



Tolay Lake Regional Park Master Plan: Public Workshop #1 June 15, 2013



Master Plan Partnership

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



Scope of Work

- Facilitate visioning and public outreach, prepare supporting technical studies, a Master Plan and an EIR.

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

Phase 1: Discovery

- Public outreach launched at the Fall Festival in October, 2012, including a survey
- 486 completed surveys since October, 2012
- About 50% of survey respondents have visited the Park regularly or occasionally
- 20% have only visited during Fall Festival
- 28% from the Petaluma vicinity

Phase 1: Discovery

- Types of experience desired at Tolay Lake Regional Park
 - 80% enjoy a serene and quiet environment
 - 48% enjoy active fitness oriented activities
 - 25% learn or practice a new skill

Phase 1: Discovery

- Most frequently mentioned activities desired
 - Hiking/walking 87%
 - Wildlife viewing 69%
 - Picnicking 58%
 - Photography 56%
 - Educational programs 41%
 - Dog walking 39%
 - Attend Special Events 39%
 - Camping/overnight stays 37%
 - Canoeing or kayaking 30%

Phase 1: Discovery

- Stakeholders (partial list):
 - Sonoma County residents and visitors
 - Tolay Properties Acquisition partners
 - Private property neighbors
 - Sonoma Raceway
 - Trail User Groups
 - Agricultural Interests
 - Lakeville Fire District

Completing Phase 1: Discovery

- Written comments for Phase 1 due:
July 15, 2013
- **Note: there will be other opportunities to comment in Phases 2 and 3 at specific milestones.**

Major Tasks

- Historic Structures Report
- Groundwater Report
- Waste Disposal Options
- Lake Design Element
- Public Outreach and Visioning
- Conceptual Site Plans and Public input
- Resource Management Plan
- Master Plan (inclusive) and Public input
- Environmental Document and 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 July, 2013
4. Wastewater Report	Not started	Complete opportunities & constraints report
5. Public outreach and visioning	In progress	Community outreach Phase 2
6. Conceptual site plans	Not started	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

Schedule

	15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr	5-May	12-May	19-May	26-May	2-Jun	9-Jun	16-Jun	23-Jun	30-Jun	8-Jul	15-Jul	22-Jul	29-Jul	5-Aug	12-Aug	19-Aug	August 26	2-Sep	9-Sep	16-Sep	23-Sep	30-Sep	8-Oct
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
Task 1 Data Review																										
Task 2 Historic Structure Rpt																										
Task 3 Groundwater Rpt																										
Task 4 Wastewater Rpt	Depending on Task 3 outcome																									
Task 5 Public outreach & visioning																										
Task 6 Conceptual Site Plans																										
Task 7 Resource Mgmt Plan																										
Task 8 Master Plan																										
Task 9 EIR																										
Phases	Phase 1							Phase 2															Phase 3			



Questions?

