



**American River Natural History Association
Board of Directors
2850 San Lorenzo Road, Carmichael, CA 95608**



Effie Yeaw Nature Center

NEW BOARD MEMBER SEARCH

December 2020

The non-profit **American River Natural History Association** was established over 40 years ago. The Natural History Association's primary role is to oversee and manage the **Effie Yeaw Nature Center**.

The Natural History Association is seeking new candidates who are interested in serving on our Board of Directors. We are currently seeking individuals who are Certified Public Accountants as well as real estate developers, building contractors, human resources, and public sector professionals - but all good people regardless of professional background will be considered! All interested candidates should contact Laurie Weir, Board President at laurieweir@comcast.net or (916)402-9496.

The Natural History Association is led by a dedicated team of board members who bring their considerable work experience and talent to the service of the Nature Center. The Board is led by a Board President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary. Our board members are a great group of skilled educators, environmentalists, and business professionals that are truly focused on helping steer the organization into the future.

The Board of Directors meets over the course of the year to discuss and make decisions that guide the Nature Center into the future. While the Board is asked to deliberate and sometimes make difficult decisions, board members are always collegial and supportive of one another and of staff. Board members are required to make decisions based on the fiduciary duties of loyalty (act in the best interest of the organization), care (prudent use of all assets), and obedience (obey laws and act in accordance with ethical practices).

Board meetings are held 8 times each fiscal year, and board members are expected to attend at least 6 meetings per year. Each board member is expected to serve on a board sub-committee. Board members recognize that fund raising is the lifeblood of the organization and actively engage in fund raising activities. Board members are expected to contribute to the organization annually. Each board member is an ambassador and represents the Natural History Association at community and/or business meetings.



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Effie Yeaw Nature Center

Key facts and accomplishments of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center include:

- We provide nature education to 17,000 students annually from across the Sacramento metropolitan region
- Over 4,000 low-income students participate annually in our Urban Nature Program for free
- We hold over 40 seasonal nature camps, including our most popular Maidu Program
- We welcome over 42,000 visitors each year
- We benefit from approximately 2,000 members, volunteers and donors who support us each year
- We care for almost 40 non-releasable resident animal ambassadors – one of the most popular features of the Nature Center
- We partner with UC Davis to host and teach the certified California Naturalist Program
- We create and publish books as part of our vision to inspire and educate current and future generations to be informed stewards of the environment
- We maintain a museum exhibit hall which allows visitors to learn about the natural habitat and cultural heritage of the lower American River
- We maintain a large Nature Study Area with many trails and interpretive signs showcasing unique aspects of the lower American River Parkway
- We run on a budget of over \$800,000 annually
- Public admission to the Nature Center and Nature Study Area is free of charge
- Please visit our website: sacnaturecenter.net for much more information on our organization and programs.

The American River Natural History Association's:

Mission Statement

Provide educational and interpretive programs and information about the natural environment, principally in the American River Parkway.

Vision Statement

Inspire and educate current and future generations to be informed stewards of the natural environment.

History: Effie Yeaw Nature Center



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1955 - Effie Yeaw, teacher, conservationist, and environmental educator begins leading nature and cultural walks in this area

1960 - A series of land purchases along the American River made possible by a grant to County of Sacramento Parks Department helps create the American River Parkway

1972 - A bond measure provides funding for an interpretive center

1976 - The interpretive center is completed and dedicated to Effie Yeaw

1981 - The American River Natural History Association is established as a non-profit organization to support Effie Yeaw Nature Center

2010 – County of Sacramento funding for day to day operations of the Nature Center ends

Today - Effie Yeaw Nature Center is run as a non-profit organization under the auspices of the American River Natural History Association, and is funded primarily by donors and members