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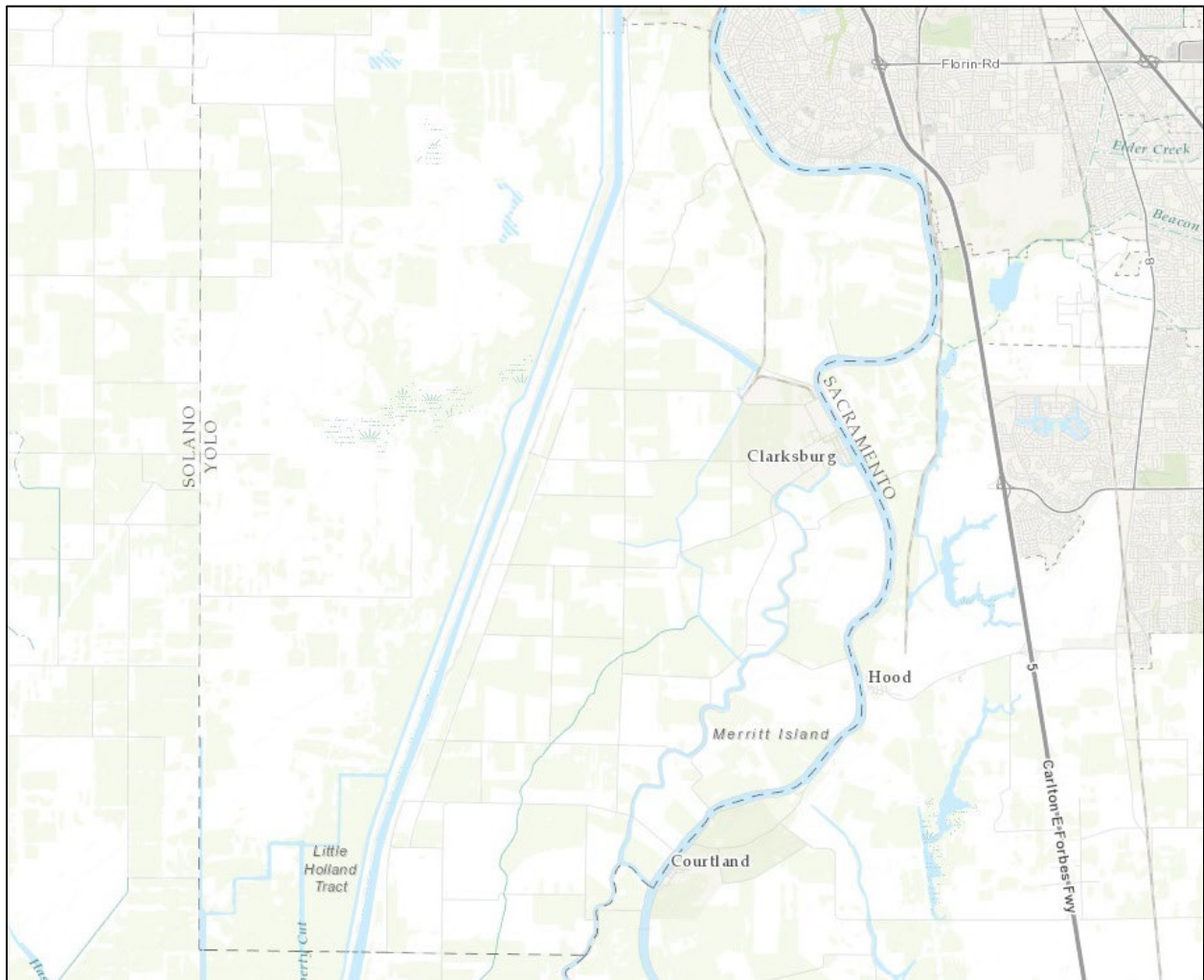
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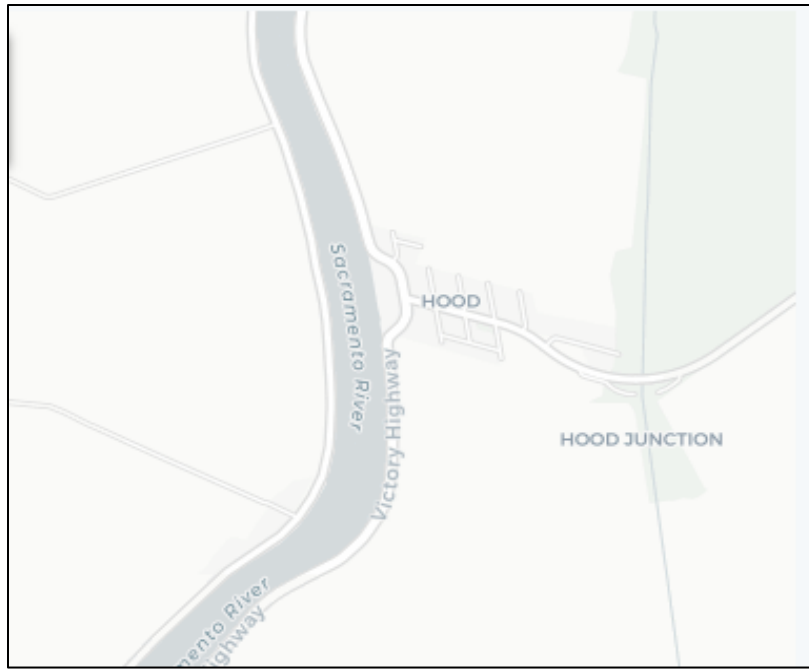
1 INTRODUCTION

The Hood Community Action Plan (CAP) is an action-oriented planning document that reflects Hood community issues and priorities. It is intended to be used as a guide for both policy-makers and the community in enhancing and preserving the area’s quality of life. The CAP focuses on community priorities over the next five to seven years and identifies actions necessary to achieve those priorities. The plan also develops a project timeline for each action.

1.1 Community Profile

The maps below depict Hood and its surrounding areas.





In the 2010 Census, the total population within the Hood Census Designated Place (CDP) was 271 people. When asked about ethnic origin, approximately fifty percent of Hood CDP residents identified as Hispanic or Latino, and fifty percent identified as White. When asked to identify by race, about fifty percent identified as White, five percent as Native American, five percent Asian-American, thirteen percent as two or more races, and twenty six percent as some other race (see Tables 1 and 2).

Table 1. Hood 2010 Population by Race

Race	Number	Percentage
White	135	49.8%
Asian	15	5.5%
Native American	15	5.5%
Pacific Islander	1	0.4%
Some Other Race	70	25.8%
Two or More Races	35	12.9%
Total	271	100%

Source: 2010 U.S. Census

Table 2. Hood 2010 Population by Hispanic or Latino Origin

Hispanic or Latino Origin	Number	Percentage
Not Hispanic or Latino	134	49.4%
Hispanic or Latino	137	50.6%
Total	271	100%

Source: 2010 U.S. Census

The median age in the Hood CDP was approximately 44 years old. Table 3 shows the breakdown of the Hood population by age:

**Table 3. Hood 2010 Population
By Age Range**

Age Range	Number	Percentage
Under 5 years	12	4.4%
5 to 17 years	51	18.8%
18 to 24 years	18	6.6%
25 to 34 years	29	10.7%
35 to 44 years	32	11.8%
45 to 54 years	50	18.5%
55 to 64 years	44	16.2%
65 to 74 years	16	5.9%
75 to 84 years	12	4.4%
85 years and over	7	2.6%
Total	271	100.0%

Source: 2010 U.S. Census

Of the 104 occupied housing units in the Hood CDP, sixty-nine units (66%) were owner-occupied and 35 (34%) were renter-occupied. A majority of households (72%) were families or married couples; twenty-eight percent were householders living alone. Thirty-four households (33%) had children under the age of 18. Hood’s average household size was 2.6 individuals.

1.2 Community History

Hood was originally named Richland, which was established as a shipping point for grain in 1860. At that time, the town grew to host a warehouse, hotel, grocery store, church, school, and post office. By the 1880s, Delta crops shifted from grain to fruit, and Richland slowly declined until the post office closed in 1888.

The newly built Southern Pacific railroad line brought the possibility of commerce back to the area, and in 1909 the town of Hood was established at the former Richland site, named after William Hood, Chief Construction Engineer of the Southern Pacific Railroad and a Civil War veteran. Within a few years, Southern Pacific built a large storage depot, along with a spur along the railroad levee down to the wharf to service fruit producers like California Fruit Exchange and Stillwater Orchards. With easy access to the railroad, Hood began to revitalize. A large packing shed, seed farms, creameries, a hardware store, grocery store, cafe, hotel and church were built, and in 1912 a post office was established. In 1978 Southern Pacific abandoned the rail line, and commercial traffic in the town waned.

Today, the post office, grocery store, and community park remain, and a couple of historic buildings have been restored and repurposed. River Road Exchange has been renovating the former fruit processing and storage facility to house retail businesses that can attract tourism

and envisions revitalizing the waterfront access area. Hood Supply Company recently renovated and reopened as a restaurant named for the building's original tenant. Many families have lived in Hood for generations.

1.3 Community Action Planning Project

1.3.1 Background

Community action planning is a participatory process where professionals work with community members to identify the community's common goals and priorities. They develop a list of issues and possible actions to deal those issues, and a community-supported road map for what is to be completed, who will complete it, and when it will be completed.

The purpose of Delta Community Action Planning project is to support and enhance historic Delta towns, referred to in the 2009 Delta Reform Act as Delta "legacy communities" (Public Resources Code Section 32301(f)). The legacy communities include Bethel Island, Clarksburg, Courtland, Freeport, Hood, Isleton, Knightsen, Locke, Rio Vista, Ryde, and Walnut Grove. The Delta Stewardship Council's 2013 Delta Plan calls for planning efforts in the legacy communities in Recommendation DP R3:

Plan for Vitality and Preservation of Legacy Communities

Local governments, in cooperation with the Delta Protection Commission and Delta Conservancy, should prepare plans for each community that emphasize its distinctive character, encourage historic preservation, identify opportunities to encourage tourism, serve surrounding lands, or develop other appropriate uses, and reduce flood risks.

In 2015, the Commission launched a Delta Community Action Planning pilot process in three communities: Courtland, Walnut Grove, and Clarksburg. Processes for Isleton and Hood began in 2017 and 2018, respectively. The focus of the effort has been on local, feasible actions. Commission and County staff recognized that there are many outside forces impacting Delta communities that are outside the scope of community action planning process. At the same time, articulating what is unique and special about Delta communities, and articulating community desires for the future, may have value for influencing larger regional policy.

The Commission is prepared to assist communities with planning and policy expertise, serve as a broker in helping the community use the action plan to identify and apply for funding sources such as grants (see Appendix B), and serve as a liaison between Delta communities and agencies that must be involved to accomplish these actions.

1.3.2 Planning Process

The Hood Community Action Planning process took place in winter and spring 2018. The planning process employed different methods of engaging members of the community, specifically interviews and two community workshops.

Assessment Interviews

Commission and Sacramento State's Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP) staff laid the groundwork for the community workshops by interviewing seven residents to develop an understanding of community issues. The interviewees were selected in consultation with local officials and community members.

Workshops

Hood community members joined Commission, Sacramento County, and CCP staff at two workshops to develop a plan of actions aimed at improving the quality of life in and around Hood. The workshops were advertised through email, flyers at community meeting spots, and Commission social media and website.

First Workshop (March 26, 2018)

The goals of the first workshop were to review issues, opportunities, and ideas heard during the interviews and develop initial priorities for community actions. Commission and CCP staff provided background on the Hood Community Action Plan effort along with the results from the assessment interviews. Community members then identified their main concerns, needs, opportunities, and priorities for Hood.

Concerns related to infrastructure included the need for updated water and sewer systems, levee maintenance, flood zone designation and insurance requirements, traffic safety, and correct street addresses. Business owners and residents also expressed the desire to partner with County officials to streamline the permitting process for needed building maintenance and refurbishment of existing residential and commercial buildings.

Opportunities identified included developing infrastructure for tourism, including walking and biking paths, and river access, as well as adding welcome, directional, place marker, and interpretive signs. Some participants felt that Hood needed to reinstate a formal leadership structure, such as a Hood Community Council, to move Hood forward with the goals and priorities of the community.

Second Workshop (April 25, 2018)

Based on input from community members during the interviews and first Hood workshop, Commission staff drafted a handout of potential actions and presented them to participants at the second Hood workshop for input. The handout described goals and priority actions, along with potential next steps, potential partner involvement, potential timeframes, and potential resources and funding.

Community members present agreed on the goals and priorities overall. After discussing priorities and potential actions, the primary focus turned to the need for Hood to reestablish a Community Council to advance community goals, and to work with the Commission and County as needed for implementation of next steps.

2 COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

Interview and workshop participants identified the following priorities for the Hood community (top priorities are in **bold**):

1. **Reinstate a Hood Community Council to follow up on important issues.**
2. **Work with Sacramento County to identify solutions for water, waste water, levee maintenance, and flood zone designation needs.**
3. **Work with Sacramento County and Caltrans to identify funding for installation of needed traffic safety features.**
4. **Improve public safety by correcting street addresses and clarifying Hood's zip code as separate from surrounding communities.**
5. Increase economic opportunities for Hood.
6. Designate walking and biking paths for increased safety and tourism.
7. Work with the Delta Protection Commission and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) Conservancy to secure welcome, directional, place marker, and interpretive signs for the Hood area.

The intent of the Hood Community Action Plan is to help the community focus on top priorities and give community leadership the flexibility to address other actions once priority actions are implemented and goals are reached.

3 GOALS AND ACTIONS

The community goals and actions listed in this section will be implemented as a collaborative effort between the Hood residents, property owners, and Commission and County staff. Each action includes potential next steps, potential involvement, potential timeframe, and potential resources and funding.

Potential Next Steps describes which initial steps are needed to complete the action. These steps will often clarify partnerships, timeframes, and resources and funding needed.

Potential Involvement indicates which agencies and organizations would probably need to be involved in implementing the action. Contact information for relevant Federal, State, County, and local agencies and utilities is provided in Appendix A, Resources List.

Potential Timeframe is defined as follows:

- Short-term actions can be completed in less than two years.
- Medium-term actions can be completed within a two- to five-year timeframe.
- Long-term actions will take at least five years to complete.

The inventory of **Potential Resources and Funding** provides suggestions on which agencies, organizations, and funding sources may be available to help implement the actions. Web pages describing potential funding sources are identified in Appendix B.

3.1 Goals and Actions with Implementation Steps

GOAL 1: A town association that serves as a forum for community issues and provides support for community projects.

Action 1: Create and maintain a town association that serves as a forum for community issues and provides support for community projects.

Potential Next Steps:

- Consult with partners about current efforts and goals.
- Determine community goals for the town association.
- Develop charter for the town association.
- Convene town association.
- Identify town association leadership.

Potential Timeframe:

Short-term (<2 years)

Potential Involvement:

- Courtland Fire Protection District
- Delta Protection Commission
- Property Owners
- Sacramento County – Board of Supervisors, Planning and Environmental Review Division

Potential Resources and Funding:

- Delta Protection Commission
- Sacramento County

GOAL 2: Infrastructure that protects the community and supports community needs.

Action 2a: Collaborate with Sacramento County on potential solutions for water and wastewater infrastructure and flood protection needs.

Potential Next Steps:

- Consult with partners about current efforts and goals.
- Develop plans for water and wastewater infrastructure and flood protection needs

Potential Timeframe:

Short-term (<2 years) to
Medium-term (2-5 years)

Potential Involvement:

- California Department of Water Resources
- Courtland Fire Protection District
- Property Owners
- Sacramento County – Board of Supervisors, Department of Water Resources

Potential Resources and Funding:

- California Department of Water Resources Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program
- Sacramento County

Action 2b: Develop list of community maintenance and traffic management projects for potential County and Caltrans maintenance funding. Projects may include:

- Additional stop signs at the Hood-Franklin Road/Highway 160 intersection;
- Traffic calming measures, particularly at town entrances and around Hood-Franklin Road/Highway 160 intersection, such as warning signs, rumble strips, speed bumps, and train-crossing lights that highlight the town's railroad past;
- Crosswalks at the Hood-Franklin Road/Highway 160 intersection;
- Replacement of street lights along Highway 160; and
- Add green bike lane and bike crossing designations.

Potential Next Steps:

- *Consult with partners about current and future efforts.*
- *Determine preferred community projects for submission to appropriate partners.*

Potential Involvement:

- *Caltrans*
- *Sacramento County Department of Transportation*
- *Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency*

Potential Timeframe:

*Short-term (<2 years) to
Medium-term (2-5 years)*

Potential Resources and Funding:

- *Caltrans – Active Transportation Program, State Highway Operation and Protection Program, Sustainable Transportation Planning Program, Transportation Enhancement Program*
- *Sacramento Area Council of Governments*
- *Sacramento County*

GOAL 3: Increased economic development opportunities for Hood.

Action 3a: Examine potential methods to promote economic development, including historic preservation, tax incentives, and regulatory streamlining such as a Special Planning Area.

Potential Next Steps:

- *Consult with agencies about current and future economic development efforts.*
- *Develop economic development plan.*

Potential Timeframe:

*Short-term (<2 years) to
Medium-term (2-5 years)*

Potential Involvement:

- *Delta Conservancy*
- *Delta Protection Commission*
- *Local Businesses*
- *Property Owners*
- *Sacramento Area Council of Governments*
- *Sacramento County – Board of Supervisors, Department of Transportation, Office of Economic Development, Planning and Environmental Review Division*
- *Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency*

Potential Resources and Funding:

- *California Capital Access Program*
- *ADA Financing Program*
- *Delta Conservancy*
- *Sacramento Area Council of Governments*
- *Sacramento County*
- *Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency*
- *Teichert Foundation*

Action 3b: Advocate for modifications to current flood protection regulations and enforcement to allow minor development projects and reduce flood insurance costs.

Potential Next Steps:

- *Consult with agencies about current efforts to modify flood protection regulations.*
- *Determine priority tasks.*

Potential Timeframe:

*Short-term (<2 years) to
Medium-term (2-5 years)*

Potential Involvement:

- *Central Valley Flood Protection Board*
- *Delta Protection Commission*
- *Farm Bureau*
- *Federal, State, Local Elected Officials*
- *Federal Emergency Management Agency*
- *Reclamation Districts*
- *Sacramento County – Board of Supervisors, Department of Water Resources*
- *US Army Corps of Engineers*

Potential Resources and Funding:

- *California Department of Water Resources*
- *Federal Emergency Management Agency*

GOAL 4: Increased tourism and enjoyment of Hood’s cultural and natural heritage.

Action 4a: Seek to establish pedestrian and bicycle routes, possibly along railroad rights-of-way, and amenities through Hood and to adjacent attractions such as Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

Potential Next Steps:

- *Consult with agencies about current and future bicycle transportation efforts.*
- *Examine existing infrastructure.*
- *Consult with agencies and organizations about preferred bicycle routes.*

Potential Timeframe:

*Medium-term (2-5 years) to
Long term (>5 years)*

Potential Involvement:

- *Delta Conservancy*
- *Delta Protection Commission*
- *Property Owners*
- *Reclamation Districts*
- *Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates*
- *Sacramento Area Council of Governments*
- *Sacramento County – Department of Transportation, Office of Economic Development, Planning and Environmental Review Division, Regional Parks*
- *State of California – Caltrans, Department of Water Resources, State Parks*
- *US Fish and Wildlife Service*

Potential Resources and Funding:

- *California Capital Access Program*
- *ADA Financing Program*
- *Caltrans – Active Transportation Program, State Highway Operation and Protection Program, Sustainable Transportation Planning Program, Transportation Enhancement Program*
- *California Department of Water Resources Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program*
- *California Wildlife Conservation Board Public Access Program*
- *Delta Conservancy*
- *Sacramento Area Council of Governments*
- *Sacramento Co. Regional Parks*
- *Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency*

Action 4b: Collaborate with California State Parks on the current and future use of the railroad right-of-way.

Potential Next Steps:

- Consult with agencies about past, current, and future efforts.
- Develop plan for future use of railroad right-of-way.

Potential Involvement:

- Local Businesses
- Property Owners
- Reclamation Districts
- Sacramento Area Council of Governments
- Sacramento County – Department of Transportation, Department of Water Resources, Planning and Environmental Review Division, Regional Parks, Sustainability Coordinator
- Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency
- State of California – Caltrans, Department of Water Resources, State Parks

Potential Timeframe:

Short-term (<2 years) to
Medium-term (2-5 years)

Potential Resources and Funding:

- California State Parks
- Sacramento County

Action 4c: Develop plan for public access to Sacramento River.

Potential Next Steps:

- Consult with partners on current and future efforts.
- Determine community goals.
- Develop plan and identify potential funding sources.

Potential Involvement:

- Property Owners
- Reclamation Districts
- Sacramento County Planning and Environmental Review Division
- US Army Corps of Engineers

Potential Timeframe:

Short-term (<2 years)

Potential Resources and Funding:

None Identified

Action 4d: Provide signs that welcome and inform visitors about Hood’s cultural and natural heritage.

Potential Next Steps:

- Consult with partners about past and current efforts.
- Develop plan for proposed signs, including locations, design and text, and funding.

Potential Timeframe:

Short-term (<2 years) to
Medium-term (2-5 years)

Potential Involvement:

- Caltrans
- Delta Conservancy
- Delta Protection Commission
- Delta Stewardship Council
- Local businesses
- Property owners
- Sacramento County – Board of Supervisors, Department of Transportation
- Sacramento River Delta Historical Society

Potential Resources and Funding:

- Caltrans
- Delta Conservancy
- Delta Protection Commission
- Delta Stewardship Council
- Local businesses
- Property owners
- Sacramento County
- Sacramento River Delta Historical Society

Action 4e: Develop a public restroom at Hood Community Park for residents and visitors.

Potential Next Steps:

- Consult with partners about past efforts and potential funding.
- Develop plan for restroom, including location, design, construction, maintenance, and management.

Potential Timeframe:

Medium-term (2-5 years)

Potential Involvement:

- Delta Conservancy
- Sacramento County Planning and Environmental Review Division
- Sacramento County Regional Parks
- Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency

Potential Resources and Funding:

- Delta Conservancy
- Sacramento County
- Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency

GOAL 5: Improved public safety and visibility through correct addresses.

Action 5a: Collaborate with Sacramento County Assessor’s Office to correct addresses in database.

Potential Next Steps:

- Consult with partners about past and current efforts.
- Determine steps to correct addresses.

Potential Timeframe:

Short-term (<2 years)

Potential Involvement:

- Courtland Fire Protection District
- Sacramento County – Board of Supervisors, Assessor’s Office, Sheriff’s Department

Potential Resources and Funding:

- Courtland Fire Protection District
- Sacramento County – Assessor’s Office, Sheriff’s Department

Action 5b: Collaborate with United State Postal Service to clarify that 95639 is Hood’s ZIP Code

Potential Next Steps:

- Consult with partner about how ZIP Codes are connected with specific cities and towns.
- Determine steps to clarify ZIP Code.

Potential Timeframe:

Short-term (<2 years)

Potential Involvement:

US Postal Service - Postmaster

Potential Resources and Funding:

US Postal Service

4 IMPLEMENTATION AND FURTHER REVIEW

During the workshop on April 25, 2018, community members set a date of June 12, 2018 for their first meeting to discuss the creation a Hood Community Council. They agreed that this was an important first step for Hood to be able to effectively address the priority goals and actions identified in the community action planning process. Since that time, the newly formed Hood Community Council has established a monthly meeting schedule. The Commission will work with the County, the Hood Community Council, and the community to develop a plan and timeline for each group of actions. They will act as a liaison with Federal, State, and local agencies.

The Commission or Hood Community Council will hold an annual workshop to review the Community Action Plan to assess the status of each action, determine if actions need to be modified or eliminated, and decide whether to begin work on long-term actions. Other potential actions will be reassessed to determine whether to identify implementation steps.

APPENDIX A: RESOURCES LIST

The following is a list of relevant contact information for those identified in Section 3, Goals and Action.

ORGANIZATION/NAME	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors		www.bos.saccounty.net
Don Nottoli, Supervisor, District 5	(916) 874-5465	nottolid@saccounty.net
Sacramento County Assessor's Office		www.assessor.saccounty.net
Christina Wynn, Assessor	(916) 875-0700	assessor@saccounty.net
Sacramento County Sheriff's Department		www.sacsheriff.com
Sheriff Scott R. Jones	(916) 874-5094	sheriff@sacsheriff.com
Delta Protection Commission		www.delta.ca.gov
Blake Roberts, Senior Environmental Planner	(916) 375-4237	blake.roberts@delta.ca.gov
Sacramento County Department of Water Resources Division		www.waterresources.saccounty.net
George Booth, Senior Civil Engineer	(916) 874-6484	boothg@saccounty.net
Sacramento County Department of Transportation	(916) 874-6291	www.sacdot.com
Reza Moghissi, Division Chief		moghissir@saccounty.net
Jose Corona, Signals & Lighting		coronaj@saccounty.net
Kathleen Bryan, Signs & Markings		bryank@saccounty.net
Sacramento County Office of Economic Development	(916) 874-5220	www.economic.saccounty.net
Troy Givans, Director	(916) 874-2413	givanst@saccounty.net
Sacramento County Planning and Environmental Review Division	(916) 874-6141	www.per.saccounty.net
Leighann Moffitt, Director	(916) 874-6221	sacplan@saccounty.net
Sacramento County Regional Parks		www.regionalparks.saccounty.net
General Information/Administration - Operations and Maintenance	(916) 875-6961	parksinfo@saccounty.net

ORGANIZATION/NAME	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency	(916) 440-1363	www.shra.org
Brad Satterwhite, Community Development Analyst	(916) 449-6242	bsatterwhite@shra.org

ORGANIZATION/NAME	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
California Department of Parks and Recreation		www.parks.ca.gov
California Department of Water Resources	(916) 653-5791	www.water.ca.gov
Caltrans, District 3	(530) 741-4572	www.dot.ca.gov/d3/
Central Valley Flood Protection Board	(916) 574-0609	cvfpb.ca.gov
Courtland Fire Protection District		courtlandfire.com
Delta Stewardship Council	(916) 445-5511	deltacouncil.ca.gov
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)		www.fema.gov/about-fema-region-9/region-ix-mitigation/state-california
Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates	(916) 444-6600	sacbike.org
Sacramento Area Council of Governments	(916) 321-9000	www.sacog.org
Sacramento County Farm Bureau	(916) 685-6958	sacfarmbureau.org
Sacramento River Delta Historical Society		www.srdhs.org srdhshs@gmail.com
Sacramento San Joaquin Delta Conservancy	(916) 375-2084	deltaconservancy.ca.gov deltaconservancy.ca.gov/delta-sign-plan/
US Army Corps of Engineers – Sacramento District	(916) 557-5100	www.spk.usace.army.mil spk-pao@usace.army.mil
US Fish and Wildlife Service - Sacramento Office		www.fws.gov/sacramento/
US Postal Service	(916) 775-1783	www.usps.com

APPENDIX B: POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

The following is information on potential funding sources for those actions identified in Section 3, Goals and Actions.

ORGANIZATION	WEB
California Capital Access Program ADA Financing Program	www.treasurer.ca.gov/cpcfca/calcap/
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Active Transportation Program: www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/atp/ ▪ Division of Local Assistance www.dot.ca.gov/localassistance/ ▪ State Highway and Protection Program: www.dot.ca.gov/hq/transprog/shopp.htm ▪ Sustainable Transportation Planning Program: www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/orip/Grants/grants.html ▪ Transportation Enhancement Program: www.dot.ca.gov/hq/TransEnhAct/TransEnact.htm
California Department of Water Resources	www.water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans
California Department of Water Resources Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program	www.water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/Small-Communities-Flood-Risk-Reduction
California State Parks	www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=25028
California Wildlife Conservation Board Public Access Program	wcb.ca.gov/Programs/Public-Access/Grants
Delta Protection Commission	delta.ca.gov
Delta Stewardship Council	deltacouncil.ca.gov
Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Program	www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance
Sacramento Area Council of Governments	www.sacog.org/funding
Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency	www.shra.org/safe-at-home-program/neighborhood-resources
Sacramento San Joaquin Delta Conservancy	deltaconservancy.ca.gov/programs/
Teichert Foundation	www.teichert.com/teichert-foundation/

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