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May 13, 2003

Ms. Sunny Williams, Planning Dept.  
Sacramento County  
827 7th Street, Room 230  
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Dear Ms. Williams:

The North Sacramento Chamber of Commerce has reviewed the **May 5<sup>th</sup> Final Draft of American River Parkway Convening Report** and we continue to have concerns about the document, the approach to the update, and it's environmental and social justice implications to the North Sacramento Community.

Most egregious is that while requests for representation were granted to others in the Final report, we are still denied a seat at the table, despite being one of the most active organizations on parkway issues along the lower American River. We are very disheartened to see that community representation has been further politicized and that special interest seats have been increased on the proposed Update Citizen Advisory Committee. This seems contrary to the collaborative process espoused, and to producing a usable and durable update plan for the parkway and community's of interest who use it.

Per your email, we still await your letter response to our written comments on the Draft American River Parkway Convening Report, especially regarding process, budget and coordination of the effort to community plan and add the Woodlake/Cal Expo Reach to the American River Parkway Plan. **We strongly recommend removal of Item #3 (Page 18) from the proposed Update Citizen Advisory Committee's responsibility, and request that a separate community (North Sacramento, Woodlake, Point West, Cal Expo) focused committee and funding be dedicated for this purpose.**

Please distribute this letter at the Lower American River Management Plan meeting I am told is being held today and will be discussing the final convening report.

Yours in Service,

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*/s/ franklin burris*

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