

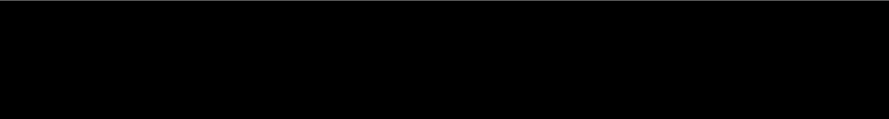
Redding Riverfront Specific Plan (Plan) Comments

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As a 48 year resident of Redding I have seen the construction of the Civic Auditorium Turtle Bay and the Sundial Bridge along with the Sheraton Hotel and other structures in the area covered by the Riverfront Specific Plan. I have walked many times on the trails on both sides of the Sacramento River and visited Turtle Bay, the Forest Camp and Arboretum. I have attended many performances and events at the Civic Auditorium and the Rodeo Grounds. I especially like the natural vegetation and wild animals including deer, birds, squirrels, ducks, and geese. These natural features should not in any way be degraded, reduced in size or habitat reduced by any changes proposed in the Plan.

No new structures should be constructed that reduce the size of existing undeveloped or vegetated grounds including loss of lawns or soil ground. This is what makes the existing area so popular and so amenable to wildlife. There should be no more added uses than the current level of use that would have human visitors during late night hours which would degrade nesting and foraging for night animals or other creatures. This area is a bird sanctuary and should remain so. Increased lighting at night would also degrade wildlife habitat and drive away existing creatures that depend on a moderate to high level of darkness and low noise level.

Please incorporate the above criteria into the Plan.



“Climate change is going to change everything, but the problem has always been that it is happening cataclysmically fast on a geological scale and far too slowly on a human perception scale.”

David Wallace-Wells, *The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming*