



Lower American River Parkway (& Ueda Parkway) Sustainable Cleanup Environmental Justice Success

To continue to change our lower parkway culture in a sustainable fashion as we now need to, as public funds are always in short supply, and may be shorter yet in our collective future. We all need to be very thoughtful in how we use the public's money. As more people continue now to volunteer for parkway cleanups; we particularly need to always keep our mutual behavior positive and safe; and

1. To not waste, and/or allow to degrade millions of dollars of public expenditure in flood prevention (by protecting banks which protect levees) and environmental restoration plantings already in place to protect the lower American and Sacramento River banks in areas of (former) serious erosion (thanks to the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), and the American River Flood Control District (ARFCD)). We need to accomplish this levee protection in a cost effective manner in order to continue to ultimately protect our levees' integrity during periods of very high flow (to prevent serious potential flooding events) and to allow nature to continue and sustain this important restoration work
2. To provide for everyone's social justice/environmental justice yearnings in a practical, achievable, cost savings, and environmental justice state law honoring and abiding manner. The State Water Board has provided appropriate leadership in this regard, for many years now, for the north Sacramento area.
3. To provide for the health and safety of all parkway visitors, especially all our kids, our wildlife, people's pet dogs, our downstream neighbors, and our

- downstream wildlife all the way to the ocean (Toxics and plastics in particular are very damaging to many wildlife in many different ways)
4. To allow our community and parkway natural resources respectful law enforcement methods to come into their proper full and sustainable partnerships with positively oriented parkway volunteers from all walks of life
 5. To protect our recovering riparian forests and restoration plantings in a sustainable and cost effective manner
 6. To make the parkway look more attractive and allow our rivers and wildlife to inspire people more for our growing population, and for our State Capitol city visitors from Old Sacramento and our nearby downtown area
 7. To fit with our 'Sacramento growing into a World Class City' goals; we also need to recognize, embrace and therefore to empower and promote people's necessary and legitimate social justice and environmental justice goals
 8. To properly appreciate and respect 'River City's' and the state's only confluence of our two great rivers, the American and Sacramento Rivers, and the wonderful wildlife shows (California sea lions eating salmon and shad during the runs, very vigorously; waterfowl, other birds, beaver, migrating fish, etc.), fishing and boating, swimming, wading, nature watching, dog walking, jogging, photography, painting, and other recreational opportunities presented at Discovery & Tiscornia Parks near the river confluence
 9. To allow for and promote local economic vitality, for all our residents and visitors alike; and to recognize the essential compatibility with social and environmental justice and public cost savings goals in this regard
 10. To allow the parkway to remain a safe area for school field trips, and other myriad educational opportunities for people from all walks of life, all ages, all ethnic groups, and all our community
 11. To allow people a more positive social atmosphere at the river with others, if they so choose to engage with others, always with maximum practical and responsible mutual respect and tolerance
 12. To further empower all mutually compatible positive volunteer and sustainable watershed restoration activities by all of our residents and visitors from all walks of life, from all ethnic groups, religious beliefs, businesses, schools, and churches
 13. To respect everyone's religious and spiritual convictions, and compatible parkway expression and traditions
 14. To clarify everyone's equal constitutional and civil rights, and emphasize how positively and inclusively communicated rules encourage and empower all of us to live and act more equitably, civilly, peacefully, productively and prosperously together, even as our (human) population continues to increase
 15. To allow our local wildlife populations to increase, and wildlife viewing and educational opportunities to also increase