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MEDIA CONTACT:Erin Briscoe-Clarke | Chief Communications Officer
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Kern County will begin construction projects at Potomac Park in East Bakersfield and Riverside Park in Kernville on October 5, 2026. While both parks will remain open, some areas will be temporarily closed to allow for these enhancements. Please refer to the attached maps for details about impacted areas.

Visitors are encouraged to watch for construction areas, follow posted signage, and plan accordingly to ensure a safe visit to our parks.

Potomac Park – Phase 2 Park Improvement Project**Where:** Potomac Park, 601 Dorrance Street, Bakersfield**When:** October 5, 2026, through September 2027**What:** Phase 2 construction will temporarily close a portion of the park to the public while we upgrade facilities and enhance recreational spaces. The playground area will remain open during construction.**Riverside Park -Riverbank Stabilization Project****Where:** Riverside Park, 10 Kern River Drive, Kernville**When:** October 5, 2026, through December 2026**What:** Construction to stabilize and protect the riverbank will take place in seven phases. This essential project is designed to prevent erosion, protect the park from flooding, and enhance public safety. Work will begin on the north side of the riverbank and proceed south along the park.

The park will remain open throughout construction, but areas designated for construction will be closed to the public. Construction will pause during the car show scheduled for October 10-11.

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