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April 19, 2017

Ms. Melinda Marks
Executive Officer
San Joaquin River Conservancy
5469 E. Olive Avenue
Fresno, California 93727

RE: Alternative access for Trail West

Dear Melinda:

In response for your request of public comment on Trail West and the alternative access points, the Tree Fresno Board of Directors, at their regular meeting on April 12, 2017, passed a motion to submit the following to the Conservancy:

- **“Eaton Trail West:** The San Joaquin River Conservancy has requested public comment on three alternative access points for the trail to be extended from US 41 to Palm Avenue on the river bottom. A. US 41 via Children’s Hospital Avenue in Madera County. B. Riverview Avenue via Del Mar Avenue and Audubon Avenue in Fresno. C. Palm Ave at Nees in Fresno. We have a Big Goal to create the Valley Arboretum which includes the San Joaquin River Parkway; one of the objectives is to provide “accessible nature.” The Tree Fresno Board recommends support for all three access points with parking with the condition that appropriate lighting, safety and maintenance services be provided.”

Thank you for your consideration.

Lee Ayres

Chief Executive Officer