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Stephen Green, President
Save the American River Association
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Dear Mr. Green,

Thank you for your letter regarding SactoMoFo, which was held this past Saturday, May 21, in Discovery Park on the American River Parkway.

As stated in Policy 5.33 of the American River Parkway Plan, "Large special events may be permitted at Discovery Park on a periodic basis so long as natural resources are not degraded." The plan further states, "Discovery Park is capable of accommodating large special events due to its unique amenities, location and access routes." The plan highlights the six restroom facilities, large parking capacity, and nearby infrastructure to support this use of Discovery Park.

SactoMoFo is a large special event – it is family-oriented, consisting of food trucks, live music, a child play area, information booths, and other family entertainment.

SactoMoFo is a periodic event. It only happened once this calendar year.

SactoMoFo did not result in the degradation of natural resources. During the event, food trucks were located in the asphalt parking areas; they were not parked on unpaved surfaces or irrigation systems. Further, the event promoter was required to contract for off-duty law enforcement and other security services in large measure to ensure the protection of natural resources.

According to Sacramento County Director of Regional Parks Jeff Leatherman, the development of an Impact Monitoring Plan (IMP) will be part of the overall effort to complete a Natural Resources Management Plan (NRMP) for the American River Parkway. At this time, the scope of the NRMP is still being determined with the assistance of state and federal resource agencies. While there is not currently a timetable for the completion of this plan, it will likely cost upwards of \$500,000 to complete.

SactoMoFo brought new users into the American River Parkway, thereby generating the fee revenues needed to adequately maintain and secure the Parkway. Thank you for your continuing efforts to support and preserve the American River Parkway.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roberta MacGlashan". The signature is fluid and includes a long, sweeping tail at the end.

Roberta MacGlashan, Chair

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