

Sacramento River Parkway

Delta Protection Commission (Commission) staff recommends the Commission adopt the Sacramento River Parkway as an alignment of the Great California Delta Trail in order to fulfill a component of the enabling legislation for the Great California Delta Trail. SB 1556 (Torlakson), mandates the Commission:

“...to establish a continuous recreation corridor, including bicycle and hiking trails, around the delta, as defined. The bill would also require the plan to link the San Francisco Bay Trail system to planned Sacramento River trails in Yolo and Sacramento Counties.”

The Sacramento River Parkway is a 13-mile stretch of trail measured from Discovery Park to the south end of the Pocket area (figure 1). The Parkway currently is open to the public from Discovery Park, where a connection can be made to the American River Trail, travels south along the Sacramento River, and cuts off once the levee reaches the Pocket area. The trail then leads out to a network of trails throughout the southern end of the Pocket area where the trail can be accessed again and taken to the end of the Freeport Water Intake Facility.

Commission staff recently met with staff from the City of Sacramento to discuss the possibility of installing Delta Trail signage along the Sacramento River Parkway. The City had recently completed a project to install Sacramento River Parkway signs along the parkway at mile marker location and access point location (approximately 18 signs total, figure 2 is an example). Delta Trail signage (figure 3) could be installed on the existing sign posts at these locations. The City of Sacramento’s Department of Transportation Sign Department will install and fabricate the signs.

If the Commission adopts the Sacramento River Parkway as an alignment of the Great California Delta Trail, then Commission staff will work with City of Sacramento on next steps leading to installation of Delta Trail signage.

Recommendation: Commission Staff recommends the Commission adopt the Sacramento River Parkway as an alignment of the Great California Delta Trail.



Figure 1. Sacramento River Parkway alignment

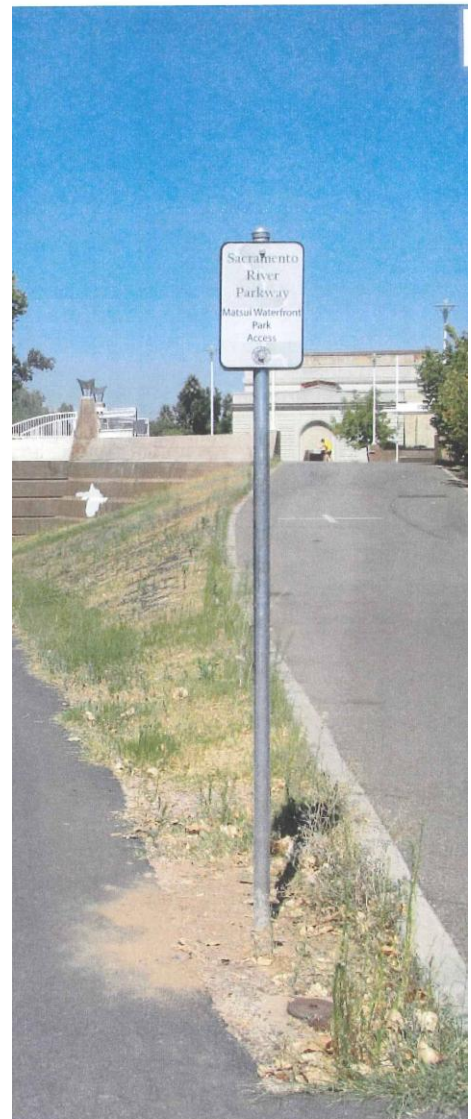


Figure 2. Existing Sacramento River Parkway sign

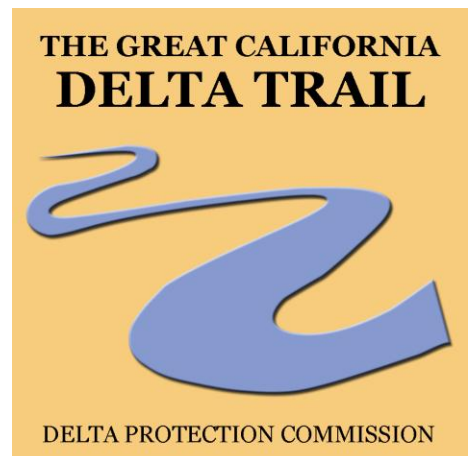


Figure 3. Delta Trail signage