

**ATTACHMENT C: INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE FROM
COUNTY PLANNING**

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
Intra-Departmental Correspondence

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To: Liz Bellas, County Parks

From: Sunny Williams, County Planning

Subject: Off-leash dog pilot program in the American River Parkway (ARP)

Per the American River Parkway Plan 1985 (ARPP), pg. 2-5 activities that “are incompatible with the Parkway, shall be prohibited:.....dog training and field trials”. An off-leash dog pilot program as described, would not be defined as training or field trials. Paradise Beach restrictions are: “9.6.1 Permanent structures and any other physical changes that would attract groups of users should not be introduced to the area” (ARPP 2-15). No permanent structures are proposed for the pilot program. Therefore, the pilot program as described, would not be prohibited within the 1985 ARPP.

The ARPP addresses organized group activities, permissible locations, and possible infrastructure. Since there would not be a dog park, with enclosed fences and other structures, the ARPP does not address its compatibility. The County Codes regulating off-leash dogs thereby provide the overriding constraints. Permitting this pilot program would be an exception to the County Code prohibiting off-leash dogs in public areas.

Sensitivity to other Parkway users must be a priority during the pilot program. Impacts upon wildlife, the riparian vegetation and ecosystem as a whole should be minimal, ie. no more impact than humans have upon that area. An additional garbage can and signage regarding the pick-up and disposal of animal waste should be a considered addition to the pilot program.

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