
P11	NP8.5	Exclude dogs, or require them to be leashed, in areas designated as natural reserves.
P12		Create a framework conservation strategy for the entire Parkway to streamline permitting and to serve as a guide for management plans for individual areas.
P13		Emphasize avoidance of incidental take of Federally and State listed species for both short-term and long-term actions through pre-construction surveys and avoidance and minimization measures. Where an incidental take cannot be avoided, consider a Safe Harbor Agreement for beneficial effects on Federally listed terrestrial species as a result of riparian restoration and exotic plant removal.
P14	NP10.2	Within public Parkway lands, designate natural reserves of contiguous significant or high quality habitat (or future enhanced/restored habitat) that should receive higher levels of protection from public disturbance and use.
P15	NP10.2	Designate no less than three areas of 100 acres each as natural reserves for the purposes of conserving and supporting those species that require refuge in relatively large blocks of habitat.
P16	NP13	Design restoration projects based on site-specific studies of soils, water availability, slopes, hydrology, and other environmental conditions.
P17	RP5/NRD 1.3	Use native plant species for landscaping and vegetation restoration to the greatest extent possible.
P18	RP5/NRD 1.3	Generally, use locally sourced native plant species for habitat restoration projects.
P19	NRD1.1	Site new facilities in disturbed, reclaimed, or previously developed areas avoiding intrusion into sensitive habitat areas and to avoid habitat fragmentation, to the extent feasible.
P20	NRD1.2	Whenever feasible, route primary and multi-use trails on the outside edges of habitat areas, rather than through the center of mature riparian stands or other high-value habitat.
P21	NRD1.3	Work to accomplish a net benefit/no net loss of habitat collectively for conservation and restoration improvements in the Parkway.
P22	NRD1.4	Reestablish cottonwoods, sycamore and valley oak woodlands where appropriate.
P23	NRD1.4	Use appropriate best management practices and protection measures for restoration projects to limit damage by animals.
P24	NRD1.4	Provide for managed grazing needed for fuel load reduction, and invasive weed management on public Parkway lands.
P25	NRD1.5	Reestablish to the extent possible a continuous corridor of riparian vegetation on both sides of the river to provide for the movement and migration of wildlife, as well as the restoration and improvement of in-stream shaded habitat.
P26	NRD2	Use design features and signage to protect egret and heron rookeries from public Parkway uses.
P27		Seasonally close specific areas of the Parkway where necessary to protect sensitive habitats during vulnerable periods, such as areas near rookeries during breeding and nesting periods.

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P28	NRD5	Informative signage shall be placed at a distance of 750 feet upstream from a rookery discouraging landing for at least the following 1500 feet and signage to indicate a "quiet zone" for river users to observe.
P29	NRD6	To minimize disturbance of breeding birds, particularly those in heron and egret rookeries, and to minimize disturbance on foraging of wintering bald eagles, work with appropriate authorities to develop boating regulations limiting gas-powered vessels between Friant Dam and the Highway 99 during the months of November through July.
P30	NRD7	Consider potential benefits to bald eagles in determining appropriate areas to designate as natural reserves or protected sites.
P31	NRD9	Avoid removal of snags, except in public use areas and near infrastructure where they may be hazards.
P32	NRD10	To the extent feasible, acquire, enhance, restore and maintain a continuous riparian corridor throughout public parkway lands with a minimum width of 200 feet and gaps of no greater than 200 feet or the minimum necessary to allow for infrastructure (e.g. roads or bridges).
P33	NRD13	To the extent possible, restore a continuous distribution of elderberry shrubs throughout public Parkway lands striving for a distance no greater than 0.25 mile between elderberry plants.
P34	NRPE1	Enhance existing ponds, swales, and other features to increase habitat diversity.
P35	NRPE2	Enhance pond habitat and associated wetland vegetation to benefit geese and other waterfowl (e.g. rocks, logs, nest boxes, artificial islands, foraging habitat).
P36	BZ5	Incorporate a habitat enhancement component into all Parkway projects.
P37	BZ6	Place a high priority on riparian habitat restoration to establish and enhance wildlife habitat and corridors and improve aquatic habitat.
P38	NRPE3	To the extent feasible, conserve and re-establish the upper canopy of riparian habitat (i.e., oaks, cottonwoods, sycamores) to provide roosting and nesting habitat for raptors, herons and egrets, and other bird species.
P39	NRPV2	Restore a variety of habitat types, such as Great Valley cottonwood riparian forest, cottonwood willow riparian forest, and Great Valley willow scrub, taking into account the needs of varied species.
P40	RFP6	Implement a low-impact wildlife-friendly landscape maintenance program, and minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides where possible.
FLOODPLAIN AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT		
Goals		
G1	FP1	Develop the Parkway in a manner that will not interfere with the river's floodwater conveyance capacity.
G2		Protect the river's water quality through appropriate management of stormwater runoff in the Parkway.
Policies		
P1	RCP3	Design Parkway bridge crossings to minimize impacts on the natural environment, be pleasing aesthetically, meet safety requirements for cyclists and other users, and to withstand and pass flood flows as determined by regulatory agencies.

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P2	NP7	Do not construct levees (elevated flood protection structures) in the Parkway.
P3	FP5	Ensure Parkway facilities do not increase riverbank erosion. Design and manage Parkway facilities and improvements in recognition of natural fluvial processes including erosion and meanders. Remediate riverbank erosion as necessary to protect buildings and infrastructure.
P4	RFMP2	Design and site Parkway structures and amenities to ensure that such features do not obstruct flood flows, do not create a public safety hazard, or result in a substantial increase in off-site flows or water surface elevations. For permanent above-grade structures the minimum level of design flood protection shall be the adopted 100-year event, or as regulated by state and federal agencies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Design, place, and fasten picnic tables, litter containers, interpretive displays, and vault toilets to allow flows through or around them and minimize their becoming dislodged during flood events. b) Fences shall be sized, placed, and securely anchored to minimize the potential to create obstructions during high flows.
P5	RFMP3	Collaborate with emergency planning and response agencies to develop and implement an emergency flood warning alert and evacuation procedures for Parkway visitors.
P6	FP4	Allow for the restoration of channel and floodwater flow capacity by other parties, including but not limited to the San Joaquin River Restoration Program.
P7	RFP8	Install vault toilets and septic systems only in areas where community wastewater treatment is not available and feasible; design, install, and operate such systems in accordance with all applicable State and local laws and regulations.
P8	RFP5	Avoid, minimize, and ensure pollution prevention and compliance in the use of herbicides.
P9	ROP1	Minimize impervious surfaces to allow natural percolation and limit runoff.
P10	RFP3/ RFP4	Incorporate construction best management practices for stormwater quality management, including erosion and sedimentation controls and spill prevention and control, into construction specifications and permits.
P11	RDP3	Incorporate drainage swales and other appropriate post-construction best management practices into the design of Parkway improvements to manage stormwater runoff.
P12	RDP11	Properly maintain stormwater quality management post-construction controls.
MINERAL RESOURCE		
<i>Mineral Resource Goals</i>		
G1	MR1	Work with gravel mining companies to acquire high priority properties after they have been mined. Promote reclamation plans that enhance and complement Parkway goals and are Parkway-ready to the extent practicable.
G2	MR2	Design, construct and manage the Parkway in a manner that will not conflict with sand and gravel mining operations.
<i>Policies</i>		
P1	MRO2	For new mining permit applications within the Parkway planning area, provide recommendations to local land use control agencies to ensure the appropriate application of Parkway policies.
P2	MRP3	For new mining permit applications in the Parkway planning area, provide recommendations to local land use control agencies to protect existing riparian woodlands, enhance or complement the revegetation of the wildlife corridor and adjacent areas, improve excavated gravel ponds as Parkway features by providing for specific wildlife habitat needs or replication of natural landscapes, and reflect public safety needs.

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P3	MRP1	In public Parkway areas that have significant sand and gravel reserves that may be needed for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program or other habitat and floodplain restoration needs, site significant permanent structures where they will not preclude or interfere with future extraction of those resources.
P4	MRP2	Build trails, bikeways and other recreation areas at least 300 feet from the boundary of active mining operations and processing plants, separate them by physical barriers, and avoid trail/bikeway crossings of active haul routes.
AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES		
<i>Goal</i>		
G1	AO1	Design, construct and manage the Parkway in a manner that is compatible with agricultural uses (crops, livestock, orchards, and nurseries).
G2	AO1	Encourage the preservation of agricultural uses in the Parkway planning area.
<i>Policies</i>		
P1		Work with agencies that conserve farmland to secure conservation easements within the Parkway planning area.
P2		Support community gardens and community supported agriculture.
P3		Provide buffers, fencing, signage and other measures to reduce potential conflicts between public Parkway use and nearby agriculture.
P4		Encourage agricultural uses as buffers between the Parkway and more intensive urban/suburban uses,
AIR RESOURCES, AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND SEQUESTRATION		
<i>Goal</i>		
G1	RFP1	In developing the Parkway, utilize opportunities to improve regional air quality and reduce the potential for Parkway projects to contribute to air pollution.
G2		Incorporate climate adaptation and sequestration strategies in Parkway projects.
<i>Policies</i>		
P1		Restore habitat and conserve natural areas to contribute toward carbon sequestration.
P2		Promote cooperative reforestation projects to maximize carbon sequestration.
P3		Maximize habitat, diversity, wildlife movement corridors, and regional habitat linkages.

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P4		Work with other agencies to perform fire prevention thinning, weed abatement on property boundaries and access roads.
P5		Work with community and regional interests as a positive contributor to conservation of habitat and natural resources, and partner in the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
P6		Work to minimize the GHG footprint, energy and water use of internal operations, Conservancy and grant projects.
P7		Participate in and implement state and regional strategies to address climate change.
P8		Explore and support intergovernmental mitigation and sequestration partnerships.
P9		Develop and incorporate climate change goals and evaluation criteria in Parkway projects and grants, elevating priorities for component such as sequestration and habitat and trail linkages.
P10	No #	Strive to connect primary multi-use trails to increase pedestrian and bicycle travel, reduce residents' reliance on motorized vehicles, and allow for longer, contiguous sections of the Parkway trail.
P11	RDP4	Utilize appropriate surfaces and maintenance methods to reduce dust generation on trails, roads, and parking areas, and from un-vegetated ground surfaces where possible.
CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES		
<i>Goal</i>		
G1		Preserve and protect cultural and historic resources on Parkway public lands.
<i>Policies</i>		
P1	ROP9	Develop operations and management measures to protect cultural or historical resources within the Parkway, including providing training for management staff.
P2	ROP10	Develop educational materials and provide them at key public use locations instructing the public on value of cultural heritage and the need to leave sites undisturbed. Include what to do in the event a cultural site is disturbed or an artifact is discovered.
P3	RDP19	Evaluate the potential for cultural resources at project sites and protect all sites from disturbance during project construction.
P4		Work with local Native Americans organizations to develop programs allowing ceremonial use of Parkway lands.
P5		Work with local Native Americans organizations to develop programs allowing cultivation and harvesting of culturally significant plants.
PUBLIC ACCESS AND RECREATION		
<i>Goals</i>		
G1	RA1	Provide river access and high quality recreation areas and facilities to meet recreational and environmental educational needs while conserving natural and cultural resources.

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G2	No #	Ensure access to all segments of the population and to all residents of the region, in metropolitan and outlying areas.
G3	RA3	Manage recreational uses to minimize indiscriminate activities, trespass on private lands, and human impacts to natural resources in the Parkway.
G4	No numbers	Encourage trail corridors of sufficient width (varying with terrain, vegetation, and land) to preserve a scenic environment for users and to minimize impacts of trail use on wildlife and their habitat and on adjacent land uses.
G5		Provide public information, proper maintenance, rules, and enforcement to provide for public health and safety in the Parkway.
<i>Policies</i>		
P1	RP2	Acquire, through purchase, easements, or other mutually satisfactory transactions, land for recreation areas and the expansion of existing parks and recreation areas.
P2	RP3	Minimize potential impacts to sensitive natural resources by grouping facilities and intensive uses or siting facilities and intensive uses in areas that are already disturbed or developed where feasible.
P3	RO1	Locate relatively intensive recreational activity sites away from natural resources that may be sensitive to those uses (such as rookeries, spawning beds, etc.) and private residences (see Buffers).
P4	RO3	Link public Parkway lands between Highway 99 and Friant Dam with a continuous, multipurpose trail on land and with canoe put-in, take-out, and rest areas along the river to create a recreation system with a variety of recreational opportunities.
P5		Support, as possible, implementation of the Central Valley Vision and its river/water oriented recreation in the Valley and the Parkway as a high-priority new park to serve the region.
P6	No #	Where feasible, provide a minimum width of 100' for primary, multi-use trail corridors.
P7	RP9	Design and build the multi-use trail sufficiently wide and structurally sound to permit passage of patrol, rescue, fire, and maintenance vehicles.
P8	No #	Where possible, connect the multi-purpose trail with other local and regional trails and bikeways originating in surrounding areas.
P9	RP9	Where possible, align and design trails and bikeways to avoid steep grades, environmentally sensitive areas, erodible soils, and potential hazards. (See also Buffers.)
P10	RP9	Provide separate surfaces for pedestrians, wheeled vehicles, and equestrians as feasible.
P11	RP9	Utilize existing trails and unimproved roads for Parkway trail alignments where appropriate.
P12	RDP2	Provide adequate bicycle locking facilities at recreational and educational facilities.
P13	RP6	Control access to the extent practicable with gates, fences, bollards, boulders, and other appropriate measures.
P14	RCP1	Coordinate with local agencies to provide linkages to the regional bicycle and trail systems, and to link the continuous multi-use trail along and throughout the Parkway.

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P15	RCP4	Facilitate alternative transportation access to the Parkway including coordinating with transit providers to develop a regional transit map showing linkages to the Parkway facilities.
P16	RCP4	Encourage the use of alternative transportation to Parkway events.
P17	RTPP1	Plan for transit connections/stops at trailheads, Parkway staging areas, and activity centers during project development.
P18	RTPP2	Participate in regional public transit planning to secure service to the Parkway, particularly during periods of high activity such as summer weekends.
P19	RPP1	Provide sufficient on-site parking at each public recreational facility for the desired usage level during peak periods and to meet the parking requirements of the affected local jurisdiction. a) Include landscaping to limit parking areas' visual impacts on the adjacent natural areas and residences, while ensuring safety and security for users.
P20	RTP1	To the extent possible, schedule Parkway events to minimize traffic congestion and crowding.
P21	RDP7	Construct the primary multi-use trail system with separate, parallel trails: one with a firm granular or paved 12-foot-wide surface for cyclists, disabled individuals and other users preferring a hard surface; and one with a soft granular (e.g., decomposed granite or crushed quarry fines) or native soil 8-foot-wide surface for equestrians and hikers. Where separate trails are not appropriate or feasible, provide an extra-wide single corridor trail constructed of a 12-foot-wide firm granular or asphalt section and an 8-foot-wide soft granular or native soil shoulders on one side. a) In the event there is not sufficient width to construct a multiple purpose trail as described above, implement restrictions (such as signage and barriers) on horse, bicycle and foot traffic to reduce potential conflicts or effects from heavy use. b) Consider paving the primary multipurpose trail system with asphalt, concrete, or other durable smooth surface materials. Consider such paving for other trails anticipated to receive heavy traffic, sections designed to provide ADA access, and other trails where long term durability is desired. c) For internal trails that provide access to natural reserves, river access, hiking trails, and trail loops within the trail system, construct low-impact footpaths a minimum of 24 inches wide using soft granular material, such as decomposed granite or crushed quarry fines, or native soil.
P22	RPS2	To the extent feasible, locate and design any new Parkway public access to reduce disturbance at the nearest noise-sensitive land uses.
P23	No #	Maintain Parkway areas, access, and facilities in good condition and repair.
P24	RP1	Rehabilitate and improve recreation areas and facilities that existed prior to establishing the Parkway, particularly Lost Lake Park, the Fish Hatchery, Sycamore Island, and Camp Pashayan, on a priority basis.
P25	RP4	Provide recreation facilities, programs, and visitor services compatible with the environment of the recreation area. The types of uses potentially accommodated on public Parkway lands shall be primarily: hiking, jogging, bicycling, wading/swimming, canoeing, picnicking, fishing, golfing, equine riding, nature observation, nature study and educational interpretive programs, camping (tent, trailer, and RV), turf areas for informal and educational play, a limited number of visitor centers, ancillary facilities, and supporting retail and services. Playgrounds, turf areas, and sports facilities should be retained, and provided in areas designated for more intensive uses if warranted by demand.
P26		Utilize the Design Guidelines for San Joaquin River Parkway Public Access and Recreation Improvements (as adopted and refined over time), California State Parks design guidelines and trail classification system, and the project operator's design guidelines, as applicable.
P27	RP15	Develop, operate, and manage Conservancy projects and lands in conformance with statutory requirements and Resolution 93-4: The Conservancy shall close to the public any lands or facilities which it is unable to maintain in a clean and safe manner and to adequately protect the wildlife and rights of adjacent property owners.
P28	RO2	Adopt rules and regulations to minimize undesirable activities and collaborate with enforcement agencies to reduce unlawful conduct in the Parkway.

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P29	ROP6	Develop and implement Parkway public education regarding appropriate behavior while on Parkway property.
P30	PS3	Provide drinking water in Parkway recreation areas where a community water system connection is available. If feasible, new public drinking water systems may be built, operated and monitored in compliance state and local laws and regulations.
P31	CP1	Permit commercial activities needed to serve Parkway visitors, such as sales of food and beverages, camper's grocery items, and books, guides, and educational materials, under special use permits and consistent with other Parkway goals, objectives and policies.
P32	RDP11	Site, grade and construct equestrian facilities, equestrian trails, and other unpaved trails of suitable materials and with appropriate runoff best management practices to minimize the potential for sediments to be carried into adjacent waterways.
P33	RDP11	Develop equestrian staging areas with drinking water source (if potable water is available) and no ground level obstructions such as curbs.
P34	RDP11	Facilitate public/private partnerships to provide equestrian facilities and services to improve equestrian trail use, such as one or more concessions, on public Parkway lands or nearby.
P35	RDP13	Maintain sufficient trash receptacles, including recycling bins, in numerous locations at Parkway sites and at times with heavy public use.
P36		Implement a pack-it-in and pack-it-out policy for trash in lighter use and more remote Parkway areas.
P37	ROP5	Facilitate, promote, and organize community-based litter removal, stewardship, and restoration programs for the Parkway.
P38	RDP15	Install and properly maintain restrooms, including vault toilet restrooms in areas where septic systems and community wastewater connections are infeasible, in easily accessible locations, such as parking areas, trailheads, and public use areas.
P39	ROP7	Limit access to or use of recreational areas within the Parkway, other than camping, to the hours between sunrise and sunset.
P40		Limit vehicle access within the Parkway to designated roads and parking areas, implementing appropriate traffic control as needed, to prevent off-road use, and minimize environmental impacts and policing problems.
P41	ROP4	Establish and implement a Parkway management program to monitor trail conditions, canoe put-ins, and bridge overcrossing approaches and footings and for regular maintenance and repair of such features.
P42	No #	Construct recreational projects only when there are sufficient long-term resources to provide for operations maintenance and management of that project.
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, INTERPRETATION AND OUTREACH		
<i>Goals</i>		
G1		Provide within the Parkway a range of outdoor and environmental educational opportunities and programs to serve all members of the community.
G2		Develop support for the Parkway through outreach and engagement.
G3		Assure that educational opportunities highlight and incorporate the Parkway's natural resources, wildlife, and habitat.

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<i>Policies</i>		
P1	NRPE1	Develop Parkway exhibits, interpretive walks and trails, programs, outdoor classrooms, and self-guided brochure tours. .
P2	NRPE1	Provide interpretive signs and display panels at recreation areas and other points of access to the Parkway.
P3	NRPE2	Provide education programs for people of all ages and abilities.
P4	NRPE2	Develop public education elements in all Parkway projects, facilities and programs.
P5	RP13	Utilize educational and recreational programs developed by volunteer, school, and nonprofit organizations in the area to provide public outreach.
P6	NRPE4	Develop educational and interpretive programs to highlight the diversity of features and uses of the river. Create a focus for each interpretive that features interrelated elements of the interpretive themes. .
P7		Engage in public outreach to a variety of groups and cultures; incorporate designs, text and graphics to communicate across multiple languages.
P8		Develop specific outreach messages and programs to reach a variety of audiences including, but not limited to, visitors, business and economic development interests, tourism, and others.
P9		Lead a process to secure community consensus in support of the Parkway.
P10	RP12	Conduct interpretive programs as close as feasible to the site where the physical evidence of the theme being interpreted is found.
P11	ROP3/RD P14	Provide signage to discourage litter, illicit dumping, and other inappropriate behaviors.
BUFFER ZONES AND ADJACENT LAND USES		
<i>Goals</i>		
G1		Where possible and to the extent feasible, implement buffer zones which protect and enhance the Parkway's natural resources, wildlife, and habitat.
G2		Combine buffers, design, and management measures to adequately reduce habitat conflicts with Parkway recreational uses and to screen and separate recreational uses from adjacent private property to the extent feasible.
G3	No #	Encourage local land use agencies to protect habitat and natural resources of the river and floodplain through set-backs and buffers.
<i>Policies</i>		
		Where possible and to the extent feasible:
P1	NP8.1	Provide a buffer zone of a width appropriate to the intensity of the planned land use or planned Parkway improvement as depicted in Figure 2.

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P2	BZ4	During project-specific environmental review for Parkway improvements, delineate appropriate buffer zones based on site-specific investigations.
P3	BZ2	Provide native vegetation for screening wildlife from human activity as necessary to accommodate less width for a buffer zone.
P4	NP1	Where use is more intensive on one side of the river, provide less intensive use on the other side of the river.
P5	BZ1	Provide a 700 foot buffer between any Parkway improvement and sensitive habitat. .
P6	NP12	Require observation points and trails be designed to pass no closer than 750 feet from rookeries with screening of rookeries provided along path.
P7	NP11	Avoid intensive recreational or other uses within 1500 feet of rookeries where feasible.
P8	RPS1	Other than for water-dependent uses, such as fishing access, wading areas, boat launches, observation points, boating rest stops, etc., avoid developing significant recreational improvements within 200 horizontal feet of the river’s ordinary low water mark (i.e., the riparian corridor) or within existing riparian woodlands.
P9	No #	Use existing vegetation or new plantings of native vegetation to buffer Parkway uses from adjacent land uses.
P10	BZ8	Provide a buffer of 150-feet between Parkway passive recreational activities and the riparian corridor or the edge of existing riparian habitat. Where the 150-foot buffer is not feasible, give a priority to providing an offsetting expansion of the riparian corridor width on the opposite bank.
P11	No #	Provide a 100-foot multi-use trail corridor outside the 150-foot Parkway passive recreational activities for the main Parkway multi-use trail.
P12	RP7	Provide a minimum buffer of 150 feet between any occupied residential property or residential structure and the main Parkway multi-use trail, and if possible provide screening vegetation as well.
P13	ROP8	Provide a minimum buffer of 300-feet between any occupied residential property or residential structure and any Parkway active recreation and group use areas, and if possible provide screening vegetation as well.
P14	BZ3	Encourage local land use agencies to require where feasible buffer zones for the protection of wildlife habitat in natural reserves and wildlife/riparian corridors. From the river wildlife corridor encourage 100 foot buffers from agriculture/pasture; 150 foot buffers from low density housing (less than .05 unit per acre); 300 foot buffers from medium density housing (.05 units per acre to less than 1 unit per acre); and 600 foot buffers from business/industry or high density housing (more than 1 unit per acre, and 700 foot buffers for any development from sensitive habitat. (Sensitive habitat includes areas of special biological significance that provide habitat for locally unique biotic species/communities; that are adjacent to essential habitats of rare, endangered or threatened species; most wetland and riparian areas; or any natural community vulnerable to environmental effects of projects) See Figure 1.
P15	BZ9	Minimize lighting associated with Parkway development and encourage land use policies that minimize light impacts in the floodplain. With the exception of public safety, preclude lighting in the vicinity of the wildlife corridor or a natural reserve, to the extent possible.
P16	BZ9	Require all Conservancy funded projects to reduce light pollution and intrusion; exterior illumination should emit no light above horizontal or be Dark Sky certified.
OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION		
Goals		

Goal/Policy		
	Old Policy No.	
G1	LA1	Acquire lands to implement the Parkway MP, including establishing natural reserves and recreation areas and a continuous wildlife movement corridor and trail system.
G2	LA2	Acquire lands on a willing buyer/willing seller basis.
G3		Acquire lands according to established prioritization policies and criteria to ensure effective use of limited funds.
G4		Secure financial resources over the long-term to establish and continue the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of Parkway facilities and f visitor services.
G5		Pursue a strategic yet flexible approach to a phased implementation of Parkway development that is responsive to funding and partnership opportunities, operations and maintenance resources, and public recreation/education needs.
G6		Ensure efficient and effective implementation of Parkway operations, programs, and facilities.
G7		Develop measureable objectives for projects, programs, and services provided on public Parkway lands.
<i>Policies</i>		
P1	LO1	Place a higher priority on acquiring relatively undisturbed or fragile land with higher habitat values suitable for the wildlife corridor or a natural reserve, than on acquiring previously disturbed land for restoration or for recreation.
P2	LP3	In choosing among lands from willing sellers and for which acquisition funding is available, acquire land and water areas for habitat protection before acquisitions for recreational uses.
P3		<p>Prioritize bond funds first to land acquisitions and second to capital improvements including but not limited to habitat enhancement, public access and recreation, resources protection and education. Land and improvements shall be consistent with the Master Plan and located within the Parkway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Candidate land acquisitions offered by willing sellers shall be reviewed by staff and the Interagency Project Development Committee to make recommendations to the Conservancy Board based on the following criteria: habitat values, potential for restoration or enhancement of natural resources or habitat, connectivity for a wildlife movement corridor, cultural and historical values, public access and recreation potential, connectivity for trails, contiguous public lands and uses, operations and management issues, potential lease and concession revenue, need for conservation, and development threats. b) Candidate capital improvement projects shall be reviewed by the Interagency Project Development Committee to make recommendations to the Conservancy Board based on the following criteria: identification and quality of potential or committed operator; public demand/acceptance; environmental impacts and benefits; connectivity for trails, other public uses, habitat and wildlife movement; project readiness; independent function of improvements; underserved population served by project; long term benefits; Parkway success demonstration; meets partner agency needs, potential funding/in-kind support, potential lease/concession revenue, interagency complexity, and capital cost.
P4	LO3	Ensure that Parkway plans do not interfere with existing development entitlements.
P5	RTP4	Develop operating plans for each Parkway segment, including access control locations, park hours, fees and enforcement provisions in conjunction with affected local jurisdictions.
P6	RTP5	Design off-site improvements needed for access to and from Parkway facilities in accordance with standards of the applicable local jurisdictions.
P7	No #	Collect user fees to support Parkway operations and deter indiscriminate activities. Manage high-demand Parkway uses through permits or additional fees as needed.
P8	LP4	As appropriate, seek donations, facilitate land exchanges, acquire easements, and create mitigation partnerships whenever possible to minimize expenditures of public funds for land acquisitions.

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P9	LP1	Acquire lands from willing sellers for no more than fair market value and mutually satisfactory terms.
P10		Encourage public-public and public-private partnerships with other agencies and organizations that can assist in funding, implementing, managing, and maintaining Parkway facilities and programs.
P11		Consider establishing a Friends of the Parkway group that will provide opportunities for community involvement.
P12		To the extent possible meet multiple-purposes in developing and funding Parkway facilities and programs.
P13	NP9	Coordinate with game wardens and enforcement authorities to prevent and control undesirable activities and unlawful conduct in the Parkway
P14	NP9/PS2	Develop appropriate authorities, rules, regulations, programs, and resources for Parkway patrols and public safety, in collaboration with enforcement agencies, to supplement enforcement capacity.
P15	RFMP3	Cooperate in the development and implementation of a public safety operational plan for the Parkway with all affected state and local law enforcement agencies that addresses, but is not limited to, emergency response planning, coordination with public safety and response agencies, park closures due to high flows and other hazards.
P16		Develop and implement best management practices to encourage water safety.
P17		Utilize Parkway brand in all communications and publications in order to develop support media which presents a unified Parkway image (i.e. implement the Use Guidelines for San Joaquin River Parkway Brand).
P18		Establish unified Parkway facility designs for the purposes of branding the Parkway.