

# Shollenberger Amphitheater Project Update

RECREATION, MUSIC AND PARKS COMMISSION

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# Presentation Purpose:

- Provide an overview of the project
- Update RMPC on design goals and changes
- Present revised schedule
- Gather feedback on proposed design

# Project History Review

- PWA presented project opportunity to City
- City applied for Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities (OEEF) grant in December 2017 with PWA support
- Grant awarded in May 2018
- Grant scope consisted of:
  - 50-seat accessible outdoor amphitheater near park entrance
  - Informational kiosk near confluence of Adobe Creek with Petaluma River

  
**Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities  
Grant Scope/Cost Estimate Form**

**GRANT SCOPE** (Describe the PROJECT in 50 words or less):  
Project includes installation of an educational area and an information kiosk at Shollenberger Park. Educational area is a 50-seat outdoor amphitheater with a presentation platform, located near park entrance near existing picnic benches. Information kiosk will be on a view platform located at confluence of Adobe Creek with Petaluma River.

**Grant Scope Items** (fold all construction and contingency costs into the associated element to be installed or renovated - a line item for contingency is not allowed) - ☒ all that apply:


<u>Install</u> New	<u>Renovate</u> Existing		<b>Estimated Cost</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Freestanding structures with interpretive signage	\$ 99,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Outdoor exhibit(s) other than interpretive signage	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Native habitat plantings in an OUTDOOR EDUCATION facility	\$ 35,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amphitheater, outdoor classroom, deck, plaza, dock or other gathering place used for OUTDOOR EDUCATION	\$ 79,500
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Interpretive displays on existing trail(s)	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Group camping facility	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nature trail	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	\$
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**MATCH:** For applications proposing to use grant funds for NON-CONSTRUCTION COSTS, indicate estimated costs (cannot exceed 25% of Grant Amount). If claiming the points for match, leave this blank. See page 22 for more information.

**Estimated Cost:**  
\$

**Total Grant Amount Requested:** \$ 213,500

The APPLICANT understands that all of the items listed on this form must be completed and open to the public before the final grant payment will be made.

  
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Signature

12-6-17  
Date



# Project intent review

- **Original intent:** Provide venue for the elementary school wetlands education program.

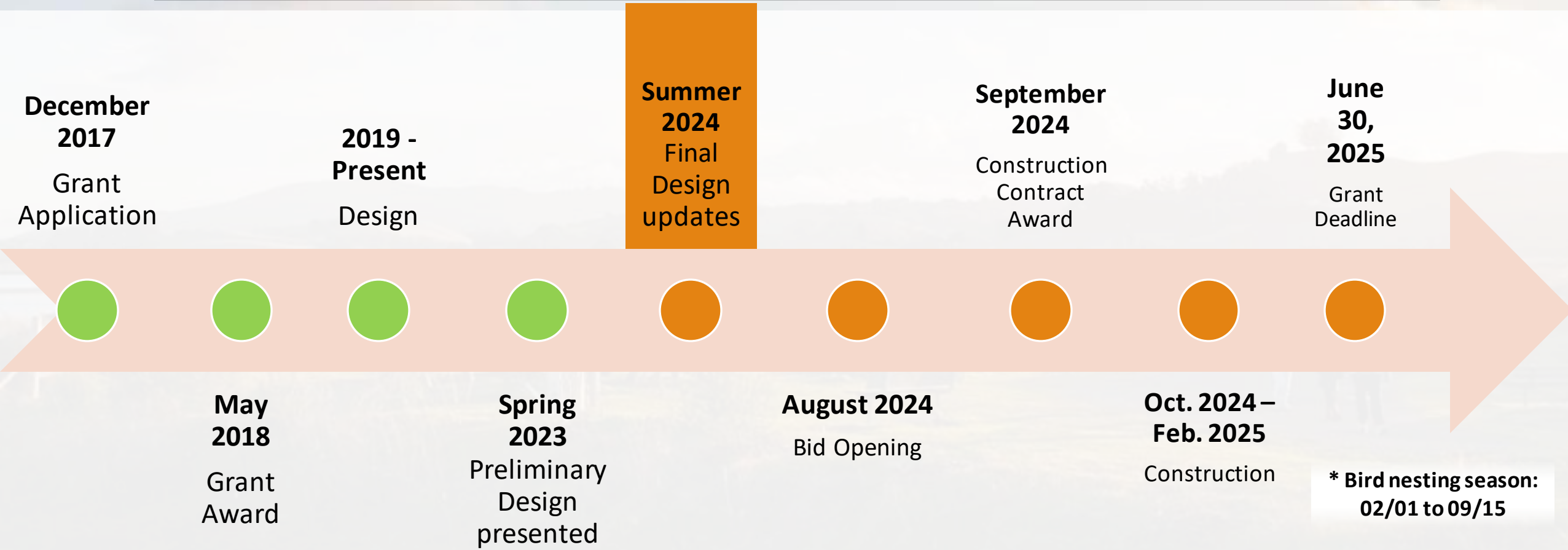
- **Revised intent:** General lectures and community meetings.

- **Other potential uses:**

- Community Performances (music, dance, theater, painting classes, etc.)
- As the community becomes more familiar with the amphitheater, they will likely come up with even more creative uses tailored to their specific needs and interests.



# Updated Timeline



# Feedback Received

## ❑ Downsize the number of seats

- Grant agreement specifies “50-seat outdoor amphitheater”. We are presenting options to reduce the size within the grant’s constraints.

## ❑ Informal meeting area

- Confirmed intent to design the amphitheater with a less imposing look in favor of minimalistic aesthetic.

## ❑ Amphitheater orientation to face more south

- Alternative orientation to be shown during this presentation.

## ❑ No elevated concrete stage

- Low Carbon Concrete proposed for stage, with the caveat of the stage not being on an elevated platform.



# Inspiration Concepts



One Pratt Park's outdoor amphitheater  
– not indicative of size or scale



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Fundy Discovery Site Amphitheater  
– not indicative of size/scale



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Stamped Concrete Photos



# What changed?

2023 Conceptual Design



2024 Conceptual Design

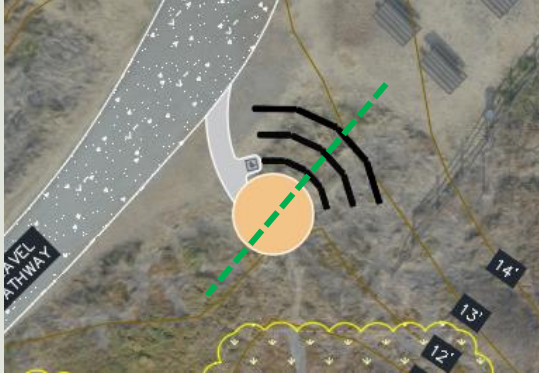


- **Shorter Pathway** from existing gravel path - reduced slopes for ADA compliance and stage access.
- **Circular Stage** for better aesthetic integration with seating arrangement.
- **Seats closer together** to create a more intimate and minimalistic atmosphere. Reduce footprint.
- **Orientation changed** to face more towards the South

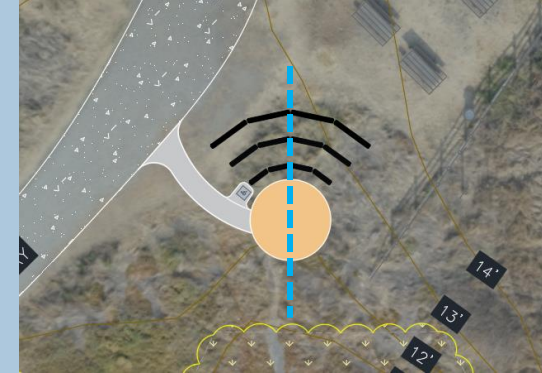


# Southwest vs South Alignment

Option A – Southwest  
(parallel with existing fence and road)



Option B - South





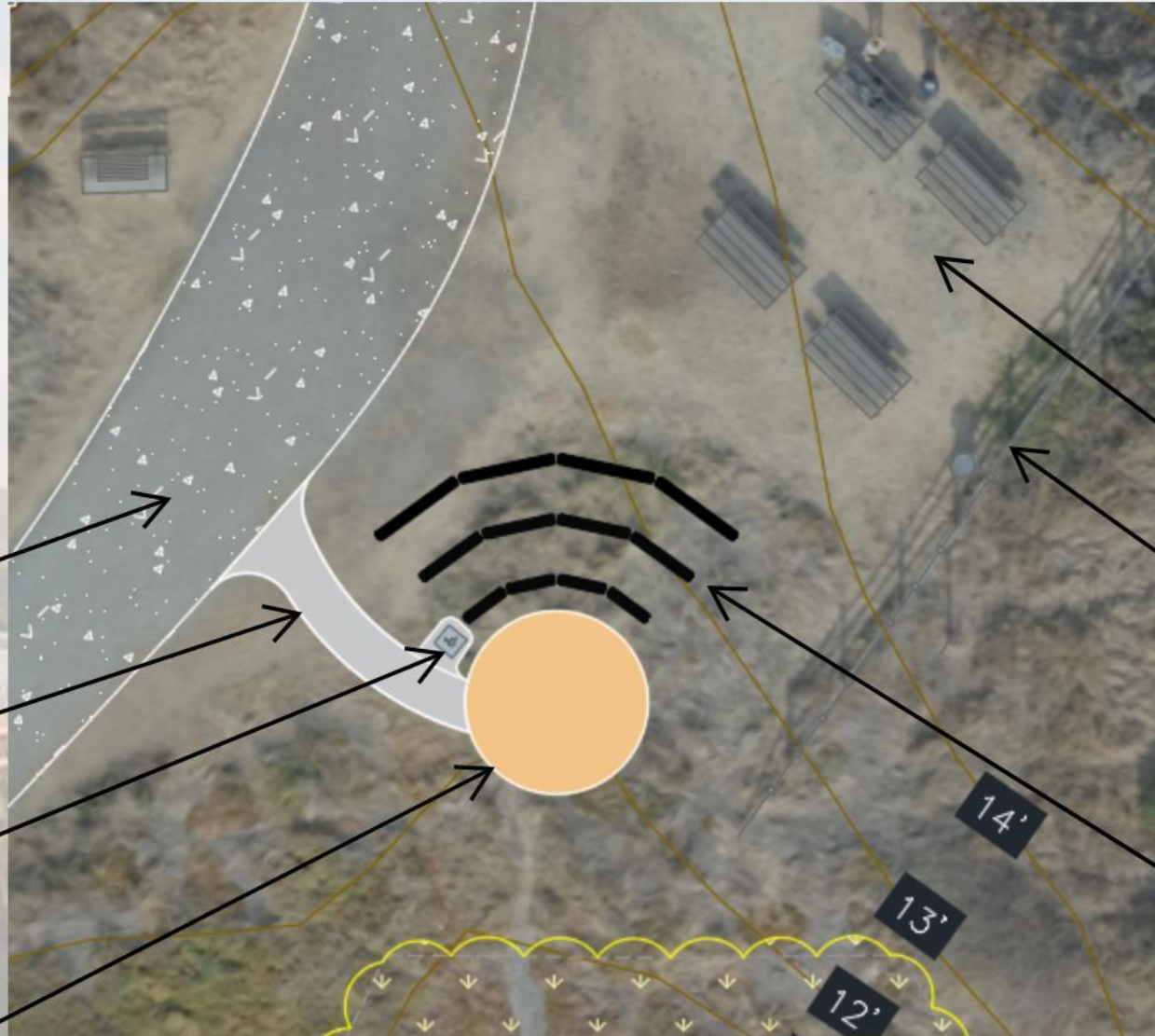
# Current Design Overview

## GOALS

- Reduce interference with natural views.
- Minimalistic design.
- Aesthetically pleasing.
- Minimal maintenance requirement.
- Facilitated access for wheelchair users.

## CHALLENGES

- Sensitive habitat limits project footprint.
- Exposure to rain and sun.



Work on adjacent gravel roadway to facilitate wheelchair access to proposed stage pathway

ADA compliant pathway from existing road to top of stage.

Level landing for wheelchair users.

- 15ft-diameter circular stage.
- Low Carbon Concrete on grade level.
- Stamped and Colored finish.
- Possibility to add custom stamp with art at the center of the stage.

Existing picnic area and benches will be kept in place.

Existing fence to be replaced due to deteriorated condition.

Proposed arc arrangement for benches.

Row close together to limit footprint of amphitheater.

Tiered seatings for improved visibility and aesthetics

Minimal changes to natural grade, for reduced impact on natural landscape.



## Material Choices

## Advantages

## Challenges

### STAGE: Low-Carbon Concrete with Stamped Finish



- Can be textured and stamped to mimic natural materials, such as stone.
- Reduced carbon footprint when compared to regular concrete.
- Highly durable.
- No maintenance other than occasional cleaning needed.
- Average life cycle of 25 to 50 years.

- High surface temperature under direct sunlight.
- Concrete is susceptible to cracking over time.

### SEATING: Coated Steel Mesh Benches OR Recycled Plastic Bench Tops



- Highly durable and resistant to wear and tear.
- Mesh design allow for good air flow, so they stay relatively cooler in the summer and dry off quickly after rainy weather.
- Minimal maintenance.
- Available in different colors.

- Even with perforations for air circulation, material can become hot during peak sun hours.

# Next Steps / Q&A

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- City staff is seeking feedback from RMPC on proposed design.
- Questions?