TO: San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board

FROM: John M. Shelton, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: ACTION ITEM: Authorize Bond Funds and Grant to Fresno Building Healthy Communities for the San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan: Camp Pashayan to Millburn Overlook. (Carried over from January 6, 2021, meeting)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
It is recommended the Board approve $1,519,000 in Prop 84 bond funds and a grant agreement with the Fresno Building Healthy Communities for the San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Activation and Restoration Plan: Camp Pashayan to Millburn Overlook. Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) authorization would be requested at their May 2021 meeting.

LOCATION:
Fresno Building Healthy Communities (FBHC) proposes to develop a public access plan that will focus on the Camp Pashayan boundary area and extend eastward to North Millburn Avenue, encompassing the entirety of western extent of the Parkway on the Fresno side of the River. This is the northwest corner of the City of Fresno and is bisected by the current Amtrak rail line and the future high-Speed Rail (HSR) alignment. The project boundary is from Highway 99 to the west, the San Joaquin River to the northwest and north, North Millburn Avenue to the east, and the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) site and Fresno County Peace Officers training site to the south. The PG&E site is a large utility installation with overhead transmission lines extending across the River, and the fence surrounding this property creates a constricted right-of-way along the riverbank which will need careful study, though the Master Plan has identified an alternative route along North Weber Ave, which is south of PG&E and provides the primary means of access to Camp Pashayan.

It is intended that the project will study and encompass the San Joaquin River itself, though not the northern bank in Madera County. A corridor of approximately a quarter mile wide is envisioned to be the focus, from southern extents up to and including the River. This corridor traverses undeveloped land, residential neighborhoods, a golf course, an existing park, and a wildlife preserve. The north side of the River is primarily agricultural land. The River itself is relatively slow moving and quiet, and accessible by small craft such as canoes and kayaks.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
FBHC and their team proposes to build upon the guidelines of the original 1995 San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan and the 2018 Update (Master Plan Update) by focusing on the
Western Reaches San Joaquin River Parkway. Specifically, it focuses on the two western-most and downstream portions of Master Plan Update, identified as Areas 6 & 7.

The San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan will provide public access to the river and design recreational amenities at the Camp Pashayan site. It will also develop a specific plan for recreational trail along the river, extending four miles eastward to the Millburn Avenue and the Milburn Overlook of the City of Fresno, and setting the stage for additional connectivity and river access called for in the Master Plan Update. Together, these efforts will provide new opportunities for enjoyment of the San Joaquin River for underserved communities in Fresno and Madera Counties. As an additional objective, the FBHC plan will include ecological enhancements to the river’s edge, offering protections for sensitive habitat and native riparian vegetation.

The project focuses this initial effort on Master Plan Update’s Areas 6 and 7, as they are priority areas of focus for the San Joaquin River Conservancy, as much of the land is readily available and already controlled solely by the Conservancy or in partnership with local jurisdictions. Additionally, while this part of the river currently has limited access points, there is no connectivity to other sections of the Parkway, and these western reaches have the potential to anchor the western extents of the Parkway corridor. They also sit in proximity to many underserved communities in the City of Fresno, which will easily be able to access the site due to its location alongside Highway 99. Critically, the Master Plan Update also identifies the river reach of Area 7 to be a Habitat Focus Area, which means any planning for public access will need to carefully consider environmental implications, including natural water level fluctuations, riparian habitat protection, migratory patterns, stormwater management, and opportunities for interpretation and education around these and other topics.

This project will provide public access opportunities on the south (City of Fresno) side of the River, as well as connecting to the greater San Joaquin River Parkway trail system. This grant ready work will complete 65% planning and design documents, and file a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document, which is expected to tier off the Master Plan Update Final EIR.

The proposed project will identify and re-envision Camp Pashayan as a new trailhead facility and river destination, with parking, park amenities, and new trails and water connections eastward to the Schneider Use Area, Riverside Trailhead area, Riverbottom Park, Liddell Property, and Milburn use areas. Planning will be divided into two sub-project areas: Camp Pashayan, with its public access facilities and riparian enhancements, and the River Trail design, which will identify the appropriate alignment and design for the trail to Millburn Overlook.

FBHC’s project team will split the engagement effort as these two components address different communities with diverse strengths and challenges. Currently, Camp Pashayan is a closed area, and the engagement process will identify opportunities to bring various community groups, especially from the nearby Herndon neighborhood and Madera County to the site for more in-depth exposure and connection. The River Trail Implementation segment encompasses different stakeholder and community interests and has distinct unique challenges that the project team will address through targeted engagement effort.

Together, these joint efforts will engage landowners, municipal and community partners, interested stakeholders, adjacent residential neighborhoods, and the general public in the design process, including the City and County of Fresno, who own sites adjacent to the study area, as well as the broader Fresno and Madera County communities. These outreach efforts will create a comprehensive foundation for the advancement of the San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan (Camp Pashayan to North Millburn Ave), which upon completion will deliver a project that is ready for implementation and sets the standard for additional Master Plan projects along the San Joaquin River corridor.
The proposed Project is consistent with the Conservancy’s mission and the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan Update and is an eligible use of Conservancy bond funds.

The detailed project proposal, maps, and line-item budget are provided in Attachment 1.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND NEEDS:

The project is consistent with the following Parkway Master Plan goals and objectives:

Public Access and Recreation Goals

The projects encourage public access in a manner compatible with existing natural resources. Select relevant goals from the Master Plan Update include:

- Provide river access and high-quality recreation areas and facilities to meet recreational and environmental educational needs while conserving natural and cultural resources.
- Ensure access to all segments of the population and to all residents of the region, in metropolitan and outlying areas.
- Manage recreational uses to minimize indiscriminate activities, trespass on private lands, and human impacts to natural resources in the Parkway.
- 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.

Ecological Goals

Select relevant goals from the Master Plan Update include:

- 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.
- Conserve wildlife species that depend on the river environment.
- Provide education and recreation facilities and programs, including a continuous multi-use trail the length of the Parkway.
- Conserve, restore, and enhance natural resources and protect cultural resources, while also meeting recreational and educational needs.
- Conserve undeveloped areas of the floodplain to provide that they remain non-urbanized. (FG5)
- Conserve, enhance, restore, and provide for public enjoyment of the aquatic, plant, and wildlife resources of the San Joaquin River Parkway.
- 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.
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Additional public access and recreation goals may include but are not limited to:

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PROJECT FUNDING:
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Subtotal $1,354,800.00

Reimbursables (5%) $67,740.00
Indirect Costs $24,087.00
Subtotal $1,446,627.00

Project Contingency (5%) $72,373.00

GRAND TOTAL $1,519,000.00

Project costs include:
• Project Management / Grant Administration will include initial project setup, invoicing, file structure, communications and graphic standards.
• Inventory and Analysis will include existing Document Review, Site Surveys, mapping, SWOT Analysis, and an ecological enhancement and restoration opportunities analysis.
• Outreach includes developing the stakeholder list and outreach, conducting virtual or in-person engagement activities, capturing progress and summarizing public input.
• Planning and Design includes the conceptual design, Design Alternatives, Schematic Design (30% Documentation) and Design Development (65% Documentation).
• CEQA Documentation will include a qualified consultant to complete necessary CEQA filing.
• Cost Estimate and Implementation Strategy

CEQA REVIEW AND ANALYSIS:

The Project will consider and document site specific environmental review strategies per CEQA in order to avoid impacts, remain consistent with the Master Plan Update Final EIR, and define any necessary additional actions that may be required during construction. This project will result in a filed CEQA document with the San Joaquin River Conservancy as the CEQA Lead Agency.

Rebecca Raus
Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Attachment 1: Fresno Building Healthy Communities’ San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan: Camp Pashayan to Millburn Overlook proposal.
San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan:
Camp Pashayan to Millburn Overlook
Submitted to the San Joaquin River Conservancy Board and the
State of California Wildlife Conservation Board
February 20, 2021

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**Adjacent Properties/Landowners’ Map – Also Included as Attachment**

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Proposal Questions

I. Project Location

The San Joaquin River Parkway study area, between State Highway 99 and near the terminus of the trail at the Milburn Overlook. See maps attached.

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Acreage of Proposed Improvements

Project Map (see Attachment B for Project Map)

Project Area shown in orange.
Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN’s) (Source: SJRC) (See Attachment H)

504-130-X1 = TBD
504-230-3ST = City of Fresno
503-010-01U = U Parcel (Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway)
503-010-02U = U Parcel (Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway)
504-130-10U = U Parcel (PGE)

Current Zoning and Master Plan Designations

The San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan (SJRPMP) and EIR updated in 2017 is the guiding policy plan for the property. It describes public access and recreation features throughout the 22-mile length in seven units called sub areas. Sub Area six and seven describe property within this proposed project. The SJRPMP guides the development of trails, water access, habitat restoration, and public access facilities such as parking. The City of Fresno zoning designates the City portions of the land as parks and open space. The overlay designation for mining for select parcels is consistent with limited ongoing gravel operations. Adjacent lands are primarily residential with parcels designated for public and institutions also occurring. The City’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan notes existing City parks occurring within the River Parkway. Riverbottom Park, a City owned, unimproved property, will be enhanced through this project. The City also owns the Riverside Trailhead.

Description of Project Location (see Attachment C for more site photos)

The project will focus on the Camp Pashayan boundary area and extend eastward to North Millburn Avenue, encompassing the entirety of Sub Area 7 and the western portion of Sub Area 6 as described in the SJRPMP. This is the northwest corner of the City of Fresno, and is bisected by the current Amtrak rail line and the future HSR alignment. The project boundary is from Highway 99 to the west, the San Joaquin River to the northwest and north, North Millburn Avenue to the east, and the PG&E site and Fresno County Peace Officers training site to the south. The PG&E site is a large utility installation with
overhead transmission lines extending across the River, and the fence surrounding this property creates a constricted right-of-way along the riverbank which will need careful study, though the Master Plan has identified an alternative route along North Weber Ave, which is south of PG&E and provides the primary means of access to Camp Pashayan.

Land ownership of the project area is shown in the map above. Key landholders include the San Joaquin River Conservancy and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife.

It is intended that the project will study and encompass the San Joaquin River itself, though not the northern bank in Madera County. A corridor of approximately a quarter mile wide is envisioned to be the focus, from southern extents up to and including the River. This corridor traverses undeveloped land, residential neighborhoods, a golf course, an existing park, and a wildlife preserve. The north side of the River is primarily agricultural land. The River itself is relatively slow moving and quiet, and accessible by small craft such as canoes and kayaks.

There are no structures to impede watercraft through these reaches of the River, which follows a meandering course around small islands and embayments. Water levels fluctuate seasonally and with storm events, and the width of the river varies from over 300 feet wide to less than 50 feet. The floodplain also extends wide in some areas and is more constricted with steep banks in others. Currently at Camp Pashayan, there are scattered trees and brush. Grasses cover much of the site, with a dirt road extending down to the river. There is one picnic pavilion, and one other building (a former restroom). In late summer the land appears parched and brown, but winter and spring seasons see lush green vegetation. Aside from abandoned fencelines and meandering informal dirt footpaths, the site is entirely undeveloped. The river edge is primarily covered with plants, but there are areas where illicit overuse has cause erosion and compaction. A spit of land extending into the river is inundated during high water, creating additional islands and adding to the special nature of the site. As well, there are areas where water has become impounded, creating unique habitat zones. There is ample room at this site for both recreation and conservation enhancements.

Along the river to the east, where the trail will be designed, the property becomes narrower and will take sensitive planning to determine the appropriate alignment. Here the river has a continuous planted
edge, but the floodplain expands inland in certain locations and creates wide swathes of grassland. The topographic change out of the floodplain is quite steep in some areas and will present challenges for trail alignment. Opportunities exist with berms and existing manmade structures that would support the trail and keep visitors away from sensitive areas like steep slopes, private property, or wetlands. These existing structures also create potential for river crossings or additional access points.

II. Other Projects: Not Applicable

III. Goals and Objectives

Ecological Goals

The project advances goals to protect and enhance natural and cultural resources per the SJRPMP. On the whole, the project aims to avoid impacting sensitive ecological resources. Improvements identified will be related to site development and will contribute to visitor experience and interpretation elements. Select relevant goals from the plan include:

- 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. (FG1)
- Conserve wildlife species that depend on the river environment. (FG2)
- Provide education and recreation facilities and programs, including a continuous multi-use trail the length of the Parkway. (FG3)
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IV. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

This project will adhere to all requirements of the ADA to the fullest extent possible, including communications, printed materials, and trail and amenity access.

Features that will be designed to ADA standards may include primary trails, including the river trail, and amenities such as picnic areas, restrooms, river access, and fishing piers (if included). As a general rule, improvements made to the Camp Pashayan and River Trail areas will utilize best practices to ensure equitable access wherever feasible. Areas or programming considerations that present significant challenges to doing so, through site constraints such as topographic changes, width and right-of-way restrictions, or ecological sensitivity, will be identified and earmarked for additional study as the project moves forward.

Federal standards require newly designed or newly constructed and altered portions of existing trails connecting to designated staging areas or accessible trails to comply with the guidelines. The ADA guidelines recognize that the natural environment often prevents full implementation of certain technical provisions. Departures are permitted from certain technical provisions where at least one of four conditions is present:
• Where compliance would cause substantial harm to cultural, historic, religious, or significant natural features or characteristics;
• Where compliance would substantially alter the nature of the setting or the purpose of the facility, or portion of the facility;
• Where compliance would require construction methods or materials that are prohibited by federal, state, or local regulations or statutes; or
• Where compliance would not be feasible due to terrain or the prevailing construction practices.

V. Project Description (See Attachment G)
The project focuses on two areas of the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan (SJRPMP), specifically Areas 6 & 7, which represent the western-most extents of the envisioned Parkway.
This project builds upon the guidelines of the original 1995 San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan (SJRPMP) and its 2018 update. Specifically, it focuses on the two western-most and downstream portions of master plan, identified as Areas 6 & 7 and shown in the map above.

The San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan will provide public access to the river and design recreational amenities at the Camp Pashayan site, located in Area 7. It will also develop a recreational trail along the river, extending 4 miles eastward to the Millburn Overlook in Area 6 of the SJRPMP, and setting the stage for additional connectivity and river access called for in the plan. Together, these efforts will provide new opportunities for enjoyment of the San Joaquin River for underserved communities in Fresno and Madera Counties. At the same time, they will provide ecological enhancements to the river’s edge, and will offer better protections for sensitive habitat and native riparian vegetation.

As a planning effort, this project focuses on identifying those ecological enhancements and developing the necessary infrastructure of design elements that provide visitor access and protect sensitive resources in these two Areas of the master plan. As the westernmost reach of the envisioned San Joaquin River Parkway, the project focuses on developing actionable next steps to establish public access while restoring and enhancing native habitat, setting the precedent for additional work to follow in future phases of the SJRPMP’s implementation.

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**Deliverables**

These deliverables are also broken down by task under the Scope of Work.

Early tasks for the project include the completion of project base maps, a site survey, and a Summary Document which includes an Existing Conditions Inventory, SWOT Analysis, and identifies Ecological Enhancement and Restoration Opportunities. This is a project record document that will be supplemented with extensive mapping and graphics that communicate critical project information and set the stage for Outreach and Conceptual Design.

Our multi-stage engagement process, active during the Inventory and Analysis, Conceptual Design, and Design Alternatives tasks, could include onsite workshops and tours, community meetings around Fresno, a project website, online surveys, virtual meetings, and project videos. The team will conduct
design charrettes aimed at disenfranchised community members and those that do not typically participate in the planning process.

In particular, the team will seek input from youth and educational partners, in order to build stewardship and a sense of ownership among these groups. Outreach occurs during the latter part of the Inventory and Analysis Task, and continues into the Conceptual Design Task, giving the public multiple opportunities to weigh-in on project direction and see the design evolution. The final product captures public and stakeholder input into a Summary Document which records the engagement process and demonstrates how the design team responded to public comments to create a more community-driven design.

Next the project team will deliver concept design graphics, including plans, sections, diagrams, and perspective renderings as needed to convey the design intent of the project. Design alternatives could include up to three options to be considered for public and stakeholder input. These will also be conveyed with maps and plans and graphics as needed.

Schematic Design drawings will be produced to document the chosen design alternative and will be detailed enough for the CEQA process to be completed, representing 30% design completion. Design Development drawings will be produced that represent 65% of the design completion, and will build off feedback from the CEQA process and go further into the details of the design, to demonstrate constructability, confirm the design has minimal environmental impacts, determine materials and furnishings, create outline specifications, and coordinate with engineers or other subconsultants as needed to create a package of contract documents that are ready to be advanced to the final implementation stage (beyond the scope of this project).

For the CEQA process, the project team will deliver the necessary documentation needed to advance the project through CEQA filings, which will be recorded in the state register.

Additionally, a Cost Estimate will be provided in PDF and Excel form, and will be used to help guide the Implementation Strategy, which is a document designed to be included in the Master Plan Document that outlays the approach to construction, by identifying priority projects, phases (if necessary), and funding mechanisms.

The final deliverable is a concise (100 pages) graphically rich document that communicates the exciting vision, community support, and the necessary technical information to move the project to its next phase.

Scope of Work

The project team is responsible for completing the following tasks:

0. Project Management / Grant Administration
   a. Initial project setup, invoicing, file structure, communications and graphic standards.
   b. This task enables the project to move forward smoothly and efficiently while being cognizant of the grant requirements and meeting deadlines and deliverables, managing the project schedule and subcontractor/team coordination.

1. Inventory and Analysis
   a. Existing Document Review
   b. Site Survey / Drone Flight
   c. Mapping the project area and adjacent context – base map.
   d. Existing Conditions
      i. Infrastructural Resources

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ii. Recreational Amenities
iii. Cultural Resources
iv. Landholdings / Easements
v. Habitat Conservation Areas
e. SWOT Analysis and physical assessment: the team will document the physical condition of the site and its access, use areas, ecology, facilities, and infrastructure, supplemented by information provided by the SJRC.
f. Restoration Opportunities: This project prioritizes providing access to and near the San Joaquin River. Inevitably there will be opportunities for restoration efforts that provide habitat benefits, protect shorelines, and complement and improve the visitor experience while enhancing natural features. These opportunities will be documented in the plan for implementation alongside access improvements per the below:
   i. Natural resource enhancement opportunities associated with the proposed access improvements will be scoped and described as a series of five to seven possible future projects. These proposed projects may be included with the future construction of the public access features.
g. DELIVERABLES: Project base maps, site survey, and Summary Document which includes Existing Conditions Inventory, SWOT Analysis, and Ecological Enhancement and Restoration Opportunities. This is a project record document that is supplemented with extensive mapping and graphics that communicate critical project information and set the stage for Outreach and Conceptual Design.

2. Outreach
   a. Develop the stakeholder list and outreach strategy for two engagement efforts
      i. Camp Pashayan: we envision 3 community workshops and 2-3 design charrettes.
      ii. River Trail Implementation: we envision 2 community workshops, site tours and pop ups.
   b. Conduct virtual or in-person engagement activities as we’re able.
   c. Capture the results and summarize public input as it serves to guide project designs.
   d. Share progress as planning and design moves forward, giving the public the chance to weigh-in on strategic alternatives and conceptual designs.

DELIVERABLES: Multi-stage engagement opportunities/workshops or on-site visits and tours (during Inventory and Analysis, Conceptual Design, and Design Alternatives). As necessary, this could also include a project website, online surveys, virtual meetings, and project videos. The team will conduct design charrettes aimed at disenfranchised community members and those that do not typically participate in the planning process. In particular, the team will seek input from youth and educational partners, in order to build stewardship and a sense of ownership among these groups. Outreach occurs during the latter part of the Inventory and Analysis Task, and continues into the Conceptual Design Task, giving the public multiple opportunities to weigh-in on project direction and see the design evolution. The final product captures public and stakeholder input into a Summary Document which records the engagement process and demonstrates how the design team responded to public comments to create a more community-driven design.

3. Planning and Design
   a. Conceptual Design
      i. Diagramming connectivity, program, amenities, utilities and vehicular and pedestrian site circulation.
      ii. Team charrettes to develop conceptual design alternatives, which will be presented and refined at a community workshop based on public comments.
iii. Engineering and architectural evaluation of existing infrastructure (bathroom, gazebo, water well, etc.) to guide proposed design alternatives.

b. Design Alternatives
   i. Public Access Diagrams
   ii. Perspective Renderings
   iii. Plan Enlargements

c. Schematic Design (30% Documentation) – completion enables CEQA process to begin
   i. Review required by partner agencies at 30% (SJRC, WCB, CDFW).

d. Design Development (65% Documentation) – coinciding with Task 4 CEQA
   i. Review required at 65% documentation (SJRC, WCB, and CDFW).

DELIVERABLES:
- Concept design graphics, including plans, sections, diagrams, and perspective renderings as needed to convey the design intent of the project.
- Design alternatives could include up to three options to be considered for public and stakeholder input. These will also be conveyed with maps and plans and graphics as needed.
- Schematic Design drawings (30% documentation) will be produced to document the chosen design alternative and will be detailed enough for the CEQA process to be completed.
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- Design Development drawings (65% documentation) will build off feedback from the CEQA process and go further into the details of the design
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  - Create outline specifications
  - Coordinate with engineers or other subconsultants as needed to create a package of contract documents that are ready to be advanced to the final implementation stage (beyond the scope of this project).
  - Review by partner agencies

4. CEQA Documentation
   a. Engage a qualified consultant (TBD) to complete necessary CEQA filings that tier-off the existing EIR from the SJRPMP.
   b. Review existing EIR, provide guidance for IS/MND.
   c. Identify potential impacts early and avoid them during design to limit the need for future permitting requirements.
   d. Update technical analyses for biological resources and cultural resources

DELIVERABLES: The necessary documentation needed to advance the project through CEQA filings, which will be recorded in the state register.

5. Cost Estimate and Implementation Strategy
   a. Construction cost estimate to be prepared for implementation planning.
      i. Priority projects/parcels will have a detailed cost estimate – those owned by SJRC or identified as critical first steps or near-term improvements.
      ii. Overall project costs for following phases will remain more general.
   b. Phasing of construction or amenities to be discussed.

DELIVERABLES: The Cost Estimate will be provided in PDF and Excel form, and will be used to help guide the Implementation Strategy, which is a document designed to be included in the Master Plan Document that outlays the approach to construction, by identifying priority projects, phases (if necessary), and funding mechanisms.
6. San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan Document
   a. The Master Plan process establishes a collective purpose for the opportunity to create a supportive set of facilities and site work to be developed over time. Design graphics and narrative will describe the envisioned improvements at a high level. Technical detail and 65% design documents are provided as required to understand feasibility and cost. **DELIVERABLES:** The final deliverable is a concise (100 pages) graphically rich document that communicates the exciting vision, community support, and the necessary technical information to move the project to its next phase.

VI. Timeline and Budget
The project schedule is outlined below, coinciding with Tasks and Deliverables described in Scope of Work above.

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A Budget Summary is included below, and a detailed spreadsheet is attached as **Attachment D in both Excel spreadsheet and PDF.**

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**Subtotal:** $1,354,800.00

| Reimbursables Total (5% of Subtotal) | $67,740.00 |
| Prime Consultant - Fresno BHC Indirect Costs (10% of BHC Fee) | $24,087.00 |

**Subtotal:** $1,446,627.00

| Project Contingency (5%) | $72,373.00 |

**GRAND TOTAL:** $1,519,000.00

VII. Project Readiness
A series of prior plans (SJRPMP, City of Fresno General Plan, Fresno Parks Master Plan) have provided substantive groundwork for this project. Each has been completed through a public process with environmental clearance granted through the State.
California Environmental Quality Act
The Project will consider and document site specific environmental review strategies per CEQA in order to avoid impacts, remain consistent with the SJRPMP EIR, and define any necessary additional actions that may be required during construction. The project will need to adopt a supplemental EIR or MND and expects it to be tiered off the SJRPMP EIR.

The San Joaquin River Conservancy will be the CEQA Lead Agency, with a consultant to be determined as shown in the project budget, to conduct the Initial Study and provide expert guidance for the supplemental EIR or MND. Baseline biological resource information will be collected on a limited basis, and previously collected data will be reviewed. Potential mitigation of impacts to biologic and botanical resources may be incorporated into the habitat enhancement program. Finally, the project will be registered with the State clearinghouse.

Permitting
This project will prepare a permitting strategy memorandum identifying required permits, timeline for securing, responsible parties, and rough order of magnitude costs. A qualified environmental firm (TBD) with permitting experience will perform this work. Early in the design process, the consultant will identify permitting challenges in order to minimize them if possible. The filing of permit applications is not part of this project and will occur during the subsequent phase of work.

VIII. Durability of Investment / Long-Term Management Plan
Not Applicable.
This project is a planning project and will not be required to provide a long-term management plan.

IX. Support and Collaboration
The San Joaquin River Conservancy and California Department of Fish and Wildlife are the main owners of the project site, and the project team has been in correspondence with both agencies. Several meetings with Fresno City staff have been conducted. There are active community volunteer groups that work tirelessly to keep these areas clean, Engage the surrounding neighborhood, and provide educational programs. Project team has already established a good communication with them. Multiple site tours have been conducted with the community organizations like River Tree, a local team of volunteers that organize river clean ups and canoe and hiking trips along the San Joaquin River. When the project launches, Fresno BHC will engage these non-profit organizations that represent the neighboring areas, as well as other disadvantages communities in Fresno and Madera county.

Applicant Organizational Profile
Fresno Building Healthy Communities (Fresno BHC) was established in 2010 and works to foster and encourage thriving communities where all children and families can live healthy, safe, and productive lives. Fresno BHC serves as the "central table" bringing leaders together to devise and implement innovative solutions to some of the community’s most pressing challenges. Fresno BHC has an established network comprising over 30 nonprofit and faith-based organizations, affecting over 97,000 lives in Fresno, California. Fresno BHC utilizes a community organizing approach to build local capacity to address social determinants of health and serves as a backbone organization with experience in marketing and communications, civic engagement, developing and sustaining coalitions, and implementing innovative policy solutions and community development projects to enable Fresnans to access opportunities and resources to thrive. In 2020, Fresno BHC, in partnership with WRT and Urban
Diversity Design, was awarded a $6.6 million grant by the California Department of Parks and Recreation Statewide Park Program to implement the Calwa Renovation Project - one of two awards in Fresno County and the only in the City of Fresno – after completing a robust community engagement and design process.

Project Partners

**URBAN Diversity Design (UDD)** is a Fresno-based consultant firm that offers services in a broad range of urban design and community engagement projects. UDD was founded in January 2010, focusing on Smart Growth, Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and sustainable planning strategies. As residents of the San Joaquin Valley we understand our community and share their needs. We also understand the metrics of land development, and we focus on creating a livable, healthy environment that meets the needs of all residents of communities throughout the Valley. The goal of the firm is to offer resources to address the issues facing this region as municipalities embrace the current realities of economic hardship, ongoing degradation of the environment, and the need for quality, affordable housing for a growing and diverse population. UDD’s core mission is to support the vision toward livable and diverse neighborhoods in communities across the Central Valley, where equity, sense of place, access and multigenerational diversity is celebrated. Our familiarity with the local economy, climate, and culture combined with a keen understanding of the distinctly different pressures that drive development here in the Valley, allow us to provide responsive, insightful and affordable urban design and community engagement services. Corridor revitalization, Complete Street design, downtown master planning, Park and green space master planning, public plaza revitalization, Mixed-use and Transit Oriented Development, and adopted reuse are some of recent projects that UDD has been involved with. UDD provides a range of services from urban design, community outreach, workshop facilitation, and project management.

**WRT** is a national planning and design practice founded in 1963, based in San Francisco and Philadelphia which is comprised of 85 planners, urban designers, landscape architects, and architects. WRT’s five practice areas include a major focus on parks and open space, with over 250 projects nationwide. Common to these practice areas is an overarching capability for placemaking, green infrastructure, and community design. Together this anchors our capacity to provide strategic direction and community-based solutions grounded in smart design.

WRT’s related projects include Tunitas Creek Beach Improvement Project, HARD Trails Master Plan, Foothill Trail Master Plan, San Lorenzo Creekway Vision, Bothin Marsh Adaptation Project, McLaughlin Eastshore State Park General Plan and EIR, Calwa Park Prop 68 Grant and Implementation Project, and Fresno Parks Master Plan.

Key Personnel

**Sandra Celedon** is the President and Chief Executive Officer for Fresno Building Healthy Communities. Sandra has a Bachelor of Science, Community Health degree from California State University, Fresno and a Master of Public, Community Health degree from San Jose State University. She has worked in numerous public health positions over the years developing and implementing community programs with special focus on neighborhood development, prevention, and primary care access. Sandra has more than 15 years of experience in community organizing, public policy, management, data and evaluation, budgeting, and communications. As the Project Lead, Sandra will provide strategic support and direction and ensure successful implementation of all project components.

**Kimberly McCoy** is the Project Director for Fresno Building Health Communities. Kimberly is a dedicated community advocate and leader inspired by her son Norwood to create a healthier and thriving community for all children and families. Kimberly earned her associate degree in accounting at Fresno
City College. Kimberly will lead Fresno Building Healthy Communities’ internal staff to guide and support community design and planning efforts and youth engagement activities.

**Sheila Hakimipour** is the principal and founder of Urban Diversity Design. She has nearly 20 years of experience in architecture, urban design and community engagement, working in different communities of the Central Valley. Sheila’s main work has focused on smart growth and projects that transform auto-dominated communities into thriving pedestrian-oriented environments valuing responsive and sensitive approaches to community engagement planning, natural and cultural resources, complexity of the existing context, and the character and history of the community. Sheila holds a master’s degree in urban design from University of California, Berkeley, and a master’s degree in architecture from Azad University of Tehran. As the project manager, Sheila will coordinate collaboration between project team members, and the development phases of both projects to make sure deliverables are achieved on schedule. She will work closely with BHC, WRT and other consultants on all aspects of the project. Sheila will be in charge to ensure everyone stays on task, and the two projects move forward simultaneously.

**John R. Gibbs, PLA, ASLA, LEED AP – Principal-in-Charge** As Principal-in-Charge John will guide the overall direction of the project and provide final review of all products. He is a landscape architect and urban designer with 20 years of experience. He shares WRT’s deep commitment to environmentally rooted planning and design excellence. His work reflects his belief that open space infrastructure, whether at the scale of trails, parks, landscaped plazas, or streets, is a crucial and integral part of creating quality urban environments. He is a practice leader in WRT’s Parks and Open Space, and Community Design practices where he is committed to enhancing community open space - from park system planning to detailed design - and expanding mobility options through complete streets, trails, and district pedestrian networks. Community engagement is fundamental to all facets of his work and his outreach skills are valued by clients who seek outcomes rooted in productive public dialogue.

**Andrew Dawson, ASLA – Project Manager** With a background in physical geography, Andy has an MCP and MLA from the University of Pennsylvania. His work revolves around navigating the scale shifts between these complimentary disciplines. Since joining WRT in 2013, Andy has been involved with projects in Washington DC, Maryland, Virginia, Iowa, Pennsylvania, and New York. Andy works with the landscape architecture group in both of WRT’s offices, guiding strategic approaches to projects and teams. He is currently managing the implementation of the Calwa Park Prop 68-funded improvement project in Fresno. His project interests span from urban to rural, and from large-scale master planning to construction details, with an attention to local context and place.

**Certification**

I certify that the information contained in my Application, including all required attachments is accurate and that I have been authorized to apply for this grant.

Date: February 20, 2021  Signature: _________________________________
{ ATTACHMENTS / LETTERS }

Attachment A – Fresno BHC Board of Directors Resolution
Attachment B – Project Location Maps
Attachment C – Photos of Project Site
Attachment D – Project Budget Spreadsheet (both in excel and PDF)
Attachment E – Support Letters
Attachment F – SJRPMP Overall Area map
Attachment G – SJRPMP Area 6 & 7 Maps
Attachment H – APN map
Attachment I – Subproject Budget

Checklist

☑ Resolution from applicant’s governing board (Applicant Information Section) Attachment A

☐ For projects located on private lands, copy of legal description of the property that meets county requirements for legibility (Section I) Not applicable (this is a planning project. Will be obtained for the next project/phase, permitting and implementation project.

☑ Project location map showing project area, GIS shape files, site maps, detailed project drawings / plans (Section V) Attachment B

☑ Photos of the project site (Section V) Attachment C

☑ Complete line item budget in electronic MS Excel spreadsheet (Section VI)

☐ Appropriate CEQA documentation: Either the Notice of Exemption or environmental document and Notice of Determination (Section VII) Not applicable (it will be done as part of this planning process)

☐ Long-term management plan (Section VIII) Not applicable

☑ Support letters (Section IX)) Attachment E
San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan: Camp Pashayan to Millburn Overlook

Attachments A - I
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07

APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD FOR THE SJRP WESTERN REACHES ACTIVATION AND RESTORATION PLAN: CAMP PASHAYAN TO MILLBURN LOOKOUT PROJECT

WHEREAS, funds were made available to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the enhancement or restoration of fish and wildlife habitat and for the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing or other wildlife-oriented recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, Fresno Building Healthy Communities intends to engage community members and stakeholders to inform and develop the SJRP Western Reaches Activation and Restoration Plan to build upon the guidelines of the original 1995 San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan (SJRPMP) and its 2018 update to develop a concise graphically rich document (“master plan”) to establish a collective purpose and a supportive set of facilities to be developed over time to provide and expand public access to the river and design recreational amenities at the Camp Pashayan site and develop a recreational trail along the river, extending 4 miles eastward to the Millburn Lookout, and set the stage for additional connectivity and river access; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that the proposed grant activities will promote and lead to new opportunities for enjoyment of the San Joaquin River for underserved communities in Fresno and Madera Counties and will provide ecological enhancements to the river’s edge, offer better protections for sensitive habitat and native riparian vegetation, in alignment with the Corporation’s values and goals to advance equitable access to parks and green space;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. Approves the filing of an application for funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board; and
2. Certifies that said Applicant will comply with all federal, state and local environmental, public health, and other appropriate laws and regulations applicable to the project and will obtain or will ensure that the other project partners obtain all appropriate permits applicable to the project; and
3. Further commits to the terms and conditions specified in the grant agreement; and
4. Appoints the Corporation’s President and CEO or his/her designee as a representative(s) of Fresno Building Healthy Communities to conduct negotiations, execute, submit and sign all documents including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and other documents which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Secretary of the Corporation be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute all documents and to take such action(s) as he may deem necessary or advisable to carry out the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolutions.

Certification

I certify that I am the duly elected and acting Secretary and the custodian of the books and records of Fresno Building Healthy Communities, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors and that said meeting was held in accordance with state law and the Bylaws of the Corporation; and that said Resolution is now in full force and effect without modification or rescission.

[Signature]
Secretary

YES NO ABSTAIN ABSENT DIRECTOR

Adopted by the Board of Directors on December 18, 2020.
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Photos of Project Site
Trail from Camp Pashayan to Millburn Overlook

Looking west toward Camp P
Riverbottom Park
Trail @ golf coarse
Adjacent to PG&E looking east

Riverbottom Park looking east
Fisherman @ Riverbottom Park
Mid-way Trail
Liddell Property
## San Joaquin River Parkway Western Reaches Access Activation Plan: Camp Pashayan to Millburn Overlook

**Fresno BHC UDD WRT Civil/Structural Engineer Environmental/Ecologist**

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### Reimbursables (Printing, materials, staff travel, etc. 5%)

- Fresno BHC: $10,540.00
- UDD: $5,270.00
- WRT: $25,120.00
- Civil/Structural Engineer: $12,560.00
- Environmental/Ecologist: $6,280.00

### Indirect Costs (10% of BHC Fee)

- Fresno BHC: $10,540.00

### Project Contingency (5%)

- $7,273.00

### Grand Total

**$1,519,000.00**

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### Totals by Task

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### Reimbursables Total (5% of Subtotal)

- $67,740.00

### Prime Consultant - Fresno BHC Indirect Costs (10% of BHC Fee)

- $24,087.00

### Subtotal

- $1,446,627.00

### Project Contingency (5%)

- $72,373.00

### Grand Total

**$1,519,000.00**
December 17, 2020

Ms. Sandra Celedon, President and CEO
Fresno Building Healthy Communities
367 N First Street
Fresno, CA 93702

Dear Ms. Celedon,

One behalf of the Office of Council District Three at the City of Fresno, I am pleased to offer our support of this project to create a new destination river camp serving individuals from the entire City and region. We applaud the additional trail access proposed, linking the camp to other areas of the river park. Implementation of the San Joaquin River Park Master Plan has progressed incrementally since its enthusiastic launch. We are at a pivotal time to advance significant improvements and build out sections of the park. I am confident that through the leadership of Fresno Building Healthy Communities, successful progress can be achieved.

I represent a district challenged by high crime, poverty and lack of access to healthcare facilities, healthy food and public amenities. In alignment with Building Healthy Communities, our office works to increase access to green space and improve the quality of existing parks and community centers citywide. This additional project funding will ensure access to residents across the City.

We are excited to continue to work in partnership with Building Healthy Communities to ensure this project is reflective of community needs and to increase quality and accessible green spaces for all residents citywide.

Sincerely,

Miguel Arias
Council President, District Three

2600 Fresno Street Fresno, CA 93721 | district3@fresno.gov | (559) 621-7834
December 18th, 2020
Mr. Adam J. Ramos, District Administrator
Calwa Recreation & Park District
4545 E. Church Ave
Fresno, CA 93725

Dear Mr. Ramos,

On behalf of our organization, Calwa Recreation & Park District, I am pleased to offer our full support of this project to create a new destination river camp serving individuals from the entire City and region. We applaud the additional trail access also proposed, linking the camp to other areas of the river park. Our community is in need of a resource that promotes healthy living, outdoor education programs, and the chance for our community members to access nature here in Fresno. Implementation of the SJRP master plan has progressed incrementally since its enthusiastic launch. The time is right to advance significant improvements and build out sections of the park. Through the leadership of Fresno Building Healthy Communities, we believe great things will come.

My organization has supported the planning for the San Joaquin River Park for over 5 years. Our mission is to utilize the SJRP educational outdoor programs, the new hiking trails, and recreational activities that cater towards youth. Without this funding, the river park will remain off limits to so many in our community, which discourages outdoor exploration and connection to nature itself. Our families during these difficult times look forward to free access to any activities the SJRP would offer, and we know through FBHC, the impact and availability would greatly benefit our community at large.

Another reason for our support stems from my personal experience kayaking the river! The group activity that was coordinated through SJRP was amazing and the activity leader was informative, fun, and passionate about us being on the river. I want to bring our community from South Fresno out the River and show them the glorious views, animals, and provide them the education on what our Central Valley has to offer.

We are excited to remain involved in this project long term through our advocacy of group camping, having communities access the river, and clean-up project to show our children in our outdoor programs what it takes to keep our natural wonders clean and safe.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Ramos
District Administrator
Calwa Recreation & Park District
River Tree Volunteers
Incorporated
1509 E. Fallbrook Avenue
Fresno, CA 93720-2744

Ms. Sandra Celedon, Executive Director
Fresno Building Healthy Communities
P.O. Box 7694
Fresno, CA 93747

November 10, 2020

Dear Ms. Celedon,

River Tree Volunteers is a 501c3 Non-profit which incorporated March 10, 2003. River Tree Volunteers has been involved with Camp Pashayan and the Camp Pashayan area for 17 years, with some of our staff even longer. We were very sorry to see it close, and fully support any enhancement and return to the active San Joaquin River Parkway.

Camp Pashayan has always been envisioned as the down stream anchor of the the parkway and the 127 mile long San Joaquin River Trail which is on the State of California list of official California trails in progress. Linking Camp Pashayan with the City of Fresno's River Bottom Park and the San Joaquin River Conservancy's Liddell property would be a huge step in opening up these parks to the public. Especially opening up these parks, to the under served communities since bus service is near by.

River Tree Volunteers can provide limited support at Camp Pashayan and to clients by sponsoring cleanups by canoe and on shore, trail maintenance, free canoe rides, and training on how to paddle a canoe. River tree provides theses services free to the public.

With ever increasing demand by the public for San Joaquin River access, and the close proximity of Herdon (a very under served community) to Camp Pashayan we heartily endorse Fresno Building Healthy Communities grant application for community serving enhancement to the San Joaquin River Parkway.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Richard F. Sloan
Executive Director

cc: SJRC
Jessica Vaughn  
Founder of San Joaquin River Social  
A community group  
Serving the Fresno area  

December 13 2020

Fresno Building Healthy Communities

Dear Reader,

On behalf of the members of San Joaquin River Socials we would like to applaud this proposed project that will bring families and those from all across our great city to this section of the San Joaquin River. We lend our full support and are excited to see this project get underway.

Our community group was founded for the sole purpose to bring more people to the shores of this historical River in our backyards. So many benefits come from visiting and connecting to these outdoor spaces and we love to help facilitate social events between communities to get feet on the ground and hearts connected. Connecting Pashayan to Milburn will be monumental for our communities to be able to access and enjoy these currently untended lands.

We have worked with the San Joaquin River Conservancy and River Tree Volunteers for the past year and our members have loved being involved with hiking, exploring, improving, restoring, and preserving these areas in proposal. Last spring we assisted River Tree with the removal of an entire abandoned fish farm on the Liddell Property adjacent to Milburn. We had Scout troops, Off Road Cycle Club members and even the Executive Director of the SJRC with hands in the job! Our interest is piqued with this trail connection! We commit to continue our efforts and lend support to your project. Bringing more visitors to these shores and opening up these areas safely is going to help heal so many who have been affected by the recent hard times our city and our world have experienced.

Sincerely,

Jessica Vaughn
Planned trail alignments, especially those shown on private property, are shown only for illustrative purposes. The location of all Parkway facilities are subject to acquiring property or easements from willing sellers, site-specific design, environmental review, and public participation.
Attachment G
SJRPMP Area 6 & 7 Map
The overall plan budget has been broken into two sub-projects for internal understanding by WCB. The project team and SJRC are treating the projects together, with funding allocated to one overall budget. Specific sub-project allocations are likely to change as the project requires. These estimated figures are current as of the time of the grant application and represent our best understanding of project needs.

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*does not include reimbursables, contingency, or indirect costs.