



Public Works News Network

2026

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The City of Sacramento Public Works Department is dedicated to providing innovative and sustainable public infrastructure and services. With over 780+ employees across multiple divisions, including Engineering Services, Facilities and Real Property Management, Fleet Management, Maintenance Services, Parking Services, Recycling and Solid Waste, Mobility and Sustainability, and Transportation, we are committed to serving our community.

Through teamwork, integrity, and accountability - we keep the City moving forward.

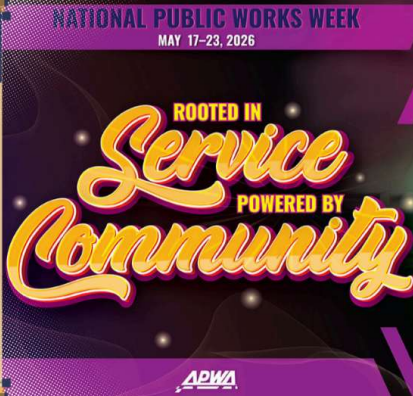
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NPWW May 2026

May 17–23, 2026

This year's theme:

***“Rooted in Service,
Powered by Community”***



National Public Works Week 2026 – May 17 – May 23!

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is an annual observance in May that honors public works professionals and highlights the essential role of public infrastructure in communities.

This year's theme for National Public Works Week “Rooted in Service, Powered by Community” acknowledges that the roots of service run deep in public works.

It's what has propelled public works innovations that have helped our communities evolve into places where people can lead lives of purpose and possibility. Some work—like building roads and bridges—is highly visible, while other public works contributions—like maintaining water and sewer systems—are sometimes hidden from view. Together, these efforts form the foundation of thriving communities, reminding us that every project, seen or unseen, powers the connection between service and the people it supports.

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Street Maintenance & Mobility and Sustainability Teams – 7th Street Floodgate

The City of Sacramento has introduced a new floodgate on N 7th Street near Railyards Blvd, marking an important update to its secondary levee system. The previous gate was removed to make way for development in the Railyards area, and the new structure was built and relocated as part of that project.

Sacramento's location at the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers has long made flood management a top priority. Since its founding in 1849, the City has experienced several major floods, underscoring the importance of a reliable and well-maintained flood control system. Today, that system includes levees, floodwalls, pump stations, and more than two dozen floodgates strategically placed throughout the City.

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The newly constructed 7th Street floodgate plays a key role in the City's secondary levee system, a roughly six-mile corridor along the Union Pacific railway that provides an additional layer of protection should primary

levees overtop or fail. While less prominent than primary levees, the secondary levee system is vital in reducing flood risk to neighborhoods.

The Department of Public Works' Street Maintenance crews routinely inspect, maintain, and operate eighteen floodgates across the city. Their specialized knowledge and familiarity with each floodgate location help ensure that the gates can be deployed quickly and effectively during high-water events.

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Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS) – Sacramento Earth Day 2026

The Public Works Mobility and Sustainability division, Recycling and Solid Waste, and the Department of Utilities attended this year's April ECOS Earth Day event in Southside Park! City staff were available to teach about upcoming events, ways to get involved, and to inform the community of all the great sustainability work that Public Works and the City are leading.

Honoring the Water Forum Agreement 2050, this year's theme of ECOS 2026 is "Water We Waiting for?". Sacramento Earth Day offered an opportunity to community members a chance to better understand the value of our water supply and the need for a balance between water for humans and the natural environment.

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Stay up to date on sustainability events and resources by signing up for the Climate Action and Sustainability newsletter.

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SUMMER

Urban Biking & Scooting 101



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Summer Urban Biking & Scooting 101 Classes - English & Spanish Sessions

The Transportation Planning team is **bringing the free in-person Urban Biking & Scooting 101 classes to your neighborhood this Summer!**

From May through August, join us for a monthly evening of learning and ride away confidently with some City of Sacramento bicycle swag. We'll **discuss bicycling / scooting and the law, riding on the street, traveling through intersections, avoiding crashes, and how to enjoy the ride.** You do not need a bicycle or scooter to participate.

Our monthly virtual classes will continue to be offered in addition to the in-person Summer classes. You can register for a virtual class by visiting SacramentoBikes.org.

Class #1: Thursday, May 7 at 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Whether you're new and looking for an introduction to bicycling / scooting or a frequent rider who could use a refresher course, this one-hour class is for you. This class also meets the requirements for the Sidewalk Bicycling Diversion Program.

- **When:** Thursday, May 7 at 5:30 – 6:30pm
- **Where:** City Hall, Room 1119, 915 I Street, Sacramento

SIGN-UP FOR MAY CLASS

Urban Forest Plan Implementation Working Group Info Session – May 11th

The Climate Action and Sustainability Team is hosting an in-person informational session on the Urban Forest Plan Implementation Working Group (UFPIWG) for prospective members!

 Monday, May 11, 2026

 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

 Hart Senior Center at 915 27th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816

If you plan on attending, please RSVP here:

RSVP HERE

City Council authorized the establishment of a Working Group of City staff and key tree care-holders to review and jointly develop ways to effectively implement the Sacramento Urban Forest Plan strategies, policies, and actions, subject to City approval.

This information session will include a review of Urban Forest Plan content and progress so far, expectations and bylaws for the Working Group, an overview of the application process to become a member of the Working Group, and a Q&A session.

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Kick-Start Your Career With a CivicSpark Fellowship at The City!

The Department of Public Works is hiring two CivicSpark fellows for the Mobility and Sustainability Division!

What's CivicSpark?

CivicSpark is an AmeriCorps program that builds local workforce capacity to address community planning priorities and challenges such as climate resilience, disaster preparedness, water resource management, urban forestry, transportation, and public health.

Which fellow positions are open?

The Climate Action and Sustainability fellow will advance climate resilience initiatives through cross-departmental and regional



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URBAN FOREST PLAN WORKING GROUP

Join us for an informational session to learn more about the plan, application process, and ways to get involved!

**May 11, 2026
5:30 - 6:30 P.M.**
Hart Senior Center
915 27th Street, Sacramento

Visit cityofsacramento.gov/sactreeplan for more information.

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sustainability starts with

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join our team
we are hiring

2 CIVICSPARK FELLOWS

- CLIMATE ACTION & SUSTAINABILITY
- TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 22, 2026

FOR MORE INFO AND TO APPLY VISIT:
<https://civicsparkfellowship.org/fellow/>

collaboration, community engagement, and implementation of the City's Urban Forest Plan.

The Transportation Planning fellow will advance the City's mobility, safety, equity, and climate goals, help community members build confidence biking and scooting on-street, and build relationships with community partners to uplift community voices in transportation projects.

When are applications due?

Fellow applications for all CivicSpark locations are **due by Friday, May 22.**

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RIVER READY

*A boat and water safety event
Sacramento Marina - 2710 Ramp Way*

A poster for the River Ready event. It features a blue background with a photo of a boat on the water. Text includes: "5/16/2026 9am - Noon", "FREE PUBLIC EVENT", and a list of activities: "Free vessel safety checks by land or water", "Lifejacket giveaway while supplies last", "Nautical swap meet", "Fire boat demonstration", "Freedom Boat Club demo rides", "Sacramento Boat Rentals demo rides", and "PUBLIC OUTREACH: Invasive species, pollution prevention, fish studies, Delta conservancy, and more!". Logos for various organizations like The Westin, Little Sitka, and Delta Conservancy are at the bottom.

Sacramento Marina – “River Ready” Boat and Water Safety Event – May 16th

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Sacramento Marina is hosting a boat and water safety event to kickoff National Safe Boating Week. Free vessel safety checks, nautical swap meet, lifejacket giveaways while supplies last, demo rides, and educational booths 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 2710 Ramp Way.

 Saturday, May 16, 2026

 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

 Sacramento Marina - 2710 Ramp Way

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A poster for the Community Bike Ride. It features a white background with a photo of people on bicycles. Text includes: "JOIN US FOR A SACRAMENTO Community Bike Ride", "MAY IS BIKE MONTH", and "SACRAMENTO Department of Public Works".

 Saturday, May 16 

 10am - Noon 

 Meet at O'Neil Park, 715 Broadway 

May is Bike Month 2026 – Community Bike Ride – May 16th

May is Bike Month officially kicks off today, and City staff are participating in community events and outreach efforts throughout the whole month!

This annual regional campaign promotes bicycling for everyday trips to help reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and lower greenhouse gas emissions. The average errand trip is between one to three miles which is the perfect distance for bicycling, especially given Sacramento's flat streets and the Delta breeze.

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Residents can participate by logging bike rides on NorCal GO (the region's trip planning app that integrates with fitness apps including Strava and Garmin), earning Bike Month badges and prizes, and taking part in any of the 30+ community bike events.

A highlight of this year's activities is a City-led community bike ride scheduled for Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to noon, beginning and ending at O'Neil Park (715 Broadway).

 Saturday, May 16, 2026

 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

 O'Neil Park, 715 Broadway

REGISTER NOW

The guided, slow-paced ride will follow a four-mile loop through the Upper Land Park neighborhood, connecting to the Del Rio Trail and the Sacramento River Bike Trail. Along the route, participants will ride on a range of bikeway types including shared-use paths, bike routes, bike lanes, and buffered bike lanes. The ride will include multiple rest stops and feature several current and upcoming City transportation projects including the Del Rio Trail, Fruitridge Road Safety and Mobility Plan, Broadway Complete Streets, and several quick-build projects.

Participants should bring their own bike and are encouraged to bring a helmet, water, and sun protection.

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May Bike Month!

*Celebrate Cycling in
El Dorado, Placer,
Sacramento, Sutter,
Yolo, and Yuba!*



May is Bike Month! - Celebrate Cycling at Events Throughout Sacramento

NorCal GO and Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA) work together and host a campaign where they celebrate our local bike culture and encourage new and experienced riders to replace their car trips with bike trips. The average car trip to run errands is 1-3 miles. This is a distance perfect for cycling.

Bicycling saves you money and time, is good for the environment, great for your well-being, and strengthens our local cycling community. If you would like to participate in events hosted by May is Bike Month, an event calendar is available on their website. Please visit the link below to pre-register for events and to learn more. Happy biking!

How to Participate:

- Create an [account on NorCal GO](#)
- You can also use the [iPhone App](#) or the [Google Play](#) App to register and keep track of your rides
- Register for May is Bike Month on NorCal GO
- Once you register, you can log your rides and miles on NorCal GO in May to win bikes, t-shirts, gift cards, park passes and more!
- Riders who **register before May 1st** are entered to win a May is Bike Month prize.

May is Bike Month has been part of the Sacramento region for over 20 years, and SABA has hosted it for the past five years with support from Sacramento Area Council of Governments.

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we are hiring**

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The City of Sacramento Public Works Department is hiring!

Thank you for your interest in employment with the City of Sacramento.

We keep the City of Sacramento operating. Through teamwork, integrity, and accountability, we keep the City moving forward!

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