



# Project Update



## Cordova Creek Naturalization Project

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### About this Newsletter

This newsletter provides current information about the Cordova Creek Naturalization Project (Project). For your reference, a project map is printed on the back of the newsletter. If you have questions, please contact the project staff listed below.

### Background

The Project was developed by a partner group including Sacramento County Departments of Water Resources & Regional Parks, Water Forum, City of Rancho Cordova, Soil Born Farms, California Native Plant Society, and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency.

The Project is identified in the 2008 American River Parkway Plan (ARPP) and in the 2002 River Corridor Management Plan (RCMP). The RCMP calls for restoration of Cordova Creek, formerly Clifton Drain, to create a riparian corridor that will filter urban runoff and serve as a buffer between a nature study area to the west and limited and developed recreational uses to the east.

The Project was awarded a California River Parkways Act of 2004 (Proposition 84) grant in September 2010. Grant funding will pay for the majority of the Project. Remaining funding will come from the Project partners.

### Description

The Project will remove the existing trapezoidal shaped concrete-lined channel and replace it with a natural winding channel that complements the current land use and will create a functioning, living stream to improve the environment.

The newly created channel area will be landscaped as a natural riparian corridor by planting native trees, shrubs, and groundcovers along the stream banks, wetland areas, and surrounding uplands.

A walking trail with interpretive signs will be constructed to provide public access from the Dedo Way River Access along the southern edge of the Project area to the American River Parkway. The Project will complement 80 acres of recently restored riparian woodlands/native grasslands to the west and the 50-acre organic farm and native plant nursery to the east.

### Updates

The Project design is finalized and the Project is on schedule for construction in summer 2015. The Project has undergone environmental review and received a Mitigated Negative Declaration with a Mitigation Monitoring & Reporting Program. On March 11, 2014, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved the Project and its environmental documents.

A second newsletter will be sent to provide an update on the Project after public bidding. The newsletter will provide contact information for the construction phase of the Project. Additional information can be viewed online at [www.saccodwr.org](http://www.saccodwr.org) search: Cordova Creek Project

### Schedule

- Advertise for Contract Bids – March 2015
- Bid Date – April 2015
- Contract Award – April 2015
- Construction – June 2015 to December 2015

All dates are tentative and subject to change

**For More Information,  
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### PROJECT LOCATION MAP

EXHIBIT/GRAPHIC TITLE:

CORDOVA CREEK  
 NATURALIZATION PROJECT

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