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PRESS RELEASE

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Rio Dell Receives Clean California Grant Awards of Nearly \$2.5 Million

On Tuesday March 1, 2022 California Governor Gavin Newsom announced that the City of Rio Dell will receive a portion of the \$1.1 billion Clean California initiative focused on removing trash, transforming public spaces and creating thousands of jobs across the State. Rio Dell is expected to receive nearly \$2,457,267 million divided between two projects.

The primary project involves the creation of non-motorized walking and biking path along the scenic Eel River. The paved quarter-mile pathway will run between Davis and Edwards streets, creating a bicycle loop that connects the river, downtown and residential neighborhoods. The facility will also include informational kiosks that will help educate users on a variety of subjects, including the area's unique geology, fisheries, native history, logging history and most importantly, the need to keep the river clean for current and future residents. For decades, the adjacent river bar has been subject to illegal dumping necessitating annual cleanup efforts organized by the community.

Another important project involves the Beautification of the Rio Dell Gateway. Nicknamed Gateway 2.0 the project will replace failed tree plantings with uniform plantings and enhanced root systems. The project will also lower water and maintenance requirements in addition to adding outdoor exercise equipment.

The project submittals came at the recommendation of the City's newly formed Beautification, Walkability and Pride Committee consisting of Mayor Debra Garnes, Councilmember Amanda Carter and residents Ania Laniewski, Elizabeth Warren and Rey De La Cruz. The Committee worked hard to gather hundreds of petition signatures from members of the community. The Eel River Trail project also received the endorsement of Congressman Jared Huffman, Humboldt Trails Council, Bless the Beasts, St. Joseph Health, Assembly Member Wood and many more. The City considers the trail to be an important spur to the Great Redwood Trail spearheaded by Senator Mike McGuire.

"These are truly transformative projects for Rio Dell," stated Rio Dell Mayor Debra Garnes. "They incorporate environmental stewardship with the creation of pride in public spaces. I want to thank Governor Gavin Newsom who I think is paying special attention to the North Coast area and disadvantaged communities. It's really demonstrated by his actions."

"These two projects include educational benefits along with helping to create a healthier Rio Dell." Stated Councilmember Amanda Carter who is also a fitness trainer and former educator. "This is a major accomplishment for our City and will be a great asset for the community."

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ACCENT TREE CLUSTER, TYP.

CONCEPT PLANT SCHEDULE

PARKWAY TREES

25-30' TREE CANOPY AT 45' O.C SPACING.
PLANT IN 15GAL OR 24" BOX SIZE.
PLANTING PITS TO BE EXCAVATED TO 5' DEPTH AND 5' WIDE MINIMUM AND BACKFILLED WITH NEW TOP SOIL. SOIL SAMPLES TO BE TAKEN OF EXISTING SOILS AND ALL PLANTERS, FULL LENGTH, TO BE AMENDED HOMOGENEOUSLY PER RECOMMENDATIONS. REMOVE AND REPLACE SOD AS NEEDED. IRRIGATION SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS TBD. SPECIES SHOWN ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF RECOMMENDED TREES. FINAL TREE SELECTION TBD.

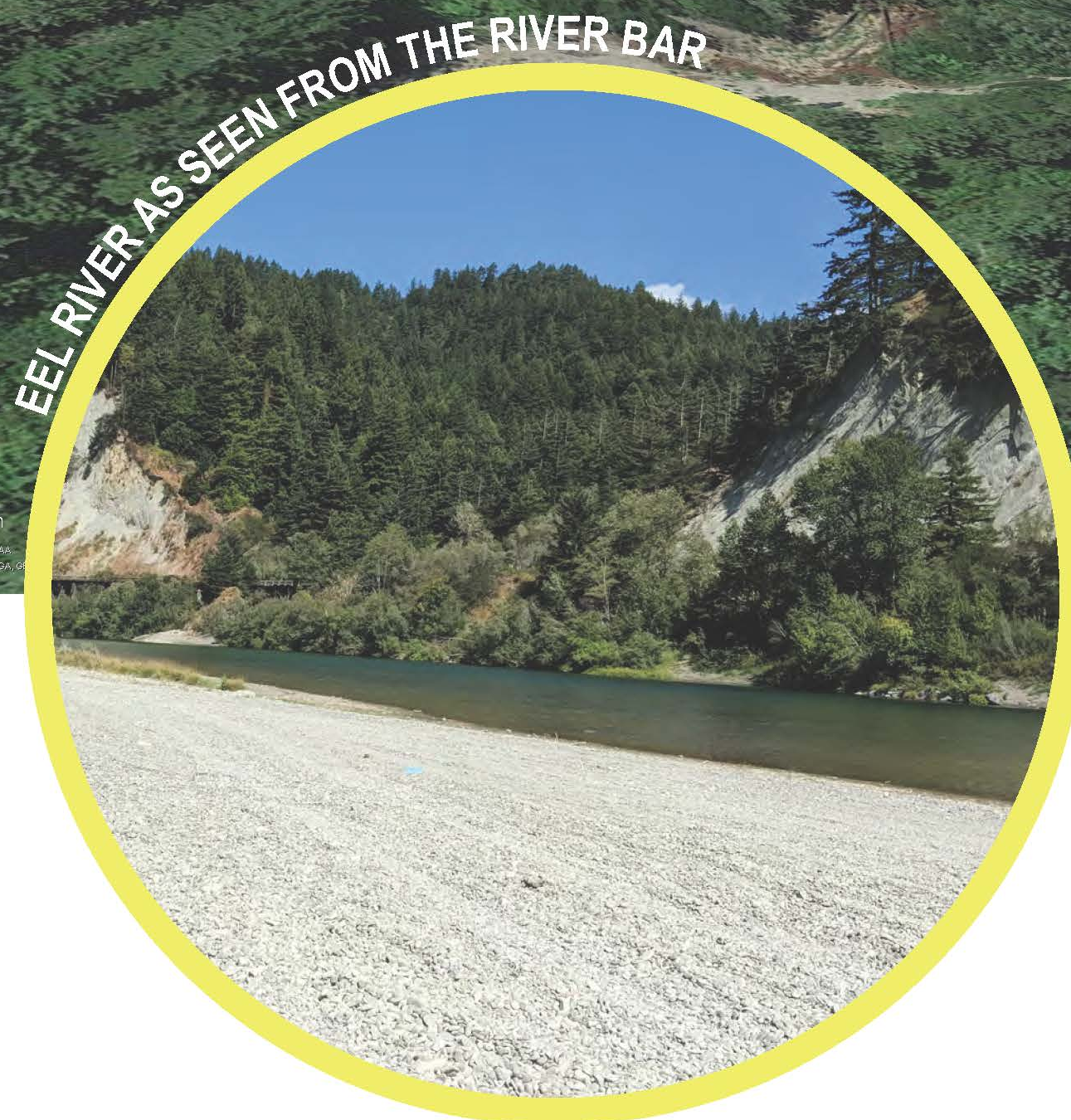
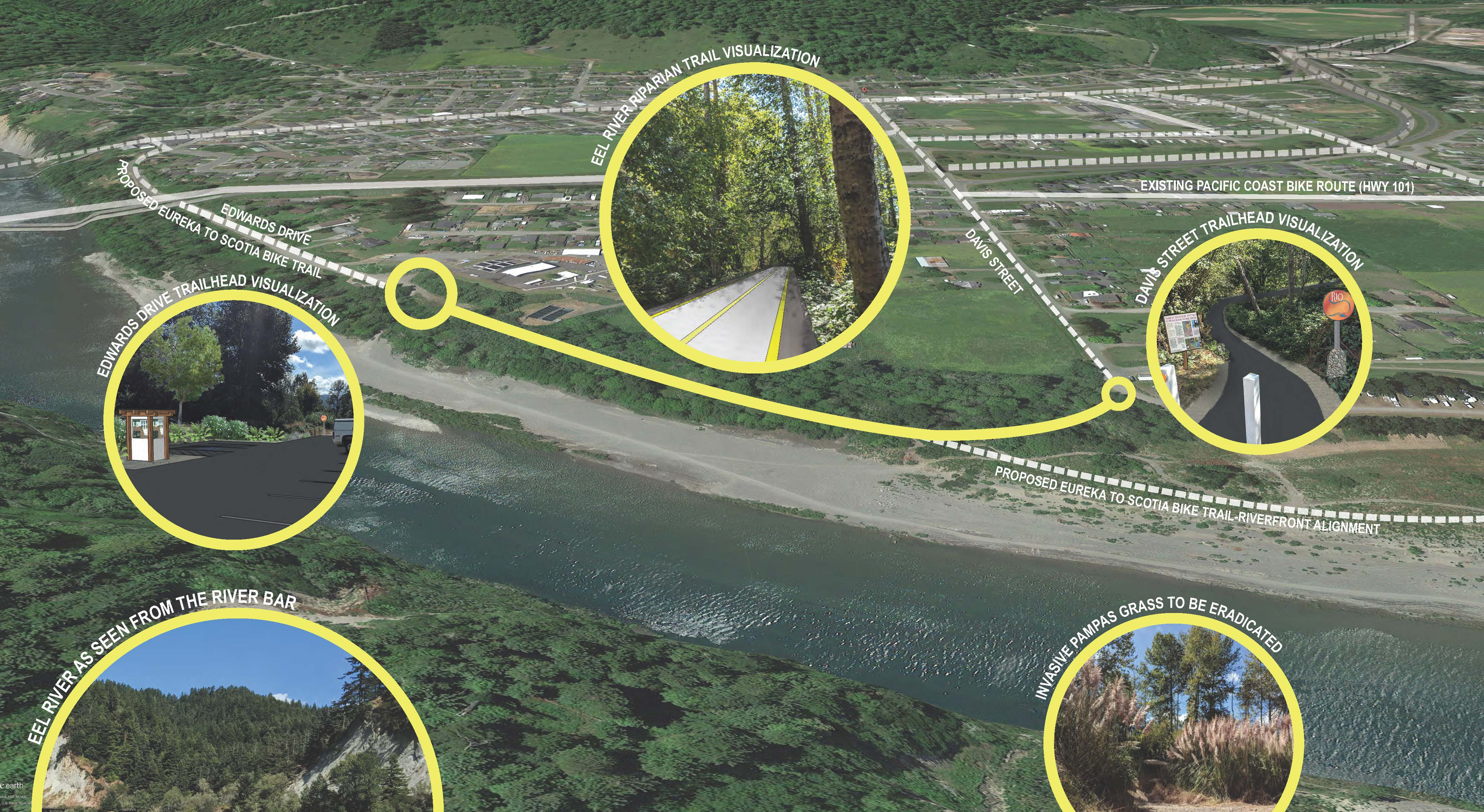
Acer rubrum 'October Glory' / October Glory Red Maple
Liriodendron tulipifera / Tulip Poplar
Platanus chinensis 'Keith Davy' / Keith Davy Chinese Platanus
Tilia cordata 'Greenspire' / Greenspire Littleleaf Linden
Ulmus parvifolia / Lacebark Elm



MEDIAN TREES

15-20' TREE CANOPY AT 30' O.C SPACING





EEL RIVER AS SEEN FROM THE RIVER BAR



EEL RIVER RIPARIAN TRAIL VISUALIZATION

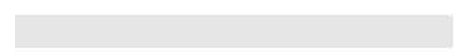


DAVIS STREET TRAILHEAD VISUALIZATION



INVASIVE PAMPAS GRASS TO BE ERADICATED

LEGEND

-  PROPOSED EEL RIVER RIPARIAN TRAIL & AMENITIES
-  OTHER PROPOSED BIKEWAYS
-  EXISTING BIKEWAYS

EEL RIVER RIPARIAN RECREATION TRAIL





