

The San Joaquin River Parkway: Local Resolve, Federal Opportunity



The San Joaquin River Parkway is a planned 22-mile system of parks, trails, and open space from Friant Dam to State Highway 99. Since beginning in the mid-1980s, partners have acquired more than 4,000 acres, built more than five miles of multi-purpose trail, and constructed numerous improvements for public access.

Over \$175M has been committed to the San Joaquin River Parkway, and an additional \$350M has been committed to the overall San Joaquin River's restoration. Land once threatened will be protected, restored, and opened— for habitat, clean water, and recreation across county lines.

After decades of visioning, land acquisition, and community processes —we're moving forward. But our work is far from done. The following projects represent opportunities to invest in the San Joaquin River Parkway and the transformation of the Central Valley.



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Parkway and
Conservation Trust, Inc.

River Vista Public Access and River Restoration

This project would demolish and remove the derelict Polaski Bridge from the Madera side of the San Joaquin River channel, restoring river function and salmonid spawning habitat. Additionally, the property would be opened for low impact recreation in Madera County.

- COST ESTIMATE: **\$5M**

Ledger Island Bridge – Complete Restoration*

Demolish and remove the permanently closed Ledger Island Bridge and reconstruct a new bridge to restore and accommodate pedestrian and bicycle access between Fresno and Madera Counties.

- COST ESTIMATE: **\$17M**

**Evaluating options for an interim solution for bridge safety at a lower cost. Potential renovation costs are currently being evaluated.*

Circle V Demolition Project & Tribal Partnership

This project would demolish and remove failing infrastructure and restore grassland habitat along the San Joaquin River bluffs in Madera County. Discussions under way with tribal partners on additional project concepts.

- DEMOLITION PROJECT: **\$1.1M**

Western Reaches & Camp Pashayan

The Western Reaches Access and Activation Plan builds on the momentum of numerous community efforts to enhance, protect, and expand access to outdoor recreation and natural spaces for all Fresnoans. The Access and Activation Planning effort was led by Fresno Building Healthy Communities and co-managed with Urban Diversity Design. Planning included significant community engagement with participants in Fresno and Madera Counties and identified opportunities for access to an underutilized Parkway property, construction of a River Lab, Boathouse, and extension of the Lewis S. Eaton Trail between Camp Pashayan and Bluff Pointe Golf Course.

TOTAL PROJECT COST ESTIMATE:

\$111M

- **\$45M** Trail Restoration
- **\$16M** Camp Pashayan
- **\$8M** River Lab and Overlook
- **\$38M** Beach and Boathouse
- **\$4M** Lowlands

River West Fresno Eaton Trail Expansion Project

Next major extension of the Lewis S. Eaton Trail multipurpose system, visitor improvements and amenities, new access point for low impact recreation in Fresno County.

- CORE PROJECT: **\$13.5M** (Committed)
- ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, ACCESS POINTS, & BUS TURNAROUND: **\$15M**

