

San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust Earns National Recognition

Accreditation Awarded by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission

The San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust (Trust), a non-profit organization located in Fresno, has achieved land trust accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance.

“The San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust’s accredited status demonstrates our commitment to permanent land conservation along the San Joaquin River that benefits the entire Valley,” says Dave Koehler, Executive Director. “Our land trust is a stronger organization today having gone through the rigorous accreditation program.”

The Trust was awarded accreditation this February and is one of only 201 land trusts from across the country that has been awarded accreditation since the fall of 2008. Accredited land trusts are authorized to display a seal indicating to the public that they meet national standards for excellence, uphold the public trust and ensure that conservation efforts are permanent. The seal is a mark of distinction in land conservation.

The Trust was founded in 1988 and works along the San Joaquin River in Central California. In 2009, the Trust and more than a dozen other nonprofit organizations committed to seeing the San Joaquin River restored formed the SJR Partnership to help fully support implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program.

For more information:

The SJR Parkway and Conservation Trust www.riverparkway.org

The Land Trust Accreditation Program www.landtrustaccreditation.org.

The Land Trust Alliance www.landtrustalliance.org

The SJR Partnership www.sanjoaquinriverpartnership.org

The SJRRP www.restoresjr.net