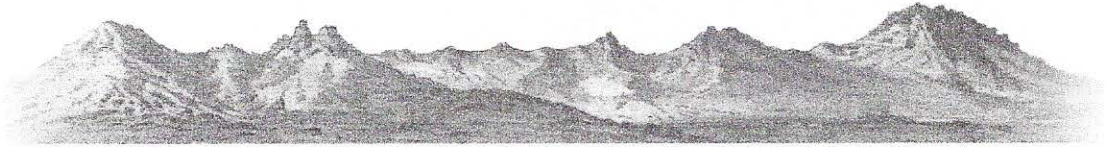


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## MIDDLE MOUNTAIN INTERPRETIVE HIKES

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February 5, 2021

Dear Mr. Johnston,

I am writing this in support of the proposed Feather River Parkway Project. Over the past few years the Sutter County Resource Conservation District (SCRCD) has begun reclaiming what once was Yuba City's waste water ponds, overgrown with blackberries. It is being turned into a safe and unique destination for our community to enjoy. The SCRCD has literally paved the way, not only to a large parking area, but a gazebo, bathrooms, and tables, encouraging accessibility for all. The Feather River Parkway will provide an outdoor classroom for teachers and students offering a place for an easy hike to many displays interpreting local flora and fauna. The colors of spring and fall invite families to stroll on pathways which, during the past year, are appreciably wide enough to accommodate social distancing. Dog owners and cyclists can easily pass one another, and color-coded signposts offer mileage and direction for short walks or longer treks. Birders appreciate tracking a flock of western blue birds in winter and a watchful visitor will catch a glimpse of a two-point buck in the fall. Redtail hawks perch in oak trees, elderberry bushes offer abundant blossoms and berries, and snags remain for cavity nesting birds. All of these activities are set in the Feather River Parkway's riparian habitat enhanced by SCRCD's continued restoration commitment. Interpretive walks are planned to connect the public to the wonders of this riparian ecosystem within our city limits. As the Feather River Parkway Project deepens in complexity so will its draw for locals and visitors to savor its restorative tranquility and advocate for watershed appreciation.

Sincerely,



Greg Payne,  
President,  
Middle Mountain Interpretive Hikes