

Tolay Lake Regional Park Master Plan: Public Workshop #2 January 16, 2014



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 (continued)

- 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.

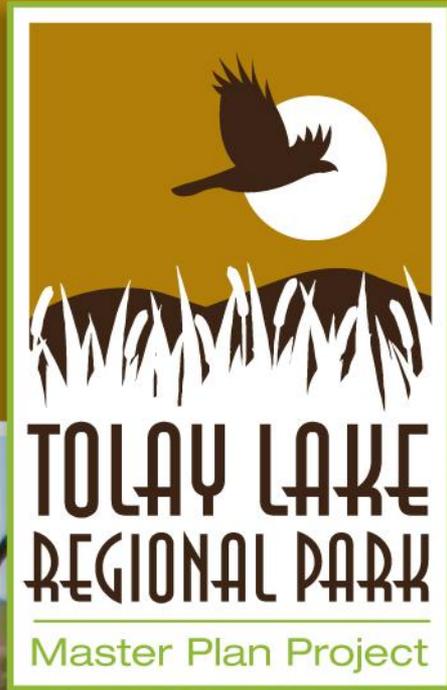
Major Tasks

- 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 Public Input

Project Status

Task	Status	Next Steps
1. Data Review	Completed	Complete opportunities & constraints report
2. Historic Structures Report	Draft completed	Complete opportunities & constraints report
3. Groundwater Report	Draft completed	Testing in summer, 2013
4. Wastewater Report	Not started	Select draft preferred alternative for park core
5. Public outreach and visioning	In progress	Community outreach Phase 2
6. Conceptual site plan Alternatives	3 site plans completed	Complete Task 5
7. Resource Management Plan	In progress	Draft report
8. Master Plan	Not started	Complete Tasks 6 and 7
9. EIR	Not started	Complete Master Plan

Conceptual Site Plan Alternatives



Alternatives Development Process

- Identify major park elements
 - Parking and circulation
 - Visitor Center
 - Trails and places for interpretation
 - Viewpoints
 - Overnight facilities
 - Special facilities (cultural area, equestrian area)
- Identify constraints
- Locate major park elements to avoid constraints



Alternatives Development Process

- Input from consultant team, Regional Parks and FIGR
- Multiple reviews and revisions
- 3 concept plan alternatives completed, with varying levels of development
- Alternatives evaluated with 6 screening criteria

Alternatives Screening Criteria

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

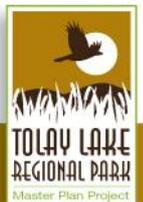
Features Common to All Alternatives

- Improve Park access roads (north and south)
- Visitor Center & overnight lodging
- Interpretive exhibits and programs
- Culturally focused areas (public & restricted access)
- Lake restoration
- Oak woodland, grassland and riparian restoration
- Accessibility to existing roads



Alternative Option A Highlights

- Small footprint
- Stone Floor Barn becomes the Visitor Center
- Improve existing “Miwok Village”
- New equestrian staging area
- Overnight stay in “Yellow house”
- Single unit camping
- Group/equestrian camping in backcountry
- Accessibility upgrades to existing roads
- Minimum new hiking trails in southern area



Alternative Option B Highlights

- Larger footprint
- Tractor Barn becomes Visitor Center
- New tribal focused gathering area
- Expanded equestrian staging
- Overnight stay in five former residences
- Single unit & group camping in backcountry
- Expansion of trails

Alternative Option C Highlights

- Largest footprint
- New Visitor Center constructed
- New tribal focused area and multi-cultural gathering area at “Miwok Village”
- Overnight uses in four former residences
- Expanded group hike-in and single unit sites in backcountry
- Extensive new trail system for entire park



Evaluating Special Activities

- Survey identified activities that may not be compatible with this Park
- Evaluating the compatibility of:
 - Hang gliding
 - Hot air balloons
 - Disc golf
 - Archery
 - Hunting
 - Dogs off leash

Next Steps

- Provide your input tonight
- Summarize input from this meeting
- Identify lake restoration design
- Select draft preferred conceptual site plan
 - Fill in the details (exact footprint, costs & phasing, environmental requirements)
 - Present draft preferred plan in Spring

Schedule (next 6 months)

	20-Jan	27-Jan	3-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	3-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	5-May	12-May	19-May	26-May	2-Jun	9-Jun	16-Jun	23-Jun	30-Jun	6-Jul	13-Jul
Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Task 5 Public Outreach & visioning																										
Task 6 Conceptual site plans																										
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Questions?

