

2026
PROPOSITION 4 GRANT
SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

River West Eaton Trail Extension



Submitted by:



May 8, 2026



SJRC GRANT APPLICATION FORM

***Note: every question must be answered for the application to be considered for funding. Use N/A where applicable.**

PROJECT

Project Name: River West Eaton Trail Extension, Phase 1 “Core Project”

If applicable, what is the Native American name of your project site?: N/A

Brief Summary (one paragraph):

The overall River West Eaton Trail Extension Project (Project) will provide enhanced public access by extending the existing Lewis S. Eaton Trail in the City of Fresno, including approximately 2.4 miles of a new multipurpose 22' wide trail, three separate trailhead parking lots, various trail amenities, and a bus parking area. Phase 1 of the overall Project, referred to as the “Core Project,” will add the entire 2.4 miles of multipurpose trail, a new vehicular access point and parking at the east entrance (“Woodward West”), a stairway with bike rail for pedestrian/bicycle access and an adjacent ADA-compliant access ramp from the City’s Spano Park at the northern terminus of Palm Avenue to the River West Fresno area, and sidewalk improvements at the undercrossing of State Route 41 (SR 41) to connect to the existing Lewis S. Eaton Trail network at the City-owned Woodward Park. The Core Project will also include new fire hydrants; one two-vault restroom at the Woodward West access; and other amenities such as lighting, picnic areas, gates, and signage. Finally, the Core Project includes habitat restoration and revegetation activities. A future phase will add two additional vehicular access points, a bus turnaround with access roads, a second two-vault restroom, and other trail amenities.

Total cost (round up to nearest \$1,000): \$13,663,000

Amount requested from SJRC (round up to nearest \$1,000): \$5,115,000

Start date: 7/1/2026

End date: 12/31/2027

Project type (select one): Implementation

APPLICANT

Organization name: City of Fresno

Organization type: Local Government

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LANDOWNER 1

(Majority of Project – State of California)

Organization type: State Government

Primary landowner’s contact name and title: Kari Daniska, Executive Officer SJRC

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LANDOWNER 2

(APN 402-030-71S: San Joaquin River Access Corporation, State of California)

Organization type: Nonprofit Organization

Primary landowner’s contact name and title: Kristine Walter, Secretary

Phone: N/A

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STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Assembly District Number and Representative (<https://www.assembly.ca.gov/>):

District 8 – Assembly Member David J. Tangipa

Senate District Number and Representative (<https://www.senate.ca.gov/>):

District 12 – Senate Member Shannon Grove

LOCATION

Briefly describe the project location. Identify any previous SJRC projects that you are aware of on the site, property or nearby. Describe historic and current land uses.

- **County(ies):** Fresno
- **Nearest City and Distance To:** Within City of Fresno
- **Specific Location (APN or Address):**

Parcel	APN	Owner
1	401-021-32ST	State of CA
2	401-021-33ST	State of CA
3	401-021-34ST	State of CA
4	401-021-35ST	State of CA
5	402-030-24ST	State of CA
6	402-030-38ST	FMFCD
7	402-030-47ST	City of Fresno
8	402-030-48ST	City of Fresno
9	402-030-50ST	City of Fresno
10	402-030-52ST	FMFCD
11	402-030-54ST	FMFCD
12	402-030-56ST	FMFCD
13	402-030-68ST	State of CA
14	402-030-69ST	State of CA
15	402-030-71ST	SJRAC
16	402-520-25ST	City of Fresno
17	402-520-50ST	City of Fresno
18	402-530-09ST	State of CA
19	402-530-11ST	City of Fresno
20	402-570-12T	City of Fresno

- **Latitude (Decimal Degrees):** 36.869589
- **Longitude (Decimal Degrees):** -119.797217
- **What is represented by the lat/long coordinates (e.g., center of project site)?:**

Center of Project Site

BOARD MEETING DATES

Projects must meet readiness standards in order to be considered for funding approval at a board meeting (e.g., CEQA documents must be completed no less than 15 days prior to the board meeting where funding approval may be considered).

The 2017 Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), prepared for the River West Eaton Trail Extension Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2014061017), serves as the primary environmental document for the project.

In accordance with the 2020 Settlement Agreement between the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) and the San Joaquin Access Corporation, Addendum No. 1 was issued on August 12, 2020.

Together, the FEIR and Addendum No. 1 address all components of the overall project except for the State Route 41 undercrossing at the project's northern terminus. Addendum No. 2 to incorporate the project area and environmental impacts specific to the SR 41 undercrossing segment was adopted by the SJRC at the October 1, 2025, Board Meeting. The Fresno City Council adopted Addendum No. 2 on May 7th, 2026.

The City proposes consideration of award at the May 13, 2026, San Joaquin River Conservancy Board Meeting.

PURPOSE AND NEED

1. Describe the specific problems (current conditions, limiting factors, etc.), issues, or unserved needs the project will address.

Currently, the River West Fresno area offers limited public access to the San Joaquin River via steep terrain and dirt social trails. River West Fresno has one official access point at Riverview Drive, where visitors may park along the neighborhood streets and enter through pedestrian access gates. A secondary unofficial access point at Palm Avenue requires trail users to hike down the steep river bluff to the existing dirt social trails. At the northern end of the River West Fresno area, an existing 6-foot chain link fence blocks public access at the Perrin Avenue undercrossing of SR 41 and the area is only accessible by steep, crumbling, dirt social paths. Users with accessibility needs have no access to the River West Fresno area under current conditions.

2. Describe the goals and objectives, quantify expected outcomes and benefits of the project. Be specific.

The River West Eaton Trail Extension Project (Project) is a key construction project identified in the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan. Phase 1 of the Project, referred to as the “Core Project,” will add 2.4 miles of paved, multi-use, accessible trails in the River West Fresno area.

The Core Project includes the development of a new vehicular access point and parking area near the existing undercrossing of Cobb Ranch Boulevard/Perrin Avenue at SR 41, called “Woodward West.” Designed to accommodate a variety of user needs and support multimodal access to the trail, this new access point will provide an important connection between existing trail infrastructure and the new River West Eaton Trail extension, thereby improving overall connectivity and user experience. By incorporating accessible design features, the project will allow individuals of all abilities to have equal opportunities to enjoy the trail and surrounding natural areas. One two-vault toilet and other trail amenities will be included at the Woodward West parking area.

The Core Project also includes sidewalk improvements at the undercrossing of SR 41 to connect the new trail to the existing Lewis S. Eaton Trail network at the City-owned Woodward Park, fire hydrants, and other amenities such as lighting, picnic areas, gates, and signage.

At the southern end of the Project, a concrete stairway with integrated bike rail and an adjacent ADA-compliant ramp will be constructed to connect the City's Spano Park at the northern terminus of Palm Avenue to the River West Fresno area, providing safe access for both pedestrians and bicyclists.

Finally, the Core Project also includes the implementation of the Habitat Restoration and Revegetation Plan (HRPP).

This initial phase of the overall project is estimated to cost \$13,663,000.

The future Phase 2 of the overall project will add two additional vehicular access points, a bus turnaround with access roads for SJRC-sanctioned group visits, a second two-vault restroom and other trail amenities. Collectively, the Core Project and Phase 2 improvements will increase accessibility, expand recreational opportunities, and promote greater public use of the River West Fresno area.

3. What would happen to the project if no funds were available from SJRC? What project opportunities or benefits could be lost if the project is not implemented?

If no funds are available for this project, the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan vision of "access for all" would be further delayed by at least several years while the City seeks other funding sources.

Implementation of this project will create a space that provides recreational and historic habitat opportunities for users of all modalities and abilities. These benefits would be lost if the Project is not funded and implemented.

APPROACH

4. Thoroughly describe the full project, the scientific merit of the approach, use of best available science, and methodologies and technologies to be used.

The majority of the 2.4 miles of the Project's multi-use trail will include a 12-foot wide paved surface to accommodate bi-directional walking (including use by wheelchairs and strollers) and bicycling, an 8-foot wide soft shoulder to serve equestrian users, and a 2-foot wide soft shoulder to provide a natural surface for runners and walkers. In areas where space is constrained, the equestrian path will be temporarily rerouted and reconnected to the main trail alignment at appropriate points.

Where feasible, the trail layout adheres to the design standards of the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan, incorporating large turning radii and naturalized alignment to enhance the user experience while minimizing environmental disturbance. Much of the proposed trail follows existing dirt access paths, further reducing impacts on natural habitat. To ensure the inclusiveness of all users, the entirety of the trail will be designed to current accessibility standards. Multiple waypoint nodes along the alignment will feature benches and amenities to provide rest opportunities for trail users.

The trail connection at the northern terminus of the Project will establish a critical pedestrian connection between the existing Lewis S. Eaton Trail in Woodward Park and the new River West trail segment, enhancing accessibility for all users. The new trail will utilize the existing

State Route 41 undercrossing, providing a safe, continuous, and direct link between the two trail systems.

The new vehicular parking facility at Woodward West will include 48 standard parking stalls, two accessible stalls, and dedicated horse trailer parking to accommodate a wide range of trail users. The inclusion of accessible parking stalls ensures that this trail access point will effectively serve individuals with disabilities and others with mobility needs, promoting inclusive and equitable access for outdoor recreation. Additional amenities at this access point will include a two-vault restroom, picnic tables, signage, trash receptacles, and other trail-supportive infrastructure. To support public safety, the access point will include overhead lights and a locking vehicular gate that restricts vehicle entry during nighttime hours.

At the southern end of the Project's alignment, an 8-foot-wide concrete stairway with an integrated 6-inch bike rail and an adjacent ADA-compliant ramp will connect Spano Park at the northern terminus of Palm Avenue to the River West Fresno area, improving vertical access between the urban environment, the bluff, and trail for both pedestrians and bicyclists.

5. Describe the actions required to solve the identified problem(s).

Construction and implementation of the new multi-use trail, Woodward West access point, and new stairway with bike rail and adjacent ADA-compliant ramp at the Spano Park access point are required to increase public access to the San Joaquin River in an area with steep terrain, existing dirt social trails, and no access for users with accessibility needs.

6. Provide a description of how the data and other information generated from the project will be handled, stored, and made publicly available.

Project status information about the implementation of the River West Eaton Trail Extension will be readily visible to the public. Construction updates will be available on the City of Fresno's website on the [Build Fresno](#) web page.

Upon completion, the SJRC will provide information about the new trail and accompanying amenities on the SJRC website.

7. Provide a detailed workplan as an attachment.

Please see the Work Plan included in Exhibit A.

CONSISTENCY WITH STATE, FEDERAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL PLANS

8. Identify and discuss how the proposed project meets the specific goals, strategic initiatives, and objectives outlined in the SJRC Strategic Plan.

The thoughtful and intentional design of the Project's trails and amenities to accommodate users of all abilities and mobilities while minimizing disturbance to the natural habitat and

environment aligns with the SJRC's goals for equitable public access, expansion of multi-use trails along the San Joaquin River, and conservation of natural and cultural resources.

This Project aligns with the following goals identified in the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan and 2018 Update, upon which the Strategic Plan is being developed.

Fundamental Goals:

- **FG.3** Provide education and recreation facilities and programs, including a continuous multi-use trail the length of the Parkway.
- **FG.4** Conserve, restore, and enhance natural resources and protect cultural resources, while also meeting recreational and educational needs.
- **FG.7** 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.

Specific Goals:

- **RA.1** Provide river access and high quality recreation areas and facilities to meet recreational and environmental educational needs while conserving natural and cultural resources.
- **RA.2** Ensure access to all segments of the population and to all residents of the region, in metropolitan and outlying areas.
- **RA.4** 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.

The Project also aligns with the following Goals and Strategies identified on the SJRC website for the 2026 Strategic Planning process.

- Expand equitable public access while protecting natural and cultural resources
 - Develop inclusive and accessible infrastructure
 - Promote responsible recreation and visitor education
 - Restore and protect sensitive areas
- Align investments to accelerate Parkway development and expand equitable public access in response to evolving recreational trends
 - Improve trail connectivity and wayfinding
 - Develop inclusive and ADA-accessible access points
 - Enhance visitor amenities
 - Restore habitat areas

9. How does your project support the State's Pathways to 30x30 strategy (<https://www.californianature.ca.gov/>)?

By providing new and equitable trails and access points to the San Joaquin River, this Project directly aligns with the State's *Pathways to 30x30* Key Objective 2 - Expand Access to Nature. The Project provides for a variety of recreation experiences within a conserved area, protects and restores natural areas and connections within and near urban and rural communities that have barriers of access to nature, and increases access points and trails within existing natural areas including urban rivers. Through new trail segments, additional entry points, and universal design, the project increases opportunities for people of all abilities to experience river access.

10. Describe ecosystem benefits, such as restoration or enhancement of rare species habitats, or the protection of priority vegetative communities (macrogroups) identified in the [State Wildlife Action Plan](#) and/or [CDFW's Areas of Conservation Emphasis](#). Describe those benefits and how they alleviate existing ecological problems.

In conjunction with the HRRP, the Project would restore and enhance habitats for Species of Greatest Conservation Need special status species, specifically the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle, through the planting of elderberry shrubs in the Project area.

11. Identify any key plan(s) that the proposed project supports or will help achieve its goals. For example, [Central Valley Joint Venture 2020 Implementation Plan](#), [2018 San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan](#), [State Wildlife Action Plan](#), etc.

The San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan Update (Master Plan) was approved by the SJRC Board on April 11, 2018, under Resolution Number 18-01. The Master Plan encompasses portions of both Fresno and Madera Counties, and envisions a "multifaceted parkway experience for visitors, consisting of river access, low-impact recreation, and conservation education; and function regional conservation and restoration of habitat, the watershed and ecosystems."

A primary goal of the Master Plan is to provide public access to the San Joaquin River bottom. The Core Project, in conjunction with the overall River West Fresno trail extension project, will provide increased equitable access to the San Joaquin River and expanded recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of the City of Fresno.

DURABILITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY

12. Describe how the proposed project will deliver enduring sustainable benefits.

The proposed 2.4-mile-long multi-use trail along the San Joaquin River enhances public access to nature, supports healthy, active lifestyles, and promotes sustainable transportation. By preserving natural corridors, improving air quality, and fostering environmental stewardship, the project delivers lasting ecological, recreational, and community benefits for current and future generations.

13. Describe the provisions to maintain the benefits and how long management and maintenance activities will occur. Implementation grants shall require a long-term management plan of the grantee to maintain the improvements for typically 20-25 years.

The SJRC will delegate maintenance efforts to the City of Fresno through a maintenance agreement which will outline the ongoing maintenance requirements. The Management Plan is included in Exhibit C.

- 14. For projects involving restoration or construction, describe a plan for monitoring, evaluating, and reporting project effectiveness. Describe the adaptive management strategies (compiling baseline data, adaptive management strategies, documentation, etc.), if applicable. Who will be responsible for funding and implementing on-going management and monitoring? For planning projects, does the project include development of monitoring and metrics for project success?**

Monitoring of the River West Fresno Project area, including the multi-use trail and access point(s), will be performed by the City of Fresno Public Works Department and the Fresno Police Department.

Restoration for the project is part of the project's Habitat Restoration and Revegetation Plan (HRRP). Ongoing restoration monitoring efforts will be tracked in annual reports.

- 15. Describe how the proposed project will provide habitat and/or species resilience to climate change:**

- a) What are the projected climate impacts? Tools such as [CalAdapt](#) and the Department of Fish and Wildlife's [Areas of Conservation Emphasis](#) can aid in identifying climate vulnerabilities and potential resilience in the project area.**

This project will have minimal climate impacts. Anticipated environmental impacts were evaluated, accounted for, and addressed in the FEIR including Addendums 1 and 2 (SCH# 2014061017).

- b) How would the project address those impacts and provide long-term climate resilience?**

Anticipated environmental impacts were evaluated, accounted for, and addressed in the FEIR including Addendums 1 and 2 (SCH# 2014061017).

- c) Will there be net, long-term carbon sequestration benefits from the project, taking into consideration the carbon emissions from construction and vehicle miles traveled to the site for management and monitoring? How is this evaluated?**

There will not be any net, long-term carbon sequestration benefits from this project. Anticipated environmental impacts were evaluated, accounted for, and addressed in the FEIR including Addendums 1 and 2 (SCH# 2014061017).

- 16. Are there any protections or restrictions affecting the project (e.g., utility easements, conservation easements, mineral rights, etc.)?**

No existing easements will affect the Project. The Project is designed to provide any required utility access and accounts for all other easement requirements.

PROJECT TEAM QUALIFICATIONS

17. Describe the project team’s qualifications, experience, and capacity to perform the proposed tasks to complete the proposed project. Provide specific examples of similar projects completed to date.

The City of Fresno Construction Management Division will oversee the execution and construction of the Project, including the award of a construction contract to implement the Project. City staff has extensive experience with managing construction contracts of multi-million dollars including improvements such as trails, sidewalks, and roadways. The most notable and similar project successfully completed under City Construction Management Division oversight is the Lewis S. Eaton Trail in Woodward Park.

The SJRC has implemented numerous restoration projects along the San Joaquin River and will provide guidance and oversight throughout construction.

PROJECT READINESS

18. Are the environmental documents complete and all required State, federal and local permits for the projects obtained? If not, what is the anticipated date for completion.

The 2017 Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), prepared for the River West Eaton Trail Extension Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2014061017), serves as the primary environmental document for the project. In accordance with the 2020 Settlement Agreement between the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) and the San Joaquin Access Corporation, Addendum No. 1 was issued on August 12, 2020. Addendum No. 2 to evaluate the environmental considerations specific to the SR 41 undercrossing segment was adopted by the Fresno City Council on May 7, 2026.

Encroachment Permits from the Central Valley Flood Protection Board and Caltrans are in progress and are anticipated to be issued by Summer 2026.

Building and Grading permits issued by the City of Fresno are anticipated to be ready by Summer 2026.

Access Compliance permit from the Division of the State Architect is in progress and is anticipated to be issued by Summer 2026.

NPDES/Construction General Permit and Dust Control Permits will be obtained prior to construction.

19. For implementation projects: is the project shovel-ready? If yes, describe.

The Project is shovel ready. At the time of application, 90% design plans for the entire project have been prepared and reviewed by the City and the SJRC. Construction documents are being finalized by Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group independent of funding approval. The Project and this associated funding application is limited to the construction phase of the “Core Project” which includes construction of the proposed improvements, construction administration, and construction management. Advertising and bidding of the construction contract is scheduled to be complete by Fall 2026. Construction is expected to begin in December of 2026. The Project timeline is included in Exhibit B.

The City of Fresno is requesting timely approval of funds so that, prior to advertising for construction, the Project can show documentation that construction funding is secured once

design has been finalized. It is anticipated that the bid process will require several months to complete and that additional lead times will be required to procure critical construction materials.

For planning projects, will the planning project result in an implementation-ready project? If yes, describe.

N/A

20. A CEQA determination is required prior to SJRC approval. What is the status of CEQA for the proposed project?

a) If complete, what document was prepared? Provide the State Clearinghouse Number and a copy of the NOD or NOE, and associated CEQA document.

CEQA for the Project is complete. The 2017 Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), prepared for the River West Eaton Trail Extension Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2014061017), serves as the primary environmental document for the project.

In accordance with the 2020 Settlement Agreement between the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) and the San Joaquin Access Corporation, Addendum No. 1 was issued on August 12, 2020.

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b) If using a CEQA exemption, specify which exemption(s) apply and the basis for this determination.

N/A

c) If CEQA is not complete, specify who is the “lead agency” under CEQA, status of the CEQA documents, what documents are under consideration, and when the documents will be submitted to the State Clearinghouse.

N/A

For more information on CEQA, visit the [Governor’s Office of Planning and Research CEQA](#) page.

21. Provide a complete line-item budget for the proposed project. Submit budget electronically along with the application. Budget tasks should be consistent with the work plan tasks and sufficiently detailed to describe project costs.

Please see the accompanying Project Budget included in Exhibit H.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION

22. Does the project have broad-based public and institutional support, at the local, regional, or larger scale? Describe efforts to include stakeholders in project planning, design, outreach/education, implementation, monitoring, and maintenance.

There is support for this Project on a local, regional and state level. California's Natural Resources Secretary, Wade Crowfoot, listed the project as a top-priority project for the region.

Regionally, the Project has been identified as a top priority through the current development of the SJRC Strategic Plan, which has involved extensive community input via steering committee meetings, public workshops, public outreach events and coordination, among other engagement activities.

The Project has been in progress for over a decade with substantial public outreach during the EIR preparation and schematic design phase of the overall River West Eaton Trail Extension Project. In May 2023, a public engagement event was held to solicit ideas for the Project schematic design. More recently, community meetings have been held to provide Project design updates in March 2024 and April 2025.

a) Is the Project Area in a Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC)? Use the [DWR Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool](#).

Select one: No

b) Is the Project in an area mapped as being between the [75th and 100th percentile in CalEnviroScreen](#)?

Select one: No

23. Will the project benefit or serve severely disadvantaged or climate vulnerable communities? If yes, describe services and/or benefits provided.

Yes, the Project will benefit and serve severely disadvantaged communities. The overall trail project is adjacent to and serves Census Tract 6039001000 in Madera County (CalEnviroScreen 93rd percentile) and the Pinedale community of Fresno in Census Tract 6019004404 (CalEnviroScreen 96th percentile) by providing access and opportunities for recreational activities and the enjoyment of natural resources.

24. Will the project include work undertaken by the California Conservation Corps or a Local Conservation Corps?

There is potential for conservation corps involvement in this project.

25. Describe which tribe(s) were consulted for this project, the outcome, and any on-going discussions.

A meeting was held in May 2023 with representatives of the Mono, Tachi, and Rancheria tribes, which discussed the overall Project and revegetation best practices and potential for tribal representatives to be project stewards, involved in maintenance and cultivation of flora. The Advocates for California Indigenous Language Survival, a group which collaborates closely with USGBC and the San Joaquin River Conservancy Project to create access to the San Joaquin River, were also invited. This gathering of Elders and Youth took place at Wildwood Native Park and included a brief presentation by the Design Team, followed by an informal discussion and a plant walk along the river.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - ONLY AS APPLICABLE

26. Use of Herbicide: If the proposed project will use herbicides, complete the [Herbicide Questionnaire](#)

N/A

27. Planning Projects: For planning projects, describe potential or secured funding for project implementation.

N/A

28. Groundwater Sustainability Plan: Is the proposed project located within a medium or high priority groundwater basin and what is the status of the [Groundwater Sustainability Plan](#)?

Yes, the Project is located within the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NKGSA) plan area, which is one of seven Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) within the Kings Subbasin – a critically over-drafted high priority basin. The NKGSA Plan received approval from the California Department of Water Resources in August 2023.

29. Stream Flow: Projects must measurably enhance stream flows (a change in the amount, timing, and/or quality of the water flowing down a stream, or a portion of a stream, to benefit fish and wildlife) at a time and location necessary to provide fisheries or ecosystem benefits that improve upon existing flow conditions, are measurable, and significant, in that they help alleviate a limiting factor.

a) How significant is the anticipated stream flow enhancement in the context of the stream's current (pre-project) flow regime? Will the limiting factor be eliminated or reduced and by how much? Provide analysis and documentation to demonstrate the significance of expected stream flow benefits and the likelihood that anticipated outcomes will be realized.

This Project does not involve any stream flow changes. Grading and pervious improvements will be minimal and will not touch or impact the San Joaquin River flow.

b) Quantify to the best of your ability the stream flow benefits anticipated from successful completion of the project (i.e. length of stream improved, flow enhancement in cfs, water quality improvements, as applicable).

N/A

c) If applicable, please complete and attach the [Water Rights Supplemental Questionnaire](#).

N/A

30. Inland Wetlands Conservation Program Project: Explain how the project advances habitat and/or species conservation objectives of the Central Valley Joint Venture.

N/A

31. Wildlife Corridors: Does the proposed project address wildlife barriers as described in the [CDFW's 2020 Wildlife Movement Barrier Priorities](#) list? What is the proposed project's location connectivity score based on the California Department of Fish and

Wildlife's (CDFW) Areas of Conservation Emphasis (ACE) Terrestrial Connectivity dataset?

N/A. However, the Project trails do provide the riparian buffers and wildlife movement corridor in accordance with the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan.

32. Public Access and ADA: Does the proposed project include public access? If so, describe how the project will enhance public access and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility. Be specific (e.g., the project will install one ADA compliant fishing pier, ADA compliant vault toilet, and 2 miles of accessible trails).

The Core Project will construct approximately 2.4 miles of accessible paved trail. Two ADA-compliant parking stalls at the Woodward West access point will provide access to the accessible trail and an adjacent accessible double-vault toilet. Additionally, the proposed sidewalk improvements at the SR41 undercrossing will provide ADA-compliant access at the northern terminus of the Project.

At the southern terminus of the Project, an ADA-compliant pedestrian ramp will be constructed adjacent to a new stairway with bike rail, providing access from the City's Spano Park to the Project's accessible trails. The pedestrian stairway with bike rail, although not part of the accessible route, will be constructed with handrails and tread markings in accordance with the accessibility provisions of the California Building Code, Chapter 11B.

All accessible features will be designed per current state and federal accessible design standards.

SIGNATURE

By signing this form, I certify that I am authorized to apply for this grant and the information contained in this application and its attachments is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.



SIGNATURE

Name: Scott L. Mozier, PE

Title: Public Works Director

Date Signed: May 8, 2026

END OF APPLICATION

CHECKLIST NEXT PAGE

CHECKLIST

- Application is signed
- [Budget Template](#) completed
- ~~A Payee Data Record ([Standard Form 204](#)) – N/A~~
- Resolution from applicant's governing board ([Resolution Sample](#)) – Final draft approved by Fresno City Council on May 7, 2026, is attached; Fully executed Resolution will be provided in a few weeks once completed.
- ~~CDFW letter of support if on CDFW lands – N/A~~
- ~~Support letters. Letters should be current and specific to the proposed project and include contact information of the individual submitting the letter (if available). – N/A~~
- Project location maps
 - Regional map – clearly identify project location in relation to prominent area features
 - Site-scale map – clearly delineate project site and boundaries on an appropriately scaled map
- Representative photographs showing project area and specific problems and issues the project is addressing
- Detailed project drawing showing relevant features of the proposed project. Include engineering design drawings, if available
- GIS, Arcmap, KMZ, KML shapefiles, if available – Submitting as Zip file with application
- ~~Land Tenure/Site Control/ Landowner Access agreements or templates that cover the life of the project (typically 20-25 years). – N/A~~
- Workplan: Provide a workplan. [Workplan examples](#)
- Management Plan: Provide a management plan. [Management Plan examples](#)
- Project Timeline: Provide a timeline, Gantt chart, or similar option to show project timelines, milestones, and deliverables.

Category	Evaluation Criteria
Purpose and Need	The extent to which a proposed project warrants action for its need, and how well the goals and objectives meet the needs of the project.
Approach	The extent to which the proposed project's approach seem likely to result in a successful project, how well the approach will meet the goals and objectives, and the appropriateness of the methodologies and technologies. How well the underlying scientific basis for the proposed work is clearly explained (e.g., does it include a clearly articulated conceptual model, if applicable) and is it based on the best available science.
Consistency with State, Federal, Regional and Local Plans	The extent to which the proposed project meets initiatives, goals, or objectives for WCB's Strategic Plan, the State Wildlife Action Plan, or other State, federal, regional, or local plans.
Durability and Climate Resiliency	The extent to which the project benefits will be maintained over time. The extent to which the application addresses a project's ability to improve climate resilience in fish, wildlife, water, habitats, and infrastructure.
Project Team Qualifications	The extent to which a proposal demonstrates that the project team, and any partnership as appropriate, has the appropriate experience, facilities, equipment, and capacity to successfully perform the proposed tasks.
Project Readiness	The extent to which a proposal demonstrates that access to the property, environmental compliance, permitting, planning, engineering, design, or other necessary preparations for the project are sufficient for prompt project implementation.
Budget	The extent to which a proposed budget and justification are appropriate to the work proposed, cost effective, and sufficiently detailed to describe project costs, and are consistent with the tasks shown in the work plan and schedule. The extent to which a project provides secured federal, State, private, or local cost share. All fund sources must be identified.
Community Support and Collaboration	The extent to which an application demonstrates that the project has broad-based public and institutional support, engaged in public and stakeholder outreach, and supports local communities.
Additional Information Only if Applicable	The extent to which the proposed project addresses the appropriate additional information question. Only questions that are directly related to the proposed project will be evaluated.

River West Eaton Trail Extension Project

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Exhibit A

Work Plan

River West Eaton Trail Extension Project

Work Plan

Project Scope

The overall River West Eaton Trail Extension Project (Project) will provide enhanced public access by extending the existing Lewis S. Eaton Trail in the City of Fresno (City), including approximately 2.4 miles of a new multipurpose 22' wide trail, three separate trailhead parking lots, various trail amenities, and a bus parking area.

Phase 1 of the overall River West Eaton Trail Extension Project, referred to as the “Core Project,” will add:

- The entire 2.4 miles of multipurpose trail;
- A new vehicular access point at the east entrance (“Woodward West parking”);
- A stairway with bike rail for pedestrian/bicycle access from the City’s Spano Park at the northern terminus of Palm Avenue to the River West Fresno area;
- An ADA-compliant ramp for pedestrian access adjacent to the stairway;
- Sidewalk improvements at the undercrossing of State Route 41 (SR 41) to connect to the existing Lewis S. Eaton Trail network at the City-owned Woodward Park.
- New fire hydrants;
- One two-vault restroom at the Woodward West access;
- Other amenities such as lighting, picnic areas, gates, and signage.

The Core Project also includes habitat restoration and revegetation activities.

City staff will manage the implementation of the Project, including reporting and invoicing, as required through project close-out.

Task 1. Construction (CON)

Following the development of the improvement plans and specifications and obtaining the required permits in the Design Phase of the Project, the City will:

- Publicly bid the Project for procurement of a general contractor;
- Award a construction contract to the winning contractor;
- Coordinate with the selected contractor on construction preparation activities including:
 - Contractor mobilization
 - Implementation of stormwater controls
 - Clearing of the Project site
 - Excavation and grading
- Coordinate with the selected contractor on the installation of site improvements, including:

- **Task 1.1** Trail Extension, Parking Lot at Perrin Ave., and Stairs at Palm Ave.
- **Task 1.2** Site Furnishings
- **Task 1.3** Planting and Irrigation

Table 1. Task 1 Deliverables

Deliverables/Milestones	Expected Completion Date*
Construction Award	October 2026
Core Project NTP	December 2026
Mobilization	Spring 2027
Site Clearing	Spring 2027
Excavation & Grading	Spring 2027
Construction of Site Improvements	Winter 2027

*All completion dates are estimates and subject to change

Task 2. Construction Engineering (CE)

During construction, the City of Fresno’s Construction Management Division will provide construction engineering services for the Project. Services generally will include:

- **Task 2.1** Permit fees
 - Obtain required permits prior to start of construction
- **Task 2.2** Construction project management
 - Contractor coordination
 - Inspection
 - Testing
 - Observation
 - Development of As-Built Plans

Table 2. Task 2 Deliverables

Deliverables/Milestones	Expected Completion Date*
Obtain permits	December 2026
Coordination with contractors and project management	Winter 2027
Inspection, testing, and observation	Winter 2027
Substantial completion	Winter 2027
Project closeout	Spring 2028

*All completion dates are estimates and subject to change

Exhibit B

Project Timeline

River West Eaton Trail Extension Project

Project Timeline

Key Project Dates

Task Number	Task Description	Expected Completion Date*
	Construction Documents	July 2026
	Construction Award	October 2026
	NTP / Start of Construction	December 2026
Task 1	Construction (CON)	Winter 2027
	Mobilization	Spring 2027
	Site Clearing	Spring 2027
	Excavation & Grading	Spring 2027
	Installation of Site Improvements	Winter 2027
Task 2	Construction Engineering (CE)	Spring 2028
	Obtain permits	December 2026
	Coordination with contractors and project management	Winter 2027
	Inspection, testing, and observation	Winter 2027
	Substantial completion	Winter 2027
	Project closeout	Spring 2028

*All completion dates are estimates and subject to change

Exhibit C

Management Plan

River West Eaton Trail Extension Project Management Plan

Project Management and Monitoring

The San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) will delegate maintenance efforts to the City of Fresno through a maintenance agreement, which will specify ongoing maintenance requirements. The River West Fresno area will then be included in the City of Fresno Public Works Department's maintenance schedule for the life of the project.

Monitoring of the River West Fresno area, including the multi-use trail and access points, will be performed by both the City of Fresno Public Works Department and the Fresno Police Department.

The project area is also monitored by the San Joaquin River Conservancy and their partner organizations that contribute to the beneficial use of the San Joaquin River Parkway.

Exhibit D

Vicinity Map

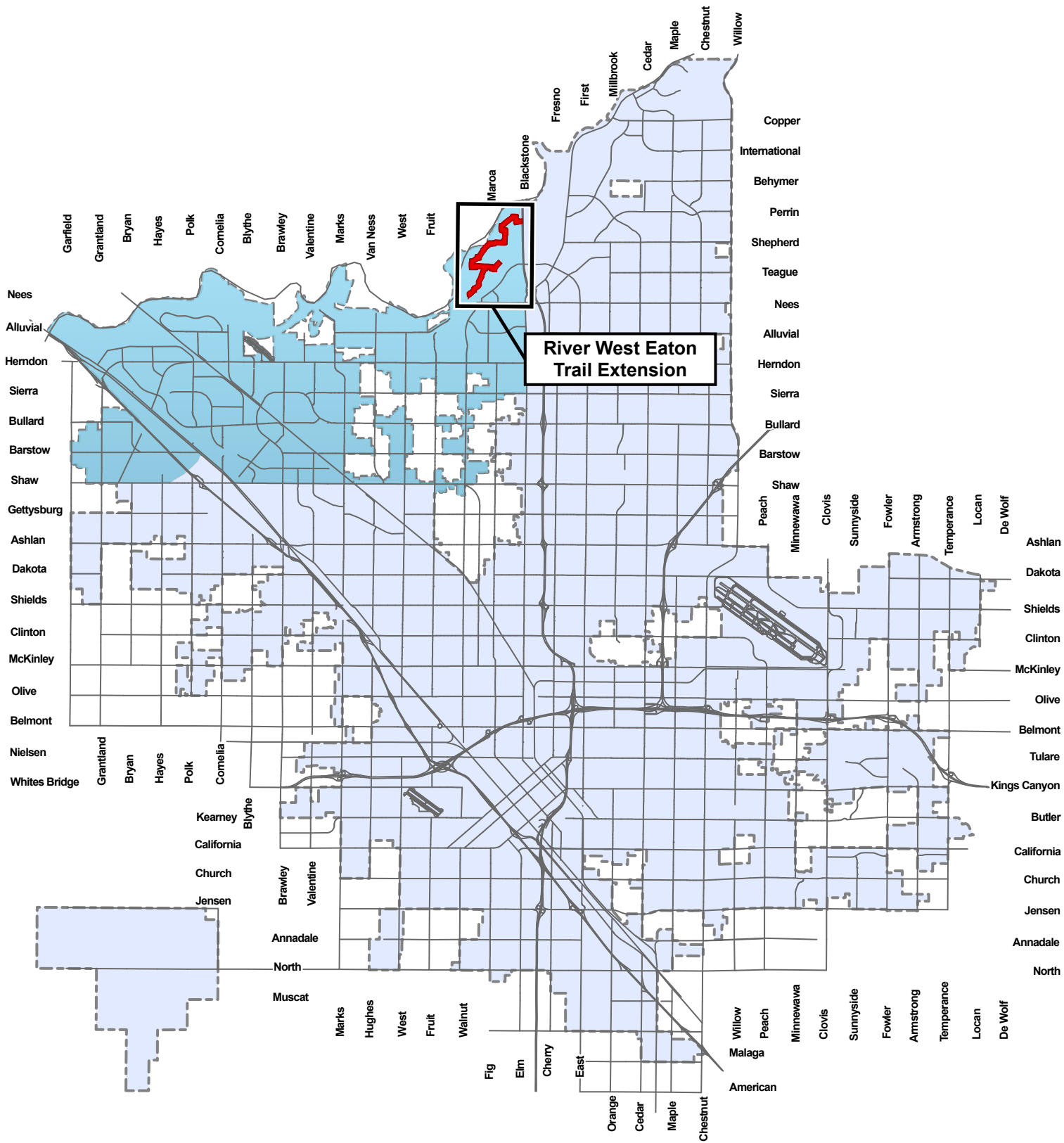


Exhibit E

Location Map

Exhibit F

Project Drawing

Exhibit G

Project Photographs

River West Eaton Trail Extension Project Photographs

Project Photos



Figure 1. View facing west from existing SR 41 Undercrossing; Location of Woodward West trailhead parking



Figure 2. View facing west near future Riverview Drive trailhead and parking, about midway through Fresno River West area



Figure 3. View facing north from corner of Spano Park where new stairway will descend bluff to Fresno River West area



Figure 4. Facing north; Public engagement event at Spano Park to solicit feedback and ideas from public during Schematic Design (May 2023)

Exhibit H

Project Budget

Applicant Budget - Planning, Studies, and Implementation Projects Only (only include amounts requested from the SJRC)

River West Eaton Trail Extension: Phase 1 "Core Project"				Justification (provide a short justification of each budget item regarding cost effectiveness and appropriateness to the work)
A. PERSONNEL SERVICES (Ensure that all personnel are described in the Project Application)				
Project Role	Hours	Rate	Amount Requested From SJRC	
N/A	0.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Subtotal Personnel Services			\$ -	
Staff Benefits		0.00%	\$ -	
SUBTOTAL A : PERSONNEL SERVICES			\$ -	
B. OPERATING EXPENSES: GENERAL				
Equipment			\$ -	
Supplies/Materials			\$ -	
Permit Fees			\$ 37,437.00	
Travel Costs			\$ -	
SUBTOTAL B: OPERATING EXPENSES: GENERAL			\$ 37,437.00	
C. OPERATING EXPENSES: SUBCONTRACTORS (Ensure all subcontractor tasks are described in Project Proposal)				
General Contractor - Construction			\$ 4,303,021.00	
Construction Contingency (10%)			\$ 430,300.00	
Construction Management (8%)			\$ 344,242.00	
SUBTOTAL C: OPERATING EXPENSES: SUBCONTRACTORS			\$ 5,077,563.00	
D. INDIRECT CHARGES (Maximum Indirect Rate - 12%)				
		Indirect Rate* (≤ 12%)		
Indirect Charges = (Subtotal A+B+C) * (Indirect Rate)		0.00%	\$ -	
SUBTOTAL D: INDIRECT CHARGES			\$ -	
GRAND TOTAL (A + B + C + D)			\$ 5,115,000.00	

*Actual indirect rate of the Organization not to exceed 12% of the total cost to be funded by SJRC. In the Budget Justification, please explain the methodology used to determine the rate and provide detailed calculations in support of the indirect cost rate.

Budget Justification - Planning, Studies, and Implementation Projects Only

Project Title	River West Eaton Trail Extension: Phase 1 "Core Project"			
Applicant	City of Fresno			
Task Number/Name*	Total SJRC Requested Cost	Total Cost Share (Non-SJRC Funds)	Total Cost by Task	Description of Task
Task 1				Construction (CON)
Task 1.1	\$ 3,533,578	\$ 5,905,155	\$ 9,438,733	Trail Extension, Parking Lot at Perrin Ave., and Stairs at Palm Ave.
Task 1.2	\$ 305,112	\$ 509,888	\$ 815,000	Site Furnishings
Task 1.3	\$ 464,331	\$ 775,969	\$ 1,240,300	Planting and Irrigation
Subtotal	\$ 4,303,021	\$ 7,191,012	\$ 11,494,033	
	\$ 430,300	\$ 719,103	\$ 1,149,403	Construction Contingency (10%)
Task 1 Total	\$ 4,733,321	\$ 7,910,115	\$ 12,643,436	
Task 2				Construction Engineering (CE)
Task 2.1	\$ 37,437	\$ 62,563	\$ 100,000	Permit Fees
Task 2.2	\$ 344,242	\$ 575,281	\$ 919,523	Construction Management
Subtotal	\$ 381,679	\$ 637,844	\$ 1,019,523	
Task 2 Total	\$ 381,679	\$ 637,844	\$ 1,019,523	
If applicable:				
Indirect Costs**			N/A	
TOTAL	\$ 5,115,000	\$ 8,547,959	\$ 13,662,959	

*Task numbers/names should be consistent with those presented in the responses to the Work Plan (Task Description) and Schedule and Deliverables questions in the Application Form. Provide a justification for, and the reasonableness of, costs for each individual task (subdivide, as necessary). Do not merge costs across multiple tasks.

**Actual indirect rate of the Organization not to exceed 12% of total cost to be funded by SJRC.

Cost Share - Planning, Studies, Implementation Projects

Project Title	River West Eaton Trail Extension: Phase 1 "Core Project"					
Applicant	City of Fresno					
Insert Entity Name and Name of Grant Program, if applicable	Cash	Status (Secured or Unsecured)	Date Awarded or Anticipated Award Date	Date Cash Expires	In-kind	Total
Funding Requested from SJRC (See Applicant Budget)	\$ 5,115,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 5,115,000
Applicant	\$ 2,825,959	Unsecured	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ 2,825,959
Other State Agency <i>WCB - Prop 40</i>	\$ 172,000	Secured	3/5/2025	4/15/2027	\$ -	\$ 172,000
<i>WCB - Prop 68</i>	\$ 5,550,000	Secured	3/10/2026	2/1/2028	\$ -	\$ 5,550,000
Federal Agency <i>(insert additional rows, as needed, to identify each agency)</i>	\$ -				\$ -	\$ -
Other sources including Project Partners <i>(insert additional rows, as needed, to identify each partner)</i>	\$ -				\$ -	\$ -
Total Project Cost	\$ 13,662,959	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ 13,662,959

Exhibit I

City Council Resolution

Note: Resolution approved by City Council on 5/7/2026.
Final Resolution can be provided once all signatures are obtained.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION 4 GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$5,115,000 IN GRANT FUNDS TO THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY AND AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE ALL APPLICATION AND GRANT AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FRESNO FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE RIVER WEST FRESNO EATON TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, funds have recently been made available to the San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) for the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (Proposition 4); and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno Public Works Department plans to submit a grant application to the SJRC seeking Proposition 4 funding for assistance in constructing the SJRC's River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Project will add approximately 2.4 miles of multipurpose trail beginning at the Perrin Avenue alignment near State Route 41 and ending at Spano Park near the northern terminus of Palm Avenue with the goal of providing enhanced public access to the south side of the San Joaquin River; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno is eligible to apply for the maximum available funding of \$5,115,000 in Proposition 4 grant funds for the construction of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

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Date Adopted:

Date Approved:

Effective Date:

City Attorney Approval: WT

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Resolution No.

1. The Council authorizes the Public Works Director or designee to apply for and accept a maximum of \$5,115,000 in Proposition 4 grant funds from the SJRC.

2. The Council certifies that the City 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 applicable permits.

4. The Council certifies that the City has reviewed, understands, and to the extent consistent with all constitutional and local laws requirements and this Resolution, agrees to the provisions contained in the application and program guidelines and related documents.

5. The Public Works Director or designee is appointed as a representative of the City to conduct negotiations, accept funding, execute submit, and sign all documents including, but not limited to, grant application documents, grant agreements, and other grant-related documents which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed Project.

6. Nothing in this resolution binds or obligates the City's general fund, taxing authority, or borrowing power.

7. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, AMY K. ALLER, Interim City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2026.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2026
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2026
Mayor Veto: _____, 2026
Council Override Vote: _____, 2026

AMY K. ALLER,
Interim City Clerk

By: _____ Date
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANDREW JANZ
City Attorney

By: _____ Date
Heather Thomas
Deputy City Attorney

Exhibit J

Shapefiles

(Submitted as a Zip file accompanying application)