



Governor Signs Budget to Fund Full Restoration of Historic Wood Covered Bridge at Bridgeport

Thanks to Governor Brown, State Legislators, and Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), the funding to save the longest, single span wood covered bridge left in the world is assured. This was accomplished by the unwavering efforts and support of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, City and Town Councils of Grass Valley, Nevada City and Truckee, all Nevada County Chambers of Commerce, our partners at South Yuba River Citizen's League, Bear Yuba Land Trust, Nevada County Historical Society, Nevada County Economic Resources Council, and many other community organizations, businesses and individuals.

DPR reports there is \$4.128m in the approved 2017-2018 budget allocated for the renovation of this historical treasure. Of that \$4.128m, \$356,000 has been spent on final plans and working drawings leaving \$3.772m for construction costs. Most of the environmental and permitting processes have been completed or are in their final stages and should be completed by the end of 2017. The Project is anticipated to go out to bid in early 2018, and construction is scheduled to commence in summer 2018, with a projected completion date of May 2019.

There are many factors that can affect the start of the Project such as high spring river waters, the availability of seasoned old growth size lumber for milling, and weather conditions. *Also, this is a very special Project.* Reconstructing and renovating a uniquely designed, 155 year old wood structure over a rapidly flowing river and at the same time maintaining its historical status and significance will not be an easy task! There are sure to be challenges and possible delays but if we all keep our eyes fixed on the goal of full restoration and work together we can Save Our Bridge! Stay tuned for further updates on the progress or visit www.southyubariverstatepark.org.

