

Deputy director to lead SJR parkway trust



Sharon Weaver is the new director of the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust. She is shown here in a 2013 photo.

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Sharon Weaver has been named executive director of the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, taking over for 25-year veteran Dave Koehler, who in mid-April will become executive director of the Sonoma Land Trust .

Weaver has been with the parkway trust since 1999 and became deputy director in 2008. After a national search, she was the clear choice to lead the organization, said George Folsom, president of the trust's board of directors.

The nonprofit trust is dedicated to preserving the river corridor, helping to complete the 22-mile greenbelt from Friant Dam to Highway 99 and educating the public about the river.

Weaver has managed projects such as building sections of the Lewis S. Eaton Trail, developing river access, promoting habitat enhancement at Jensen River Ranch and Sycamore Island, as well as overseeing operations of the Coke Hallowell Center for River Studies. She is a native of Fresno and is a graduate of the University of California, Davis, with a degree in political science.

"I'm excited about the opportunities ahead and continuing the important work of the trust," Weaver said. "The San Joaquin River Parkway is one of the most important amenities in the Fresno-Madera region."

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