



# Hart Memorial Park Improvement Plan

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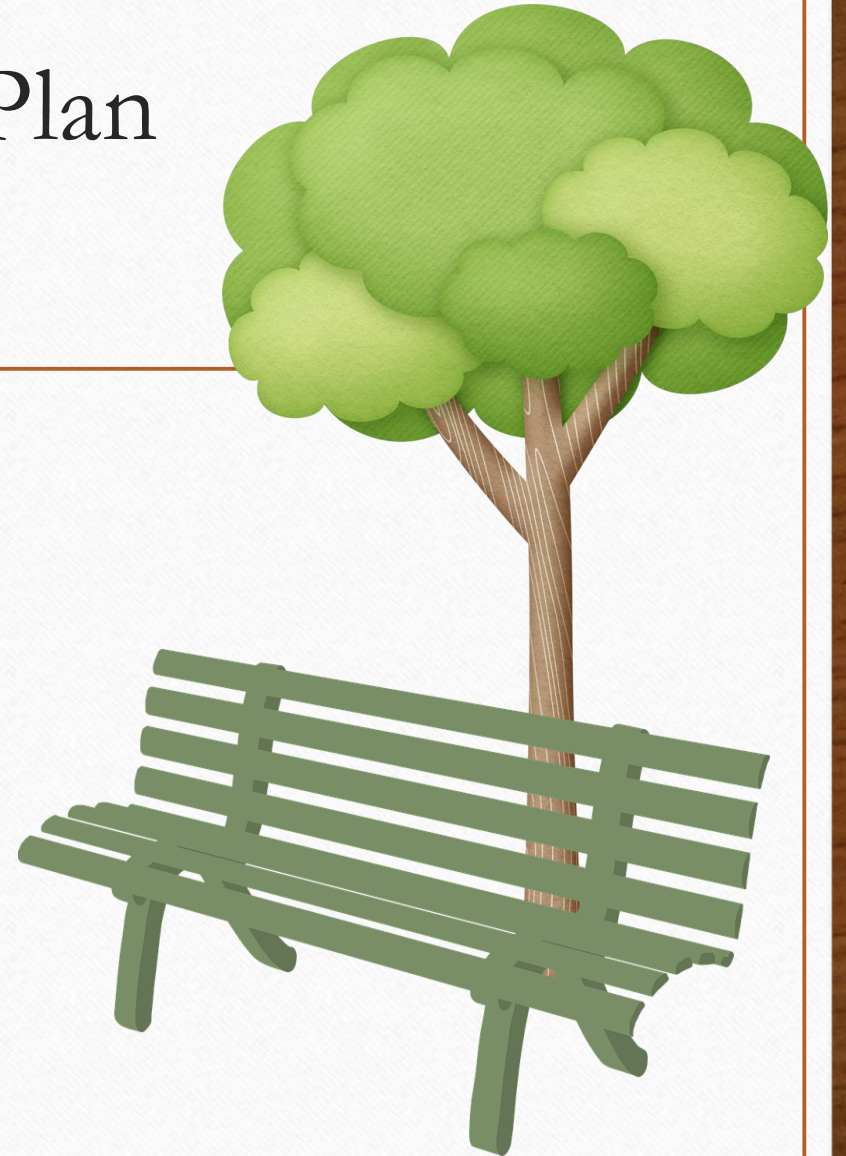
*Gem of the Kern River Parkway*

# Hart Park Improvement Plan

## How we got here

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- 3 public meetings, June 2017
- Emails, messages, letters
  - What we like
  - What we dislike
  - What we want
- Synthesized information
- Site analysis and design recommendations by RJM



# Public Input

## What Was Learned

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- **Natural setting** – Wildlife, shade, solitude, public space
- **Activities** – Fishing, walking, biking, horse riding, athletics, schools/educational, children's play areas
- **Water features** – Kern River, Hart Lake, swimming, splash pad
- **Concessions** – Paddleboats, train, children rides, concerts, vendors, food
- **Trails** – Multi-use and specific use, boardwalk with seating, educational trails.
  - **Management** – Public safety, trash, general maintenance, funding

# Public Input – Stakeholder Participation

**Thank you for your help!**

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- Audubon Society
  - Kern River Parkway Foundation
  - Panorama Vista Preserve
  - The Sierra Club
  - Building Health Communities
  - Southern Sierra Hiking Club
  - Leadership Counsel
  - Equestrian enthusiasts



# 2010 Parks Plan Recommendations

Many elements in common with the Hart Park Improvement Plan

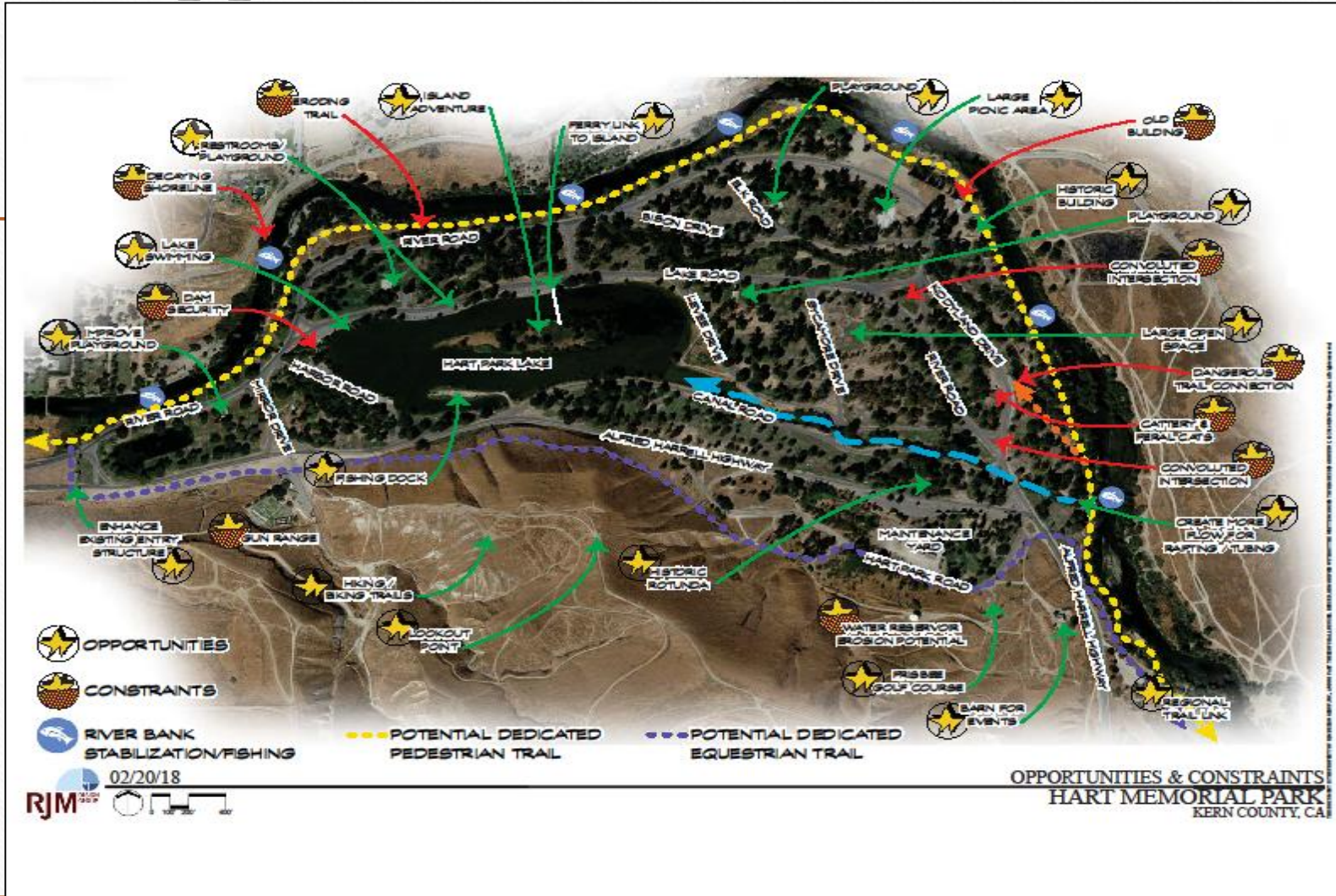
- New restrooms
- New playgrounds
- New shelters
- Trails
- Curbs and gutters
- Information centers
- Standard road widths
- Sports activities areas
- Signage
- New landscaping/irrigation
- Riparian enhancements
- Off-street parking areas



# Existing Amenities



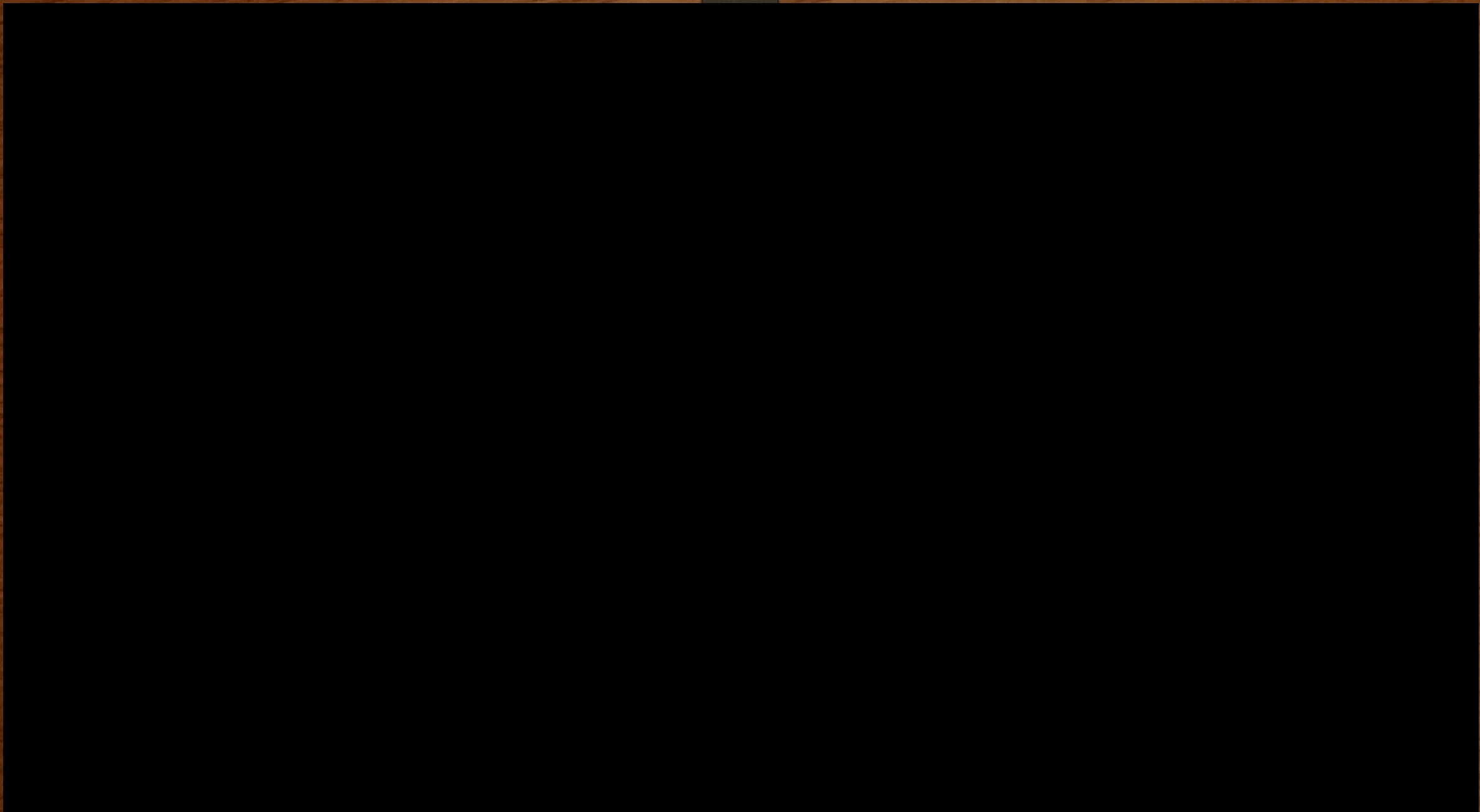
# Opportunities and Constraints



# A Plan







# 3-5 Year Phased Plan

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- Clean-up and deferred maintenance
- Signage throughout park (Entrances)
- Upgraded public safety and security enforcement (rules and regulations)
- Infrastructure improvements including (ADA, irrigation, landscaping, parking, WIFI)
- Picnic and special event areas (including concessions, small venue concerts/entertainment)
- Improved play areas
- River/lake improvements
- Trail improvements

# In Progress – FY 2018-19

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- Landscaping, signage, fence repair
- Public safety
- Rules, regulations & enforcement (No Feeding the Animals, No Littering)
- Maintenance schedule – Additional staff
- Fishing peninsula
- Equestrian area (North of the River) – Railing and fencing
- Equestrian Barn (Hart Park)
- Disc Golf
- Kern River Nature Park

# In Progress – Fence Repair

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# In Progress – Restroom Rehabilitation

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# In Progress – Area 7 Improvements

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# In Progress – Equestrian Improvements

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# Kern River Nature Park

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Nature Park - is designation for a protected landscape by means of long-term planning and sustainable use that promotes tourism and community use.

Nature Reconnection – provides places to see and experience the natural world as an response to 24/7 technology while engaging the public beyond just looking.



# Phase I – Road Ahead

## FY 2019-20

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- Concession/Event Area
- Entrance Monuments/Signage
- Trail Improvements
- Playground improvements
- Rangers transition to 24 hour coverage schedule along KRP.

# Phase I – West and East Entrance

## FY 2019-20

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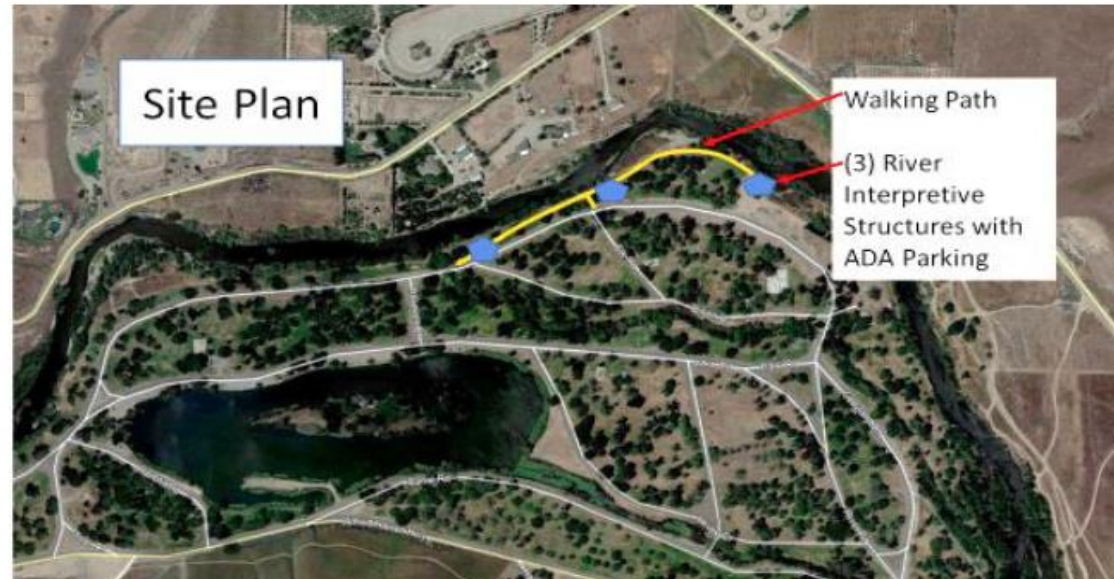
# Phase I – Trailhead Improvements FY 2019-20



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California River Parkway Grant Program Proposition 68  
Kern County General Services Division

9 /14 / 2018



# Phase I - Trail Improvements FY 2019-20

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# Phase I - Concession/Entertainment Area

## FY 2019-20





CALISTOGA BEVERAGE COMPANY PRESENTS

# CONCERTS *in the park*

Thursdays • 6:30–8:30 pm  
June 21 to August 16  
Pioneer Park, Calistoga



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# Phases II & III

## FY 2020-21+

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- Kids adventure area
- Full restoration of Area 7 (Large event area)
- Dog park
- Hart Lake beach

# Funding

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- Budget
- Grants
- Public/Private partnerships
- Sponsorships

# Partnership in support

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- Education
- Kern River Nature Park
  - Stakeholder input
  - Discuss
- Mill discussion
  - Stakeholder involvement thoughts
  - Signage
  - Education
- Community project
- Cats
  - Issue
  - Partnership working with AS and enforcement
  - Goals
  - Partnership