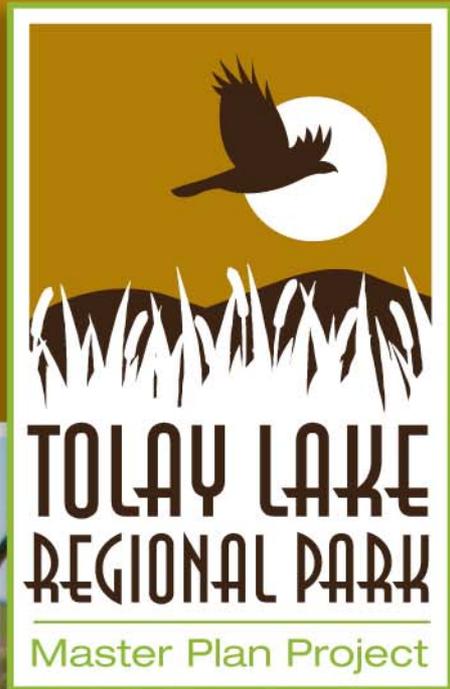


Tolay Lake Regional Park Master Plan: Public Workshop #3 April 22, 2015



Master Plan Partnership

- Sonoma County Regional Parks
- Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria
- Sonoma Land Trust
- State Coastal Conservancy



Project Purpose and Goals

- Provide a variety of recreation and educational uses while protecting natural and cultural resources
 - Habitat restoration
 - Compatible recreation uses
 - Resource management actions

Major Project Components

Existing & Proposed Public Access & Ranch Infrastructure:

- 15 buildings
- Picnic area
- Proposed visitor center
- Farm infrastructure
- Access roads and parking areas
- Trails and signs



Natural & Cultural Resource Management:

- Aquatic and upland habitats
- Sensitive plants and animals
- Sacred prehistoric areas
- Cultural resources
- Tolay Lake
- Agricultural uses



Major Phases

- Phase 1: Discovery
- Phase 2: Visioning
- **Phase 3: Implementation** 
 - Recreational and educational facilities
 - Compatible land uses
 - Changes in infrastructure
 - Lake restoration design
 - Resource management plan (natural and cultural)
 - CEQA document

Project Vision

- A land that is sacred with deep spiritual significance
- A land that reflects California's long and storied heritage
- An outdoor recreation destination for all ages and cultures
- A recreation resource to inspire
- A thriving, ecologically rich and fully restored landscape

Project Vision (cont.)

- A place for innovative and interactive education and experience
- A landscape to experience and learn about our agricultural heritage
- A space to find peace and respite
- A jewel for Sonoma County Regional Parks and the people who come from near and far to visit and enjoy.

Major Tasks

- Historic Structures Report
- Groundwater Report
- Waste disposal options
- Lake Design Element
- Public outreach and visioning
- Conceptual Site Plan alternatives and public input
- Resource Management Plan
- **Master Plan (inclusive) and Public Input** ←
- EIR preparation and public review



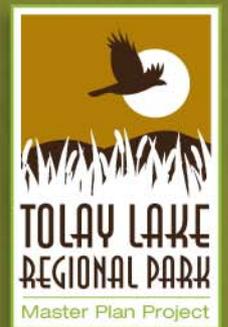
Project Status

Task	Status	Next Steps
1. Data Review	Completed	
2. Historic Structures Report	Completed	
3. Groundwater Report	Testing borings, in progress	Confirm groundwater supply
4. Wastewater Report	Completed	
5. Public outreach and visioning	In progress	Community outreach Phase 3
6. Conceptual plan alternatives	3 site plans completed	Public input on preferred draft options
7. Resource Management Plan	Draft completed	Obtain initial public input
8. Master Plan	Draft completed	Obtain initial public input
9. EIR	Not started	Complete Master Plan

Purpose of tonight's meeting:

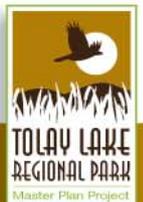
- Briefly review conceptual site plan options
- Discuss preferred option major features
- Obtain input on preferred option
- Discuss schedule and next steps

Conceptual Site Plan Options



Conceptual Site Plans

1. Identified major park elements
 - Parking and circulation, restrooms
 - Visitor Center
 - Trails and places for interpretation
 - Viewpoints
 - Overnight facilities
 - Special facilities
2. Identified cultural and biological constraints
3. Located major park elements to avoid constraints



Conceptual Site Plans

- Options based on input from consultant team, Regional Parks and FIGR, funding partners, neighbors and general public
- Underwent multiple reviews and revisions
- 3 concept plans with varying levels of development
- Options screened against 6 criteria

Screening Criteria

- Supports Park Vision
- Supports public desires
- Considerate of neighbors
- Protects public health and safety
- Minimizes environmental impacts
- Avoids prohibitively high costs

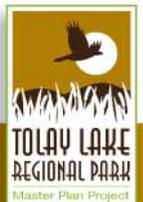


Highlights for 3 Options

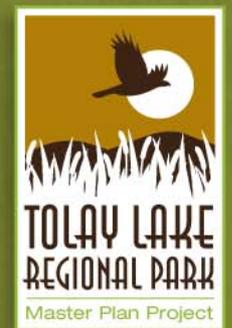
Option A	Option B	Option C
Smallest footprint & cost	Larger footprint & cost	Largest footprint & cost
Stone Floor Barn becomes visitor center	Tractor Barn becomes visitor center	New visitor center
Improve existing "Miwok Village"	New tribal focused gathering area	New tribal focused area & multi-cultural gathering area at "Miwok Village"
Camping in northern core area only	Limited single unit & group camping in Park interior	Expanded single unit & group camping in Park interior
ADA upgrades to existing trails, minimum new trails in southern core	Expand multi-use and hiking trails in Park interior	Extensive multi-use and hiking trails throughout Park

Public Comments on Options A-C

- **Level of development:** high levels may not be sustainable parkwide. Vary level of development in different parts of the Park
- **Overnight stays:** avoid over development, concentrate use, equitable pricing
- **Park interior trails:** avoid impacts to cultural resources
- **Access:** Cannon Lane needs improving, trail expansion widely supported



Preferred Option



Preferred Option

- Mix of Options A, B, & C
- Includes lake restoration—multiple options and a preferred option
- Interprets the landscape and site history
- Trails
- Overnight visitation
- Efficient use of park resources

Preferred Option

- Focused at the concept level
- Has two major components:
 - Existing & Proposed Public Access & Ranch Infrastructure
 - Natural and Cultural Resource Management

Existing & Proposed Public Access & Ranch Infrastructure

- **Traffic and Circulation:**
 - Improves Park access roads (north, south)
 - Increases parking
 - Constructs new trails (multi-use, pedestrian)
- **Visitor Services:**
 - Constructs new visitor center & interpretive exhibits
 - Constructs new kitchen, overnight facilities
 - Establishes equestrian area

Existing & Proposed Public Access & Ranch Infrastructure

- **Park Operations:**

- Re-locates equipment shed
- Constructs new ranger residence
- Constructs environmentally friendly wastewater system
- Increases potable water supply

Cultural Resource Management

- Protects culturally focused areas
- Creates Tribal gathering area
- Restores historic ranch buildings



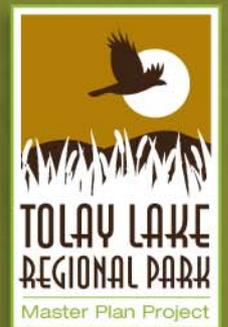
Natural Resource Management

- Restores Tolay Lake
- Restores and protects oak woodland, grassland, and riparian habitats
- Protects sensitive species



Lake Restoration

*Options and preferred restoration
design*



Lake Restoration Design Considerations

- WCB easement
- Prehistoric resources
- Potential for upstream flooding
- Drainage ditches and culverts
- Water supply
- Permitting requirements

Biological Restoration Goals

- Enhance the frequency and duration of inundation
- Identify and reduce artificial constrictions to flow
- Enhance the habitat for migratory water fowl to the extent feasible
- Restore seasonal wet meadow habitat
- Reduce erosion/restore natural hydrology
- Enhance/restore/create habitat for red-legged frogs to the extent feasible
- Enhance/restore/create habitat for western pond turtles to the extent feasible



Public Access Restoration Goals

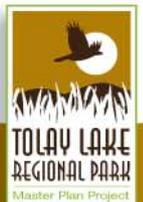
- Maintain current access on causeway
- Maintain/enhance bird watching opportunities
- Develop an interpretive loop trail for one portion of the lake
- Develop short boardwalk along lake boundary by visitor center
- Provide opportunities for guided seasonal interpretive paddle trips

Restoration Alternatives

- Alternative 1: Lake Outlet at 215 ft
- Alternative 2: Lake Outlet at 218 ft, no back berm
- Alternative 3: Lake Outlet at 218 ft, with back berm
- Alternative 4: 215 ft Lake Outlet Elevation with mid-berm
- Alternative 5: 215 ft Lake Outlet Elevation with Enhanced Southeast Basin

Water Budget Results

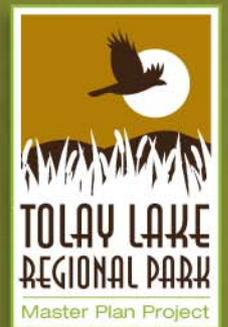
- **Alternative 1: 215 ft Outlet Elevation.**
Adequate water to support seasonal wetland habitat
- **Alternative 3: 218 ft Outlet Elevation, no back berm.** Not enough water to support seasonal wetland habitat
- **Alternative 5: 215 ft Outlet Elevation, deepen southeast basin.** Adequate water to support seasonal wetland habitat



Preferred Option(s)

- Alternative 5: 215 ft Lake Outlet Elevation with Enhanced Southeast Basin

Next Steps



Next Steps

- Evaluate public comments (due on May 21, 2015)
- Adjust Master Plan, develop Project Description
- CEQA review of the project (Environmental Impact Report)
 - Issue Notice of Preparation (30-day public comment period)
 - Hold EIR scoping meeting
 - Issue Public Review Draft EIR (45-day review period)
 - Issue Final EIR
 - EIR Certification by BOS
- Master Plan approval and adoption by BOS

Schedule (next 12 months)

	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
NOP (scoping meeting)	█											
Prepare EIR		█	█	█	█	█						
EIR (45-day review)							█					
Prepare Final EIR								█	█	█		
Certify EIR											█	
Adopt Master Plan												█

Questions?

