

MAY 2026

# PARKWAY NEWSLETTER

Official Newsletter of the San Joaquin River Conservancy

May was an exceptionally productive month for the Conservancy, marked by strengthened community partnerships, hands-on stewardship, and significant progress across several long-term initiatives. Staff attended the City of Fresno's State of the City event and participated in The Trust for Public Land Summit at Fresno City College, gaining valuable insight into new funding opportunities, program support, and collaborative approaches to increasing our regional impact. These events also helped broaden the Conservancy's outreach efforts and reinforce key partnerships.

Community engagement continued at the Millerton Lake Recreation Area Kids Safety Day, where staff hosted an informational table and shared volunteer opportunities and recreational information with families and youth, and at the Scouts Troop 301 Merit Badge Frenzy at our headquarters, where we supported environmental education and youth development. We also joined the Fresno State College Corps Spirit of Service and Awards Ceremony to honor this year's fellows, including Emiliano Fajardo, who was recognized with the Spirit of Service Award for his outstanding contributions.

## IMPORTANT DATES

[June is Pride Month](#)

June is Great Outdoors Month

June 6 -  
National Trails Day

June 19 -  
Juneteenth

June 20 -  
River Stewards @ River West

June 21 -  
Summer Solstice

June 30 -  
End of State Fiscal Year

**Strategic Planning  
Public Comment period  
OPEN NOW**



A major highlight of the month was the completion and installation of the new Jensen River Ranch Extension kiosk sign, created in partnership with the City of Fresno, and the official public opening of the property on May 29<sup>th</sup> now that the minimum standards for opening have been met. At our headquarters, gravel deliveries improved the entrance, enhanced the parking areas, and hardened the surfaces surrounding the office creating safer, year-round access.



Across Conservancy properties, CCC work crews remained hard at work conducting essential fuel management and invasive species eradication activities at Wildwood Native Park and K'uik'ui Ranch, supporting the long-term health and fire resilience. Meanwhile, CCORC continued important trail maintenance and vegetation management at Sycamore Island, helping maintain safe and accessible trails that also serve as fire breaks, while supporting positive recreational experiences for visitors.



Staff also completed Conservancy focused tribal training and attended State Parks tribal agreements training to further strengthen our capacity for meaningful and culturally respectful collaboration with tribal partners. After more than three years of work, the Camp Pashayan TOJ was finalized and will officially take effect on June 1. We continue coordinating with the City of Fresno to plan improvements at Camp Pashayan, and with this milestone reached, the next phase of on-the-ground work can begin.



The Conservancy also received exciting news from the Wildlife Conservation Board, which approved our Prop 1 funding request for the River Vista Bridge Removal and Restoration Project—a significant achievement supported by both DWR and NOAA Fisheries. Additionally, the Conservancy Governing Board approved the City of Fresno’s funding request for the Fresno River West – Core Project, now fully funded and on track for construction beginning in Winter 2026/Spring 2027.

As we look ahead, the Conservancy is nearing the final stages of the Strategic Planning process and is currently accepting public comment on the draft Strategic Plan through June 12. Please submit comments to the Chief Executive Officer.



   
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