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## **Knights Landing Boat Launch Construction Starts June 1**

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Parks Division is excited to announce construction of long-awaited improvements at the Knights Landing Boat Launch scheduled for June 1 through October 30. In 2017, the County was awarded a \$1.45 million grant from the California Wildlife Conservation Board to upgrade the existing facilities.

The proposed improvements will enhance visitor experience and reduce ramp queue times with major improvements including: widening the existing concrete ramp; replacing the floating dock with a gangway and boarding float to allow access on both sides; constructing a permanent restroom; installing a new water well and hook-ups for a park host; chip sealing and restriping the parking lot; adding new ADA parking stalls and walkways; and placing riprap along the bank of Sycamore Slough to minimize erosion.

The Knights Landing Boat Launch will remain open during the first phase of construction from June 1 through July 26. The facility will be closed to the public starting July 27 through October 30 to allow for in-water construction on the boat ramp and slough bank. It is anticipated the facility will reopen to the public on October 31, 2020.

"Versions of this project have been in the works for almost fifteen years, and we are excited to finally start construction," said General Services Director Kevin Yarris. "We understand the facility closure during construction is an inconvenience to many of our customers, but we trust the needed improvements will provide many years of public enjoyment."

Additional information about the project and construction schedule can be found on the Yolo County Parks website at: <u>www.yoloparks.org</u>. Questions about the project can be directed to (530) 406-4880 or <u>yolocountyparks@yolocounty.org</u>. Connect with the Yolo County Parks Division on Facebook at: <u>www.facebook.com/yolocountyparks</u>.

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**About Yolo County Parks:** Yolo County Parks is a division of the General Services Department. It maintains approximately 2,000 acres of parks and other open spaces throughout Yolo County, including access to creeks and boat launches. The Yolo County Parks Division operates and maintains the Knights Landing Boat Launch facility on behalf of the State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife under a long-term lease agreement. Yolo County Parks aims to protect natural resources and improve quality of life for Yolo County residents and visitors alike.