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Yolo Receives \$1.1 million in Grants for Parks

(Woodland, CA) – At an awards ceremony held on June 28, California State Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman announced the distribution of Proposition 50 grants to help fund statewide river parkway projects. Yolo County was the recipient of three of these grants, totaling \$1,126,000.

In 2002, California voters passed Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, which authorized the legislature to appropriate funds for the acquisition, restoration, protection and development of river parkways. The California River Parkways Program, a competitive grant program administered by the Secretary for Resources, awards funds to public agencies and non-profit organizations to develop river parkways in their communities. The following Yolo County projects were chosen to receive grants in this funding round:

Elkhorn Regional Park & River Access Facility (Sacramento River): \$427,000 to construct interpretive trails and educational panels; improve access for disabled users; provide wildlife habitat improvements; add picnic tables and waste receptacles; and to construct a new project sign and install informational signage along County Road 22.

Camp Haswell (Cache Creek): \$310,000 to construct a parking area for disabled park users, a trailhead/information kiosk, interpretive trails and educational signage; improve access for rafting and non-motorized boating; install safety lighting; implement wildlife habitat improvements; add picnic tables and waste receptacles; and install informational signage along Highway 16.

Putah Creek Public Access Sites: \$389,000 to construct interpretive trails and educational signage; upgrade access to the creek; add picnic tables and waste receptacles; implement wildlife habitat improvements at various locations; and construct a new project sign and install informational signage along Highway 16. This grant award is in addition to a \$562,290 grant award recently received from the Wildlife Conservation Board to improve parking areas, construct trails and trailheads, and provide other recreational amenities at these same Putah Creek public access sites.

“The receipt of these Proposition 50 awards brings grant funds obtained in the last eighteen months for Yolo County parks and natural resources to about \$3.25 million,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mariko Yamada. “We are very proud of our team in the Department of Parks and Resources. Their success in obtaining grants highlights the incredible potential of our parks, and the significance of Yolo County’s natural resources on a statewide level.”

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