

Re-Dedication Ceremony
Shumway Oak Grove Regional Park
County of San Joaquin
June 22, 2024



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**Saturday, June 22, 2024
Stockton, California**

Invocation

Dave Bird

Pledge of Allegiance

Jack Sieglock

“America the Beautiful”

Rob & Ria Kroff

Master of Ceremonies

Dean Andal

Board of Supervisors Resolution Presentation to Luana Shumway

County Supervisor Miquel Villapudua, District One

County Supervisor Paul Canepa, District Two

County Supervisor Tom Patti, District Three

County Supervisor Steve Ding, District Four

County Supervisor Robert Rickman, District Five

Oak Grove Regional Park - The Beginning

Lois Sahyoun

Shumway Oak Grove Regional Park - Today

Judy Vasbinder

Remembrances of Congressman Shumway

Congressman Wally Herger, (ret.)

Michael Duffy

Ricky Gill

Shumway Family Remembrance

Perry Shumway

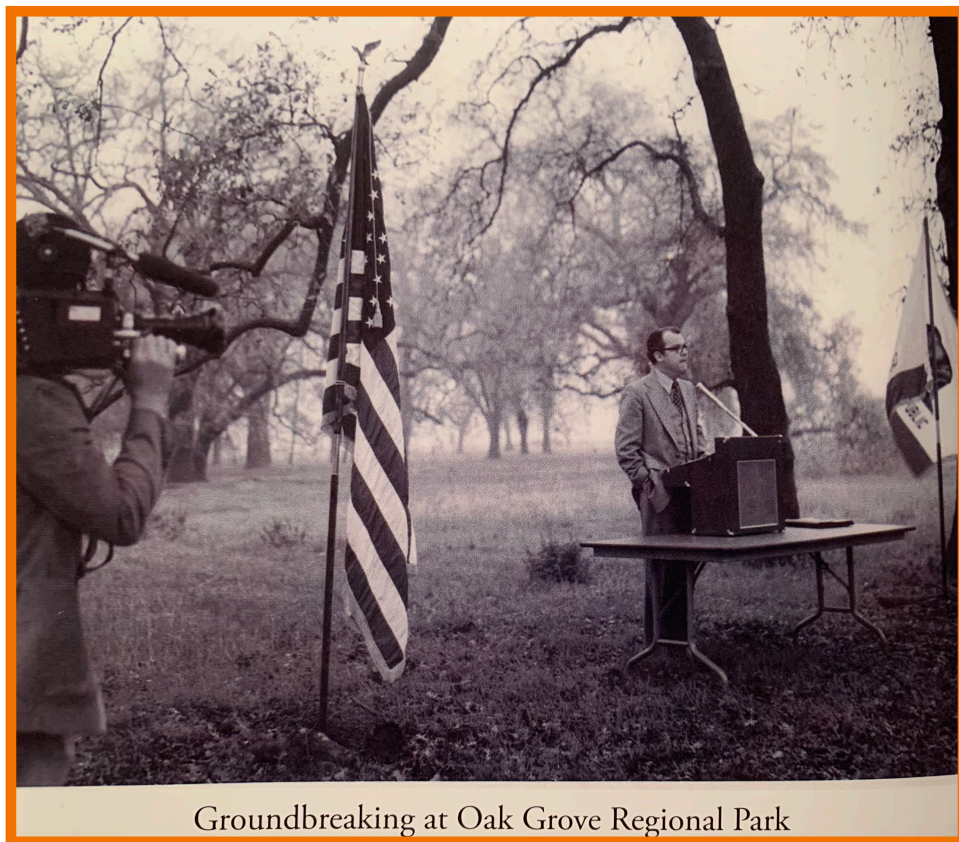
“This Land is Free”

Rob & Ria Kroff



"When I joined the board, the county was fairly well along in the design and development of a new park northwest of Stockton (in my district), to be known as Oak Grove Regional Park. Within its 180 acres was a natural oak woodland, the last stand of native Valley Oak trees in the northern San Joaquin Valley. While the park would contain extensive grassy areas and a 10-acre lake, I asked (and received board support for) that the 85 acres containing the stand of oaks be set aside as a nature preserve. Nearby farmers voiced opposition to this idea because such an area could provide a breeding ground for rodents and insect pests. I was sympathetic to their pleas. Nevertheless, I had carefully compared the benefits and the detriments of the proposal - and the nature preserve won out! My former zoology teacher, Verna R. Johnston, provided much of the impetus for my desire to retain a natural area. I was later pleased to be the master of ceremonies at the park's groundbreaking and the guest speaker at its dedication in 1979."

"Times and Seasons of Norman D. Shumway, An Autobiography" (2009)



Groundbreaking at Oak Grove Regional Park

"Oak Grove Regional Park was a complicated park development project with an 8-acre lake, an amphitheater, a youth camping site, and a strong desire by local preservationists to protect the largest remaining stand of native Valley trees in the northern San Joaquin Valley. Largely because of the respect Norm had earned from his colleagues on the board, his strong reputation among local farmers, and his heart-felt desire to protect the valley oaks, the Board decided to keep the valley oaks and develop the park completely in one phase. I do not think it is hyperbole to say that the extraordinary Oak Grove Regional Park would not have become the beautiful multi-purpose county asset it is today without the leadership of Norm Shumway."

Gene W. Andal, San Joaquin County Parks and Recreation Director (1977-82)

Shumway Oak Grove Regional Park Nomination Committee

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Gene W. Andal
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