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Email	10/7/2023	Riverfront	Leave it the hell alone.
			<p>I strongly support the following guidelines requested by the Wintu Audubon Society. We need very careful development along the river corridor. Thank you. Judy Salter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish adequately sized and protected no-disturbance buffers for all bird and wildlife habitat areas (including riparian zones and including areas for which riparian values can be restored). Establish buffer zone sizes based on best available science tailored to the location, not guesswork. 2. Support the restoration of degraded riparian areas such as the area between the Sundial Bridge and the Rodeo Grounds, and the gravel pits and inundated borrow areas at Cypress Square. 3. Complete a comprehensive inventory of all bird and wildlife habitats and the species they support. (This has never been done, in spite of a series of City development decisions which should have required it, including the Museum, the Bridge, the Hotel and planned improvements to the boat launch area at the Rodeo Grounds. Additionally, the Plan Consultant does not have an adequate budget item for this recommended task.) 4. Limit public access improvements and require only low impact trails near riparian areas (paved trails require wider footprint of vegetation removal and cause greater pollutant runoff). 5. Limit invasive lighting and increased noise after dusk. <p>These are the primary issues Wintu Audubon has raised in the past. PLEASE let the City, the Coalition, and the Consultant know your values, concerns, and preferences by filing an email or in-person comment.</p>
Email	10/8/2023	Riverfront plan	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I have been watching birds in the Turtle Bay Bird Sanctuary for the past 32 years. I am very concerned that the riverfront may be forever damaged by developers who would like to place noisy, invasive, "attractions" (restaurants, ziplines, amphitheaters for entertainment, etc.) in the area that would ruin the peace and natural beauty of the site. It is currently a lovely place for any citizen to use free of charge to relax and rejuvenate. It would be a terrible shame to have that destroyed along with the habitat for the nearly 200 different species that have been recorded there on eBird.</p> <p>As a member of the Wintu Audubon Society, I support the following issues that the conservation group has proposed to being key to preserving the values fo the riparian resources and bird and wildlife diversity present on the Redding Riverfront:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish adequately sized and protected no-disturbance buffers for all bird and wildlife habitat areas (including riparian zones and including areas for which riparian values can be restored). Establish buffer zone sizes based on best available science tailored to the location, not guesswork. 2. Support the restoration of degraded riparian areas such as the area between the Sundial Bridge and the Rodeo Grounds, and the gravel pits and inundated borrow areas at Cypress Square. 3. Complete a comprehensive inventory of all bird and wildlife habitats and the species they support. (This has never been done, in spite of a series of City development decisions which should have required it, including the Museum, the Bridge, the Hotel and planned improvements to the boat launch area at the Rodeo Grounds. Additionally, the Plan Consultant does not have an adequate budget item for this recommended task.) 4. Limit public access improvements and require only low impact trails near riparian areas (paved trails require wider footprint of vegetation removal and cause greater pollutant runoff). 5. Limit invasive lighting and increased noise after dusk. <p>Thank you for your serious consideration,</p>
Email	10/8/2023	Riverfront Specific Plan	<p>[REDACTED]</p>
			<p>Hello-</p> <p>Instead of developing more paved pathways and buildings, why not create a beautiful natural corridor that echos a riparian corridor?</p> <p>Instead of building expensive and exclusive buildings only wealthy people can access, why not maintain a natural heritage that is irreplaceable?</p> <p>There are way too many empty retail buildings, and the expensive downtown development is a heat island that was never meant to attract the humble folk of this area.</p> <p>Residents in this area walk the river trail by the Sundial bridge because it is a natural treasure.</p> <p>It is the living river, the fish and birds, the large oaks, the mountain views that need to be enshrined and preserved.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
Email	10/8/2023	Riverfront development	<p>Dear Committee Members,</p> <p>Without going into great detail, as a resident of Redding I am opposed to any development in the Bird Sanctuary area of Turtle Bay. Isn't Turtle Bay supposed to be an educational/environmental oasis in the middle of our beautiful city. Developing the riverfront for commercial purposes seems to be a land grab by somebody seeking financial gain. Does it always have to be about money? Joni Michell said it best, ".you don't know what you've got till it's gone"</p> <p>Do not develop this riverfront sanctuary.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
Email	10/9/23	Turtle Bay River Front plans	<p>[REDACTED]</p>

Email	10/9/23	Preserving the natural area top priority	<p>There is always talk of making money bu encouraging development. I'm sure there have been developers in NYC who had their eyes on Central Park.but the value of surrounding properties depends on there being a central park. The River Front ampitheatre is so small and the trail deadends at the foot of the cemetery. For elders taking a lovely stroll in the skade it would be wonderful to have a gradual, switch back trail that went up to and thrhas ough the cemetery.</p> <p>Multipurpose is not the goal for these special riverfront park areas. Separate into zones and totally preserve the riparian areas. Park View Marina cSincerely, [REDACTED]uld afford more river access for families. Perhaps this zone is one that can stand redevelopment. The Auditorium is a failed enterprise. Figure out how to get rid of it and let it go back to park.</p>
Website	10/10/23		<p>I think a nature inspired Riverfront would be beautiful. A wood boardwalk, much like Turtle Bay , before Sheraton was built. No low income mixed use buildings . Focus on the river itself, Maybe different plaques with Native American history. I loved it years ago when it had that little beach, mini golf, raft rental. something like that but upscale.</p>
Website	10/10/23		<p>I saw an article about the Community Coalition and Riverfront plan and how they were asking for residents what they would like to see. I love how Redding protects the natural environment and all wildlife throughout the riverfront, its always a joy to walk into turtlebay and along hte rivertrail as well as see the river curve around park marina. I wanted to give some feedback. In additional to all that we already have, Can you make another spot with some nice trails that people can walk along the riverfront but also have shops and stores that people can go into if they want to eat and watch the river, or if they want to take a rest and need the bathroom, kind of like they do in vancouver washington? That would be so much fun, they could put beautiful foliage and keep the buildings nature focused and nice to look at. It would a great place for the community to do something with family and friends, especially if they put a cozy restaurant in there (everyone loves those! View 202, Mosaic, From the Hearth). It would be nice to drive over to a new spot walk down another rivertrail as long as you want and then be able to sit and eat and watch river/people go by, see new items from stores and shops that would be there. IT would also be amazing if Redding made an Art Museum. I'm originally from Santa Barbara and people love to go to the Art Museum and cafe there and its so great for culture, education, student field trips, brings in alot of revenue for the city as well. Thank you and have a great day!</p>
Website	10/10/23		<p>[REDACTED] Resident</p>
Email	10/10/23	Concerns for Bald Eagles & Wildlife at Turtle Bay Bird Sanctuary	<p>Respect Redding's history and tradition by extending their lease now</p> <p>Good evening, My name is [REDACTED]</p> <p>I have been walking & riding the TB Bird Sanctuary trails since 1993. I met my husband walking those trails & we raised our son on those trails, too. So I am very familiar with that area & with much of the wildlife who inhabit that riparian area.</p> <p>Our Community Group has some serious concerns about the upcoming development of this area & how these changes will impact the nesting Redding Bald Eagles, Ospreys, Great Horned Owls, Red-tailed Hawks. I know the locations of all of these nests because I have been monitoring the raptors in the area for many years.</p> <p>Our Friends of the Redding Eagles Community Group does monthly Tours open to the public on the TB Bird Sanctuary Trail & along the Dana to Downtown Trail. Our FORE Group also works closely with the City of Redding to keep these areas safe & clean for the wildlife in the area. We report transient camps & pick up trash daily along the Dana to Downtown Trail which we adopted with United Shasta in 2019.</p> <p>Our group would like to request that before any work is done that you complete a comprehensive survey of all of the Wildlife Species in the TB Bird Sanctuary area. This way you will know exactly which species are inhabiting the area & the population of each of those species. That will allow you to monitor any & all impacts the construction & development in the area might be having on the wildlife. Then you can make adjustments accordingly.</p> <p>We do support your efforts to make much needed improvements to the area, but we want to make sure the impact to wildlife is as minimal as possible.</p> <p>We are hopeful that the improvements will deter & displace the transients who have taken up residence in the Rodeo Grounds & Turtle Bay Area. We have witnessed severe impact to the wildlife & their habitat ever since 2010 when the Dana to Downtown Trail was opened.</p> <p>I would be glad to consult with you & share any information you need about the Bald Eagles & other wildlife in the TB Bird Sanctuary.</p> <p>Thank you for your time & attention to this matter. Sincerely, [REDACTED]</p>
Website	10/11/23		<p>Every band that tours travels up and down Interstate 5. From the new, up and coming artists to the time tested veterans. I-5 is the major cooridor between Vancouver Canada and San Diego California.</p> <p>Redding is missing the boat by not having a location for these artists to stop and play. The revenue loss is tremendous.</p> <p>Not only would this provide a grat family activity, but schools and various non-profit groups could also use the facility. It would bring folks from the outlying areas of the northstate to Redding, and those people will support the GEM (Gas, eats, motel) industry.</p> <p>Its cooler by the river, and if it is build with the summer sun taken into consideration, the crowds and performers could be in the shade, which would be ideal.</p> <p>If we build it, they will come. Please build a state of the art ampitheatre with seats and a lawn area. Don't go cheap on the seating capacity. Bigger artists bring bigger crowds, and they will stop here if there is a facility for them.</p>

Email	10/11/23	Public Comment on Riverfront Plan	<p>As a Redding resident for 44 years, I care deeply about the future development of the riverfront area. I attended the introductory project meeting in August at the civic auditorium and the Oct. 9 meeting at City Hall Council Chambers.</p> <p>I think the highest priority in considering the future of the riverfront area is preserving the natural environment so the trees, vegetation, and animals on land and in the river can thrive. The big mistake would be to over-develop the area and negatively impact the natural environment: it would destroy what makes the riverfront so enjoyable.</p> <p>To achieve the continuing health of the natural environment, I think environmental preservation should be the first goal of the Riverfront Plan. Proposed development projects can then be weighed as to their effect on what the plants and animals need to thrive. However, often planning is done with the proposed development as first priority and "mitigations" are identified as a sub-category. The problem: "mitigation" means to make something less bad; but it's still not good for the plants/animals, just not as bad. The priority should be a thriving natural environment as a primary goal. If we lose the health of the environment, we lose everything!</p> <p>With this goal in mind, I think the Turtle Bay area should get NO expanded commercial development. Enhancing the visitor experience can come with additional or enhanced interpretive features that will help people appreciate and support the natural environment and the history and cultural values of the Indigenous peoples who lived there.</p> <p>Commercial development is more appropriate for the Park Marina Drive area where the closed commercial developments are located. Again, the natural environment should be protected all along the riverfront.</p> <p>Sincerely, </p>
Website	10/12/23		<p>I would like to recommend consideration of adding a whitewater park feature to the plan. A whitewater park would be a location where the river channel is modified to create features that allow for surfing, rafting, floating, and playing in the water. These features attract both participants and spectators. Many communities have recognized the multiple benefits of whitewater parks and are seeing benefits including:</p> <p>Quality of Life — River-based parks inspire a community to reconnect with its river in ways not previously available, delivering opportunities for outdoor recreation, leisure, community events, and more. When paired with adjacent land development and waterfront revitalization efforts, they become gathering places that attract walkers, families, picnicker, and spectators, in addition to the in-stream uses of kayaking, rafting, surfing, wading, and floating.</p> <p>Environmental — River modification usually includes the restoration or rehabilitation of in-stream and riparian habitat. This improves river system and ecosystem functions, and can support flood mitigation strategies.</p> <p>Economic — Whitewater parks across the country are generating substantial economic impacts for their host communities as users spend money at local restaurants, lodging and retail establishments. These venues open the doors to other recreational opportunities such as zip-lining, rock-climbing, concerts and festivals, hiking and biking, attracting a broad array of users and corresponding revenues. A whitewater park's economic contribution depends largely on the park's scale and market size, with smaller parks shown to generate incremental spending in the \$500,00 to \$750,000 range per year while larger parks contribute as much as \$19 million annually to local economies.</p> <p>Branding — Whitewater parks provide communities with a closer connection to their rivers and become focal points for outdoor lifestyle experiences. They serve as destinations for outdoor recreation--based tourism, supporting a community's overall image and brand.</p>
Website	10/12/23		<p>Whenever someone mentions what the City of Redding should do about the Sacramento Riverfront, I have visions of the River Walk in San Antonio. But looking at pictures of that lovely place, it's too built up. We need to keep the majority of our riverfront as riparian as possible, I think, and also protect the sacred native areas of the river that are within the city boundaries. But it would be lovely to have a few more eateries along the river, and possibly a few shops too. Is there a way to do both?</p> <p>I do NOT think there should be housing or private commercial property right along the river - because that prevents the rest of the population from enjoying both the natural and any developed areas along the river. It should be open to the public, whatever is done there.</p>
Website	10/12/23		<p>Hi, and thank you for the opportunity to share my ideas for the Redding Riverfront.</p> <p>My first priority for the riverfront is a continuation of the Sacramento River Trail (SRT) using tunnels, boardwalks, and other transformational trail designs. Please review the Lady Bird Lake Trail (aka Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail and Boardwalk at Lady Bird Lake,) in Austin, Tx for my inspiration. Information about the Austin trail can be found here: https://www.austintexas.gov/department/ann-and-roy-butler-hike-and-bike-trail-and-boardwalk-lady-bird-lake.</p> <p>What I am proposing here would be for the the lands south and west of the Sacramento River starting at the Turtle Bay Loop Trail.</p> <p>From the Turtle Bay Loop Trail the Sacramento River Trail would maintain the closest possible proximity to the flowing river as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -SRT needs to tunnel under State Route 44 as close to the river as possible but east of the Park Marina/Butte/Sundial Bridge Drive interchange. -After the tunnel under SR 44, my proposed SRT would immediately follow back along SR 44 (if needed) to the east at ground level and bridge over to Village Drive or a little to the west of the drive to maintain proximity to water. -SRT would then separate alignment with Village Drive and create permanent/semi permanent the dirt trail between the two bodies of water north Kutras Lake, following along the west side of the more southerly body of water to reconnect with a Village Drive alignment. -My proposed SRT could then go two different ways: 1) Follow the Village Drive alignment to the east and south and then use a boardwalk (reference Austin trail) to traverse along the spit of land that separates the Sacramento River from Kutras Lake all the way around Kutras Lake back to the Marina RV Park Area (preferred) or 2) Cross over Village Drive and head behind Aqua Golf Driving Range in a southerly direction again maintaining the closest possible proximity to the flowing river as possible to the Marina RV Park Area. -My proposed SRT would then follow adjacent to the river alignment using boardwalks as needed to proceed beneath Cypress Bridge to the Free Bridge area and trails. -Finally my proposed SRT would cross over the river on a new and simple "Free Bridge" over to Nur Pon Open Space and trails. <p>Thank you for this opportunity! Go big and make it transformational.</p>

Email	10/12/23	Public Comments from 10/9/2023	<p>Jeremy,</p> <p>I had a few days to think about the meeting on Monday. The most important comments were by the public and not the coalition. I assume in the next meeting, the idea board will be summarized as a starting point. Please include these comments made by the public:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The theme should be centered around the river and be made accessible to lower income families. As of 2020, the median income in Redding was \$28K for individuals and \$56K for households. 2. The tribal voice has to be heard. 3. This is not an urban waterfront like San Antonio (pop. 1.4 million). 4. There are traffic issues in the Garden Tract. The most direct route from Park Marina and Turtle Bay to downtown is through the Garden Tract via South, Placer, and Yuba Street. <p>Lastly, please provide a list of public vs. private lands.</p> <p>If you could pass this onto MIG so it's on the next presentation, that would be great.</p>
Website	10/13/23		<p>I believe it would be beneficial to include an open space with tables and benches and shade (whether a structure or trees) near the Sundial Bridge. Currently, there is limited seating space near the bridge, and the benches near the biking trail are dangerous to allow a child to roam near.</p> <p>Having a community space to relax with children would give an alternative to those wishing to walk the trails, and instead give an opportunity to stay longer to enjoy the space for a picnic or play within view of the Sundial Bridge.</p>
Website	10/16/23		<p>I just finished watching Live to 100: Secrets of the Blue Zones on Netflix. One of the mantras that Dan Buettner repeats is, "Make the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice." He is referring to infrastructure and healthy food availability. I am an avid walker and biker. My husband and I live very close to downtown Redding and find it challenging to find a safe path to bike to the River Trail. Also, we are close enough to walk to downtown to restaurants, shopping, and events, but don't feel safe doing so. The walk isn't inviting, the infrastructure is inconsistent, and there are sketchy people along the way.</p> <p>The River Trail is an incomparable resource and yet, it is challenging to access for many people without getting in their cars. My suggestion is to create safe, inviting walk and bike ways throughout the downtown and adjoining neighborhoods. The city has come a very long way in this regard, but as a citizen of "near-downtown," my experience is that there are still obstacles to walking and biking. I would love to see this a major focus so that we don't always have to be in our cars to access the nearby beauty and culture of Redding.</p> <p>As an aside, more grocery stores would be a benefit. Even small, bodega type stores or Trader Joe's size type stores would be welcome in the downtown core.</p>
Website	10/16/23		<p>Fire resistant, quake safe, climate friendly: Mass timber is on the rise as a construction alternative</p> <p>https://www.geekwire.com/2023/fire-resistant-quake-safe-climate-friendly-mass-timber-is-on-the-rise-as-a-construction-alternative/</p> <p>Can you imagine a beautiful 3 - 4 story mass timber on the water front? That would draw tourists to Redding!</p>
Nextdoor	9/7/23		<p>I'm just worn out about the excessive speed in our neighborhood. The speed limit is 25 MPH, but the average speed is about 45+. When speeding drivers come to the blind S-Turn near the canal, they cut over the limit line to negotiate the turn, sometimes coming all of the way into the gutter and beyond. Hint: If you have to leave the roadway to stay in control of your vehicle, you are probably driving too fast. Please slow down. Mark, I would appreciate it if you would alert the RPD about this problem. Jeremy, This problem will only get worse with the increased traffic that could result from implementation of the Riverfront Specific Plan Update.</p>
Letter	8/15/23	Riverfront Specific Plan	Letter scanned and saved in MIG files
Letter	8/29/23	Brentwood Subdivision	Letter scanned and saved in MIG files
Letter	9/1/23	Survey on the Redding Riverfront Specific Plan	Letter scanned and saved in MIG files



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August 15, 2023

City of Redding
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96001

RE: Riverfront Specific Plan

Dear: Jeremy Pagan

Thank you for your press release dated August 4, 2023, regarding the City of Redding Riverfront Specific Plan. We appreciate your effort to contact us and wish to respond.

The Cultural Resources Department has reviewed the regulations and concluded that it affects the Aboriginal territories of the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians. Therefore, we have a cultural interest and authority in the proposed regulatory action and would like to continue to receive updates on this regulation.

Please direct all correspondences to the following address:

[Redacted address]

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature block]



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August 29, 2023

City of Redding
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96001

RE: Brentwood Subdivision

Dear: Danny Castro

Thank you for your project notification letter dated August 17, 2023, request for formal consultation on the proposed project subdivision Map application A-2023-00802, Brentwood Subdivision. We appreciate your effort to contact us and wish to respond.

The Cultural Resources Department has reviewed the proposed update and concluded that it is within the Aboriginal territories of the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians. Therefore, we have a cultural interest and authority in the proposed project area and would like to initiate a formal consultation with the lead agency. At the time of consultation, please provide the Cultural Resources Department with the proposed project details.

Please contact the following individual to coordinate a date and time for the Consultation meeting:

[REDACTED]

Please refer to the following number **P-08212023-05** for any correspondence concerning this project.

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


[REDACTED]

I was at the planning open house this month and am sending this along. I also wish to be on the alert list for any upcoming information/meetings on this issue.

1. **ASSETS** The river is our biggest asset. We need to do much more to not only protect it, but to honor it for what it is. We are a nationally known fishing destination and we should build on that reputation. The river is beautiful and having access to it is healthy for all of us. Nature experiences are necessary for mental health as studies have shown year after year. Our trails that provide river access are so wonderful. As a citizen and a dog owner I so appreciate both trails at NorPon and the Bechelli park that allow us to experience nature with our best friends. What a terrific idea it was to open Nor Pon as a park. Whatever the future holds for our riverfront, the number one priority is to protect the river...its ecosystem, its health, its beauty, its access for our citizens its draw for tourism.

2. **CHALLENGES** Because so much of the land along Parkview Drive is privately owned I don't know how the city plans to deal with that for making changes. That property could be designed to be so much more. Except for the access of the boat ramp and the golf driving range it is wasted space and unattractive at that. I would like to see that whole area developed into a walking path along restaurants with outside patios and just places/benches for people to sit and enjoy an evening out along the river. The River Inn should be redone and become part of the whole strip. I can't believe that the city has just let that sit vacant for so many years. How awful to see boarded up windows. That is so close to Turtle Bay and could be another place for tourists to stay. All those empty buildings are so unattractive! I don't think any more of the riverfront should be given over the business complexes and private companies. Why should they have their parts of the river to themselves? There are other places to put business parks.
We should put a moratorium on that.

3. **FUTURE VISIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES.** I already covered some of this in my previous paragraph. I want to see all the wild areas of Turtle Bay protected and the ecosystems honored. That is number one for me. Next, I want to see the Rodeo grounds left and perhaps improved. That is a big draw for many and the volunteers have done a great job of keeping that going. Many parts of the grounds around the Civic are unsightly and need manicuring. Some of the areas along the river that you used to be able to drive along and stop at picnic tables have been shut off and I miss that. All the grounds from Turtle Bay down need to look much better.

Build in more standing history exhibits on logging, mining, the building of the dam etc. Redding hasn't done much planning ahead to do that. It has left many historical buildings go to private owners. Think how special some of our historic buildings are and except for the one home on West street that was turned into a museum by the historical society the other historical areas of old Redding aren't featured.

4. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR ME.....**
Whatever decisions are made MUST include a way/budget for maintenance. It is super upsetting to go to the Sundial Bridge and see it not taken care of. Lights are often out and it ruins the night walks. Areas below the bridge are not clean and cared for. This is a special draw for all and it is discouraging to see this. Planning for development is fine, but looking ahead to how it is to be maintained is important. Build in a budget for that.

Frankly, right now as someone who drives down Park Marina every day, the homeless have more access to the river than I do. Having a plan to manage the homeless is probably one of the most important things we can do to improve the riverfront. One day I hope the city of Redding will realize this and get busy and look to the future on how this can be handled.

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