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California State Parks and Partners to Begin Riparian Restoration Project at Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park

CHICO, Calif.— California State Parks, Butte County Resource Conservation District and River Partners are pleased to announce the kickoff of the <u>Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park</u> Riparian Restoration Project beginning Tuesday, Sept. 8. This project will restore 24 acres of natural habitat adjacent to the Pine Creek Access Unit and the Sacramento River.

This property was purchased by State Parks with the intent to restore and reconnect riparian habitat for California native species and for the enjoyment of the recreating public. Recreation components of the project will connect public access paths for various activities such as hiking, fishing and birdwatching to the adjacent Pine Creek Unit and the banks of the Sacramento River.

River Partners will perform the restoration work on this site. It is anticipated that they will begin orchard removal in early September, with site preparation and riparian plantings to follow. Species selected for this planting include native trees and shrubs, as well as native grasses. Upon project completion (approximately three years), a mixed oak and riparian forest will have been reestablished.

During project implementation, area closures will be required to protect the public and the construction team working on the site. Barriers and signs will be installed in the closed restoration project area.

This project has been made possible with funding from Proposition 68: California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018.

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River Partners

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