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## **TAUHINDAULI PARK TRAIL EXTENSION TO DUNSMUIR CITY PARK REMAINS CLOSED**

*Construction halted in 2009; Department of Fish and Game  
researching solutions to make trail stable and safe*

**March 10, 2011, Dunsmuir, CA-** Since closure in the fall of 2009, the half-mile trail extension between Dunsmuir City Park and Tauhindauli Park remains closed, due to trail instability and erosion. While the Department of Fish and Game continues to work toward a solution, it is unlikely that the trail will be opening this summer.

Initial construction on the Tauhindauli Trail extension project began in 2009, as a partnership between the River Exchange and the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG). The project is on DFG property and was funded by a grant from the Cantara Trustee Council. The trail was designed to allow visitors to walk along the Upper Sacramento River all the way from Tauhindauli Park to Dunsmuir City Park.

Construction of the trail was halted in the fall of 2009, when large roots of a tree posed an obstacle for trail completion. Other parts of the trail did not weather well during the winter of 2009-10, and have eroded. The initial grant funds that helped to install the trail have been exhausted, and there are no DFG grants available at this time to cover the additional construction costs to permanently remedy the erosion and tree root issues.

Dea Knox, Executive Director of the River Exchange, said "Based on our latest communications with DFG, it appears that this section of the trail will not be open in the summer of 2011. DFG has assigned a staff geologist who has trail construction experience to determine the best way to stabilize the eroding sections."

DFG is evaluating various options for the trail that will provide the best stability for the site, maintain the trees and vegetation, while not presenting a safety risk to trail users. The agency is keeping the River Exchange informed as they work to find a solution, and the River Exchange will continue to inform the public with project updates.

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