



# North Beach River Access Improvement Project

## Information Sheet

### Project Components:

#### Improve Existing Launch

Improve the existing boat launch at North Beach. Improvements will include the installation of a 15-foot wide by 50-foot long articulated block ramp.

#### Improve Upstream Beach Access

Improve the access to the upstream beach area. This includes installing a 6-foot wide by approximately 50-foot long articulated block ramp walkway.

#### Expand Loading Area

Existing loading area will be expanded, and an accessible loading zone will be created.

#### Shade Ramadas

Installation of shade ramadas throughout the North Beach area where the existing launch is located.

#### Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration

Unrestricted access on natural soils combined with high flow events have resulted in the continued erosion of the shoreline along North Beach. The project will seek to restore the shoreline by stabilizing the eroded bluffs, restoring riparian and upland vegetation where appropriate, and improving access at controlled locations.



Existing Launch

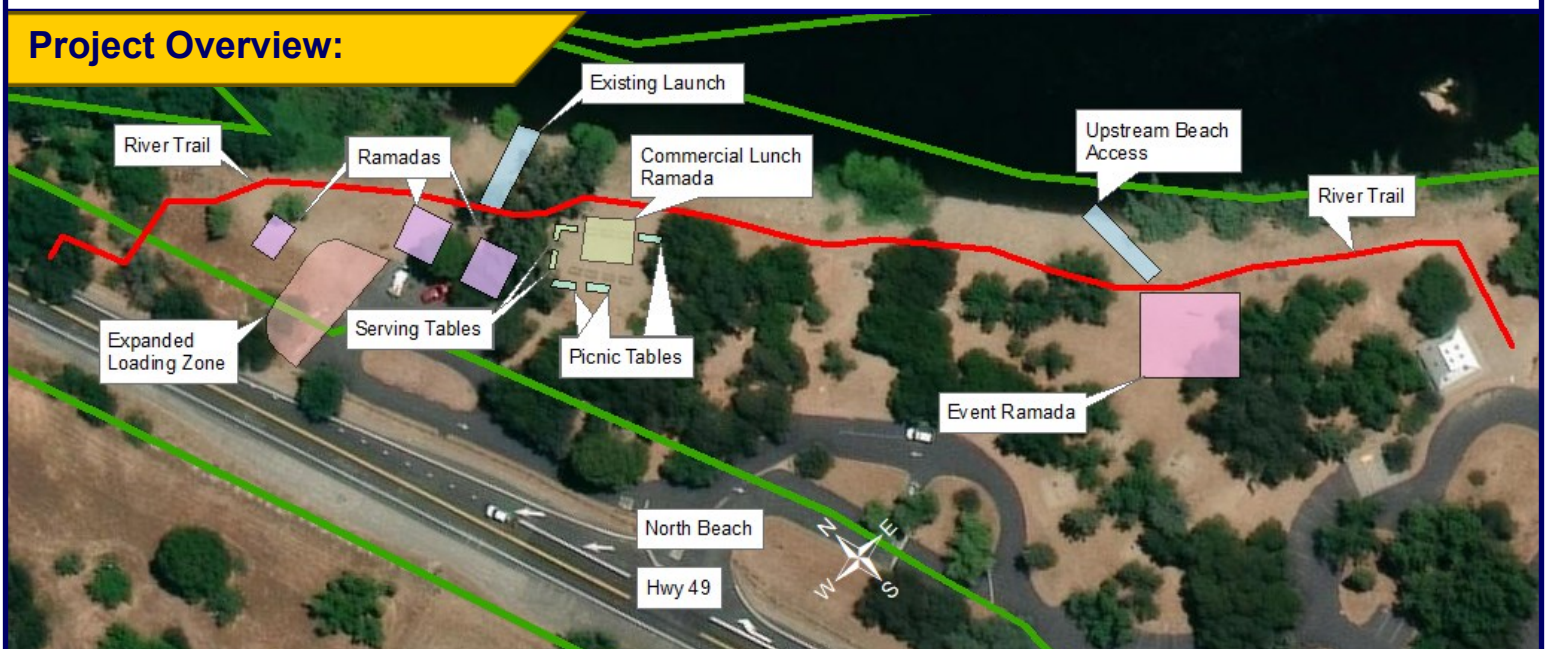
#### River Trail

Develop a river front accessible trail to connect Gold Discovery Trail to the wide shoulder of Highway 49 north of the North Beach Day use area. This will increase the opportunity for access to the local community. Installation of a split rail fence along the top of the river embankment along the trail for user safety and to protect embankment and restoration.

#### Event Ramada

Installation of a 55-foot by 65-foot ramada with a large group BBQ grill, picnic and layout tables to be used for both day use and special events.

### Project Overview:



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### FAQs:

#### ***What is the background of the North Beach River Access Improvement Project?***

The North Beach River Access provides river access for non-commercial river use, including rafts, kayaks and other craft. Commercial use of the site is prohibited except for instructional use and trips that serve people with disabilities, as well as lunch stops and stops for park tours are permitted. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) process in 2007 helped identify downstream needs to support river recreation use and the Settlement Agreement provided a funding source to support river access improvements and other needs. Preliminary improvements were made to the area in 2012. A couple site visits with State Parks, American Whitewater, and other stakeholders occurred between 2014-2017. Initial planning for further improvements began in 2018.

#### ***Why is the North Beach Improvement Project Important?***

Currently the North Beach River Access is comprised of a rough unimproved river access and boat launch area. The launch area, the upstream informal beach access and the river embankment between these two areas is eroding and in need of restoration. The current shoreline trail along the North Beach area is an informal trail. Formalizing and improving this trail into an accessible trail experience would benefit park visitors. The shoreline trail is consistent with the Coloma-Lotus Sustainable Community Mobility Plan.



View up the Future River Trail

#### ***What type of public involvement will there be with this project?***

The public is invited to the public input meeting at 6:00 PM on November 13, 2024, in the theater at the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park museum for a brief presentation followed by a question and answer session. Public comment can be submitted to [northbeachaccess@parks.ca.gov](mailto:northbeachaccess@parks.ca.gov) until **December 18, 2024**.

#### ***How long will the project take?***

This project will be completed in phases. The anticipated start date would be July 2025.

### Project Schedule:

- Draft Preliminary Plans, Date of completion 2024, Status: Completed
- Public Involvement, Comment Period 11/13/24-12/18/24 Status: Pending
- Revised Draft Plans, Anticipated date of completion February 2025, Status: Pending
- Environmental Review, Anticipated date of completion May 2025, Status: Pending
- Decision and Project Approval, Anticipated date of completion June 2025, Status: Pending
- Project Construction, Anticipated start date July 2025, Status: Pending

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