

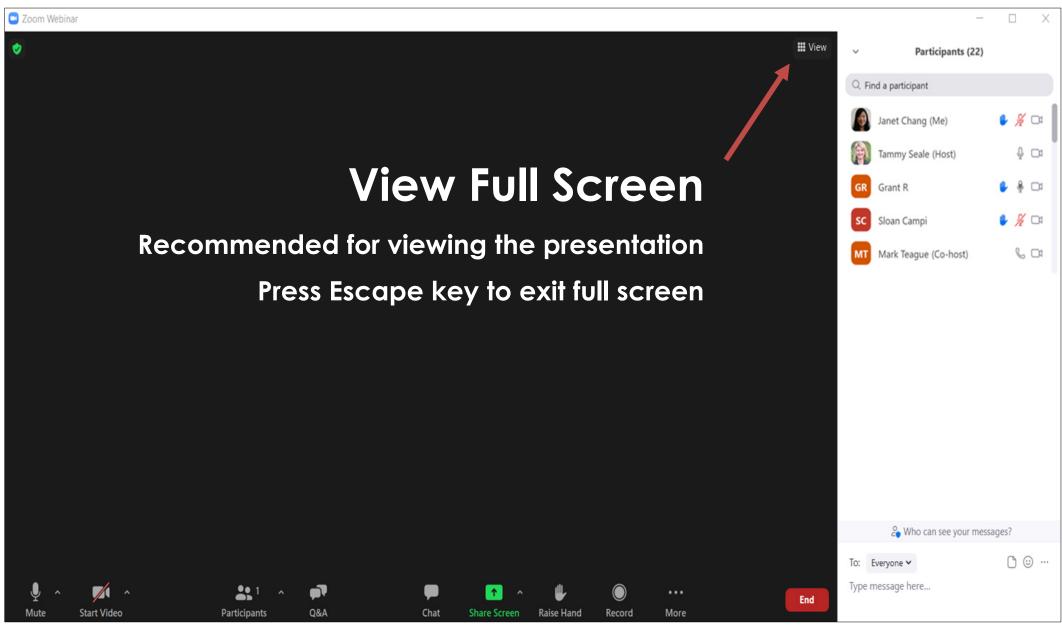
# Folsom Area State Parks Road & Trail Management Plan

Public Meeting 1 | October 26, 2021





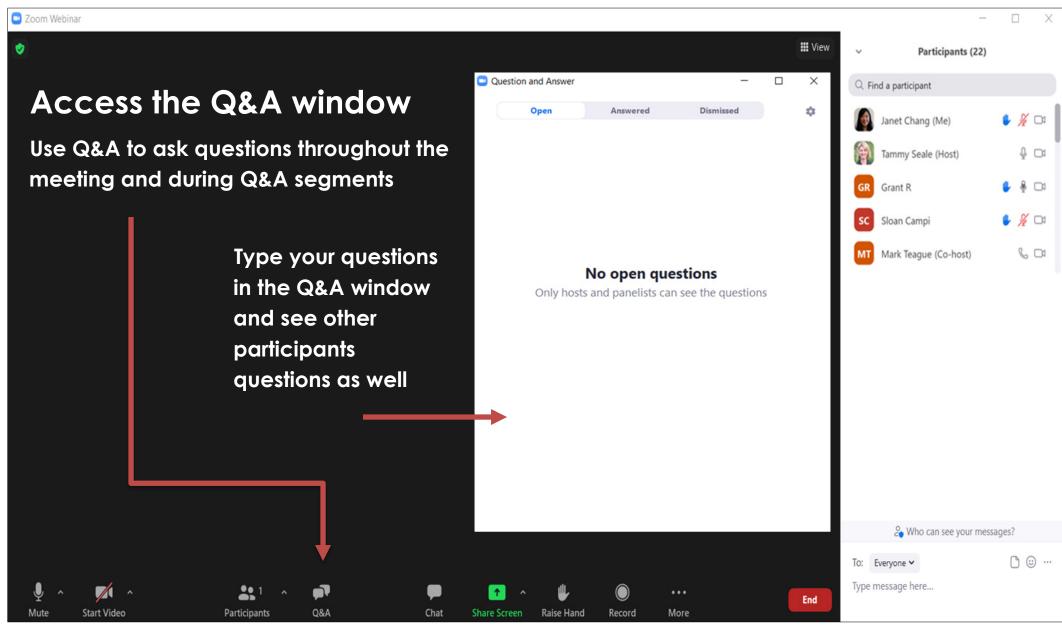
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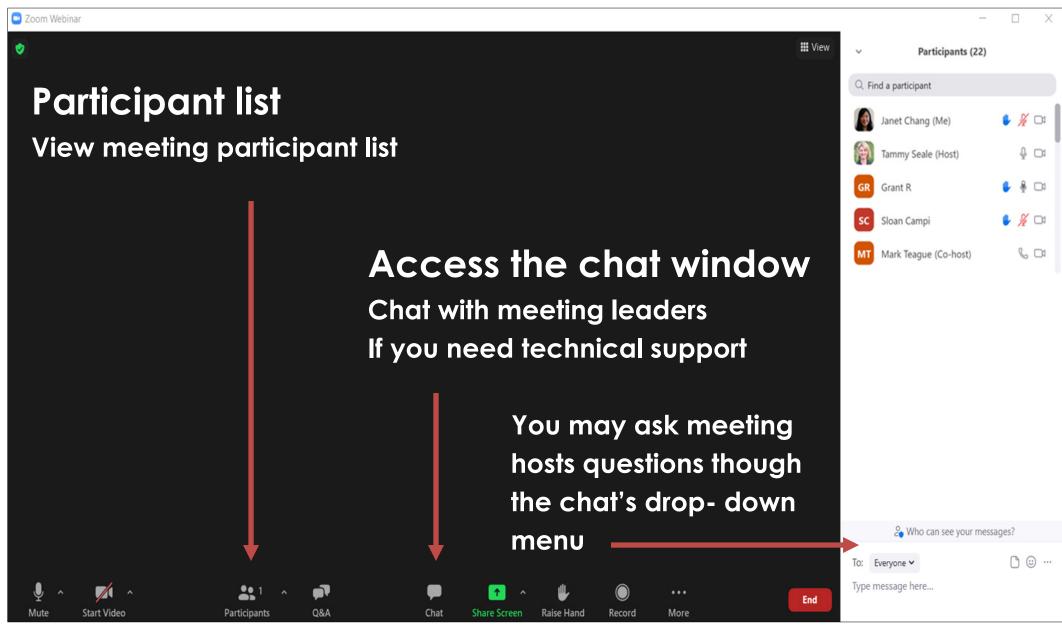
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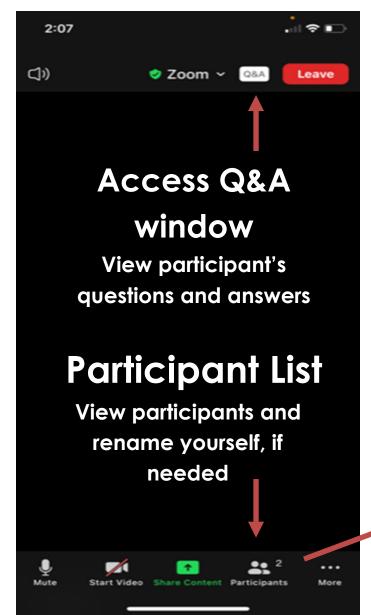
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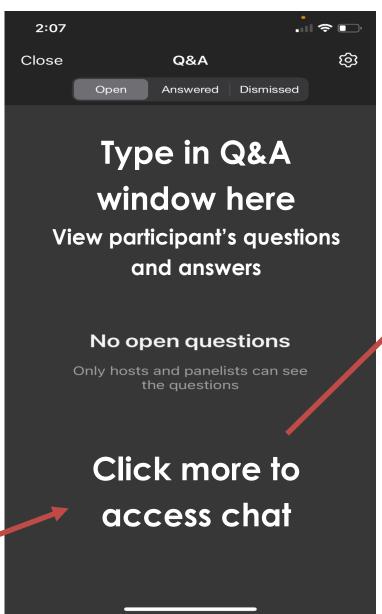


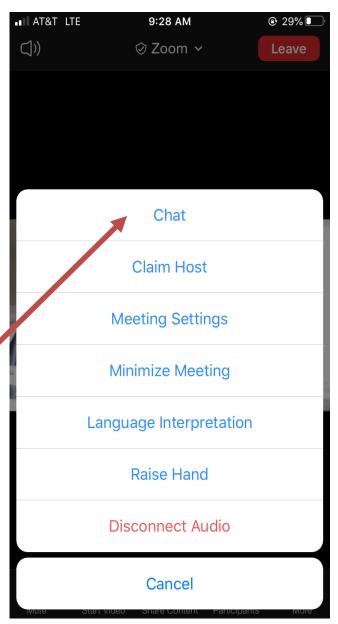




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#### Agenda

- » Welcome and Introductions
- » Project Background and Context
- » Planning Process Overview
  - Questions & Answers Session
- » Change in Use Process Overview and Status of Requests
  - Questions & Answers Session
- » Share your experiences and priorities!
  - Questions & Comments!
- » Conclusions and Next Steps

#### **Zoom Reminders**

- Use CHAT if you need technical assistance
- Use **Q&A** to ask questions
- We will respond to as many questions as possible.
- All questions and comments will be documented.

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## Welcome and Introductions

#### Project Team

#### **DPR Staff:**

- » Jason Spann, Associate Landscape Architect
- » Jim Micheaels, Senior Park and Recreation Specialist
- » Rich Preston, Folsom Sector Superintendent
- » Barry Smith, District Superintendent
- » Noelle Breitenbach, Associate Park and Recreation Specialist

## PlaceWorks (Planning Consultant):

- » Isabelle Minn
- » Isby Fleischmann
- » Ricky Pozos
- » Janet Chang
- » Giselle Vandrick

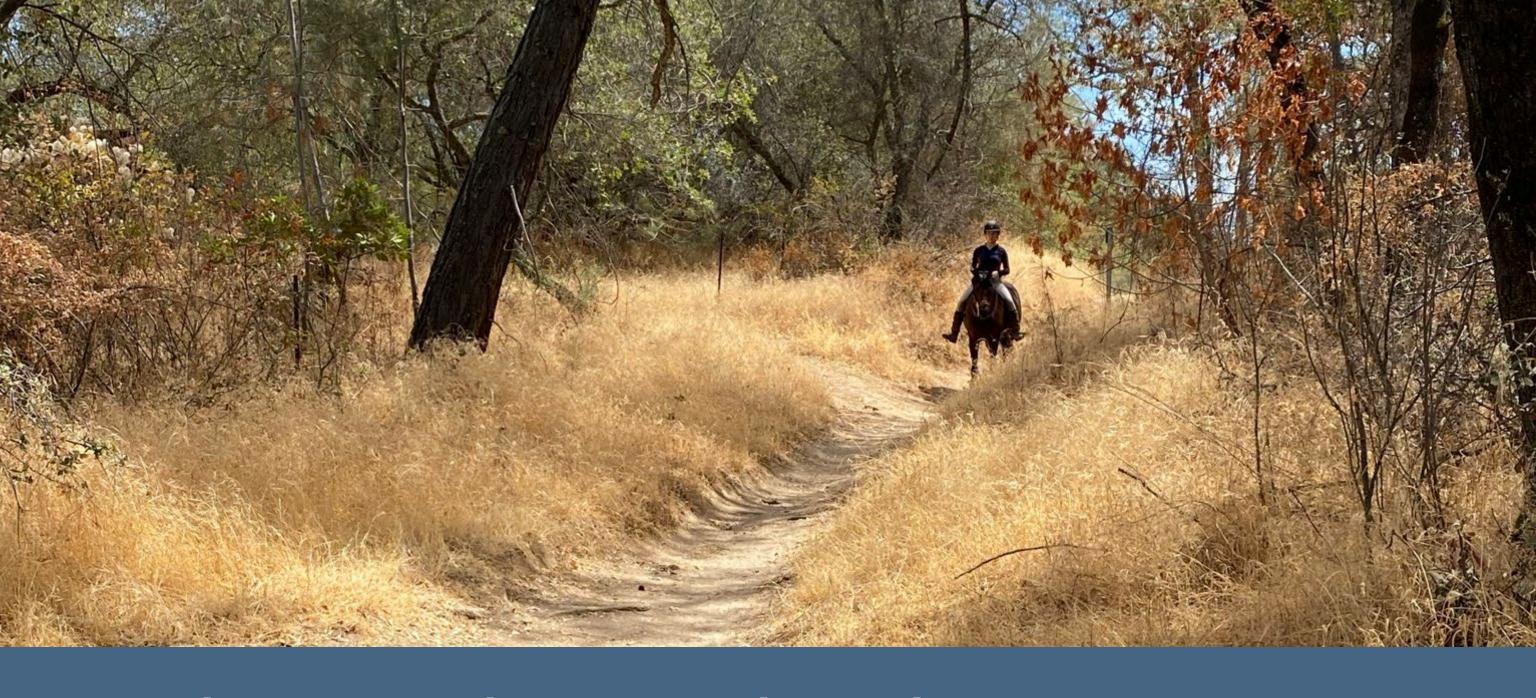




## Participants... Tell us about yourself!





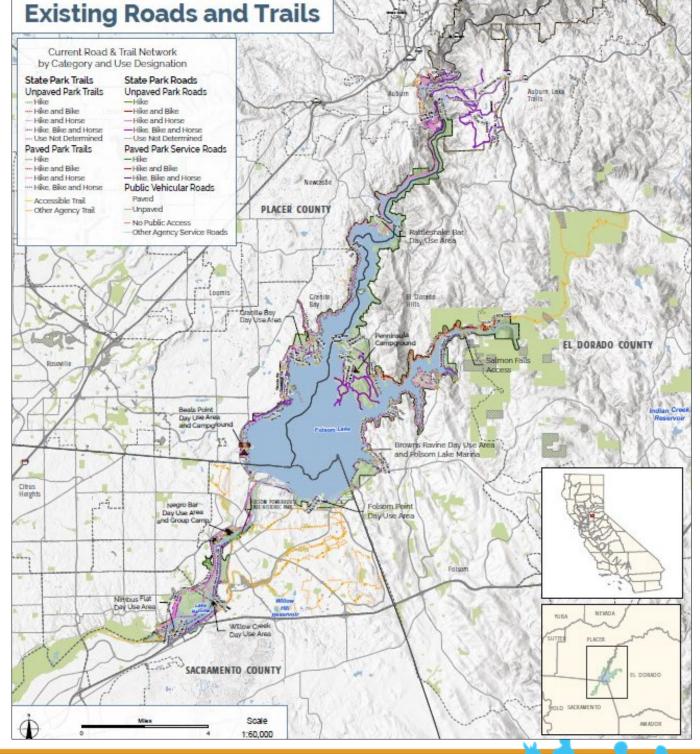


## Project Background and Context

## What are the Folsom Area State Parks?

Folsom Lake State Recreation Area +

Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park

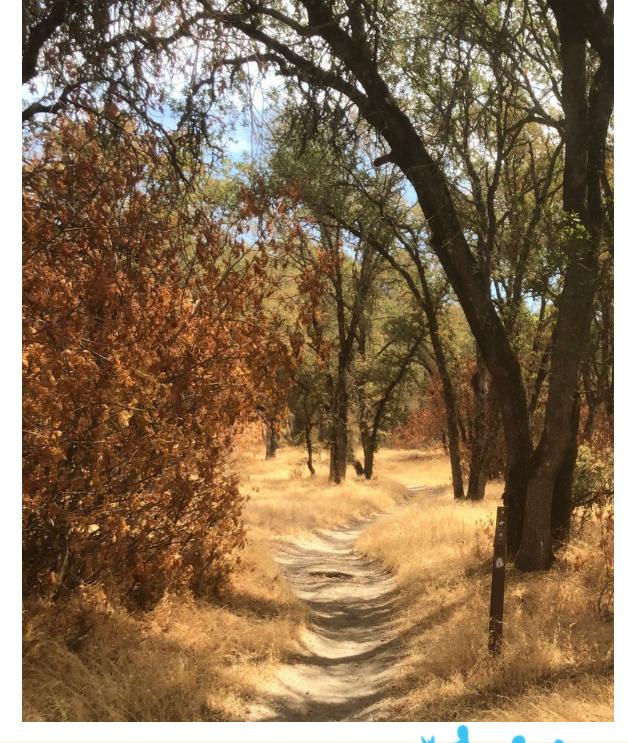






## Folsom Lake State Recreation Area

- » 20,000 acres, mostly federal land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- » State Parks managed
- » 120 miles of system trails
- >> 50+ miles of non-system trails
- » 20 miles of public park roads







#### Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park

- 35 acres of State and federal land
- » Preserves and interprets the Folsom Powerhouse
- » What is the Powerhouse?
  - Built in 1895
  - First power generation facility to send highvoltage alternating current over long-distance transmission lines.
- » Are there trails in the SHP?
  - Footpaths and trails along canal

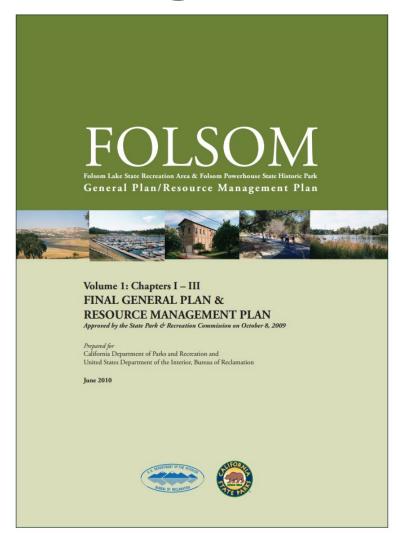






## Folsom Lake SRA and Folsom Powerhouse SHP General Plan and Resource Management Plan

- » Addresses both park units
- » Approved in Fall, 2009
- » Call for completion of a "Trail Master Plan"
- » Provides goals and guidelines for trail management and trail development
  - Paved trail Dike 7 to MIAD
  - Develop trail head access at Dike 7
  - Develop Multi-use trail patrol







# What is a Road and Trail Management Plan (RTMP)?

**Purpose:** Provide specific and detailed management direction for roads and trails within a park unit, guiding the operation, maintenance, and development of the road and trail system.

#### **Contents:**

- » Identify new trail routes (or roads)
- » Decide what to do with non-system trails: keep, eliminate, or re-align
- » Prioritize maintenance needs
- » Make decisions on proposals/requests for *change-in-use* designations for specific trails
- » Identify trailhead facility needs and improvements (parking, restrooms, etc.)
- » Identify educational and interpretive needs of the road and trail system (wayfinding signs, education programs, etc)

#### Donner Memorial State Park Road and Trail Management Plan



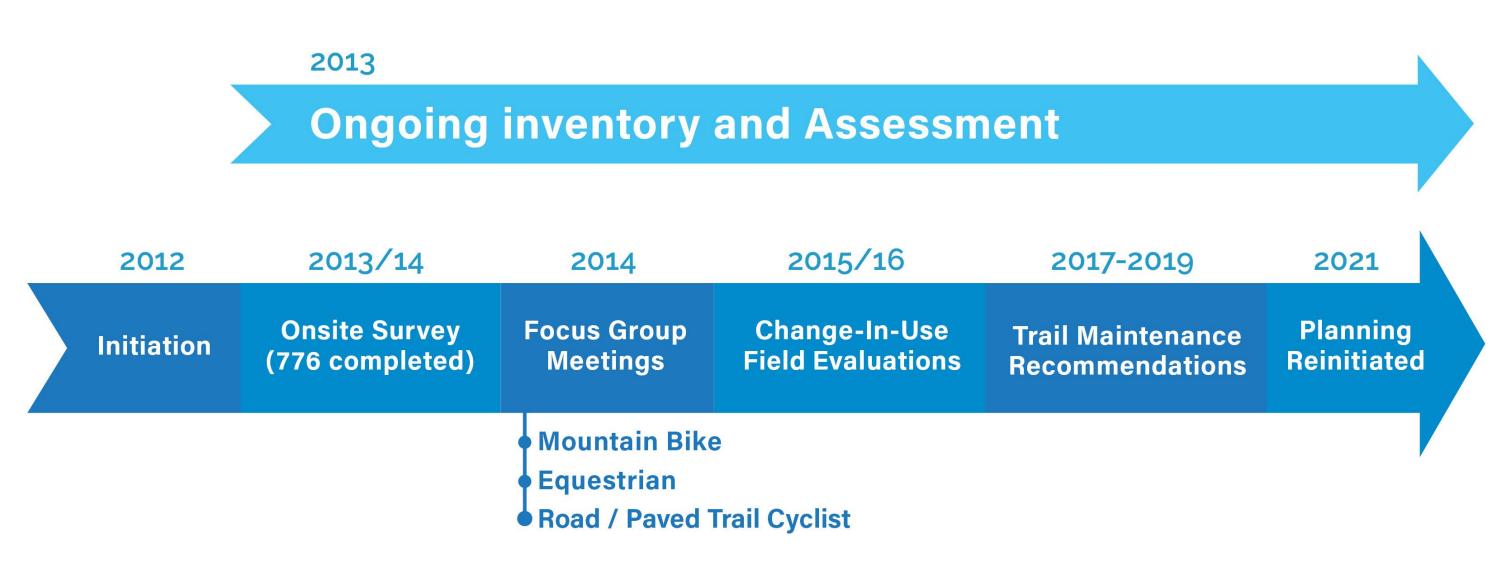
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California State Parks Sierra District Jonner Memorial State Park



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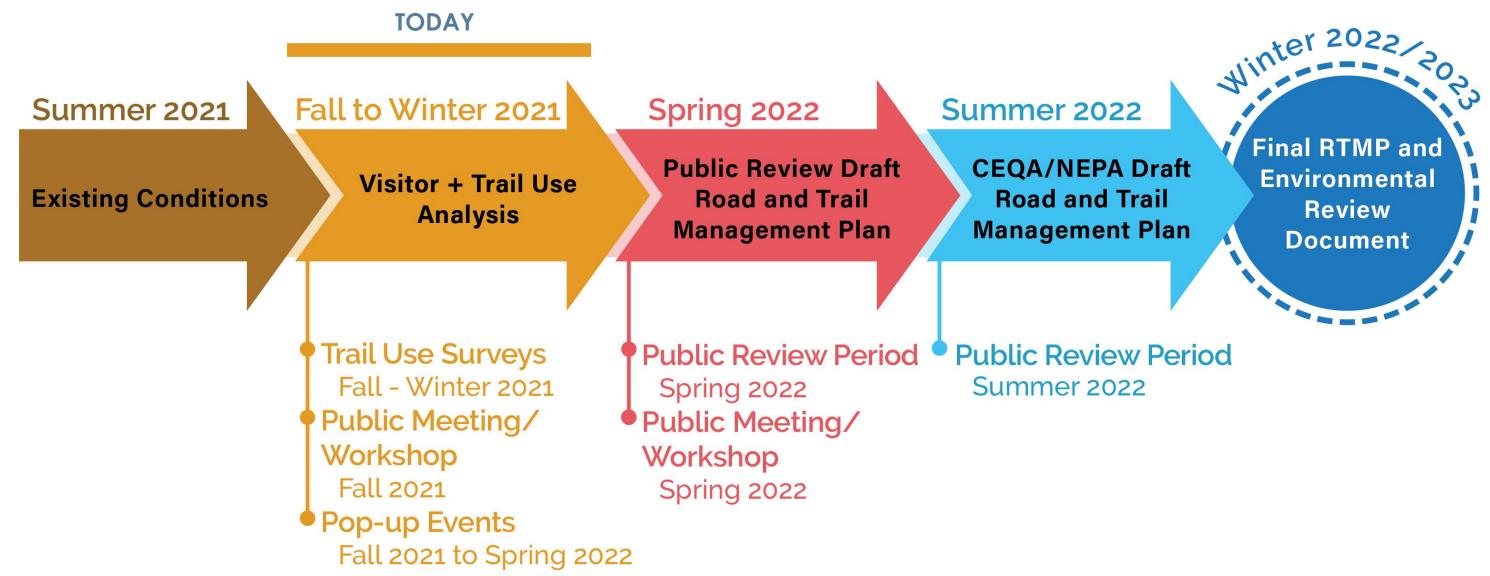






## Planning Process Overview

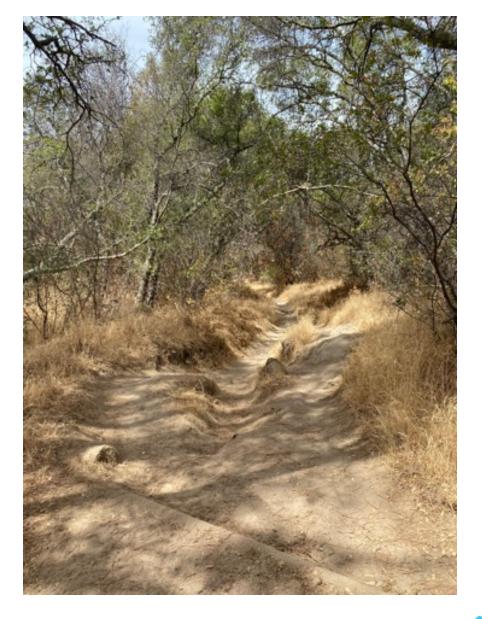
#### Project Schedule





#### Existing Conditions & Background Analysis

- » Assess road and trail conditions
- » Review planning context
- » Gather proposed changes, additions, and Improvements





#### Highlights – Public Input Received to Date

- » Concern regarding length of time to complete planning process
- » Specific Change-In-Use requests
- » Increased connectivity
- » Improve maintenance; specific repairs
- » Increase mountain biking opportunities; incorporate bike skills features into trails
- » Recommendations for paving specific trails

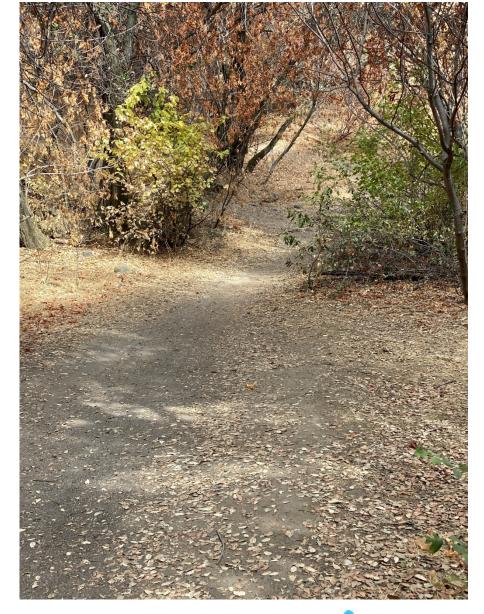






#### Highlights – Public Input Received to Date

- » Support a balance of recreational uses
- » Allow for additional volunteer involvement
- » User education regarding safety, access and etiquette
- » Equestrian safety precautions and improvements
- » Wayfinding: update and distribute maps, increase signage, clearly identify trail uses







#### Reaching out...

- » Project Webpage
- » Pop-up Events
  - » 9/11/21 Electricity Fair- Folsom Powerhouse
  - » 9/19/21 Peddlers' Fair- Folsom Historic District
  - » 10/9/21 Granite Head Trails and Ales Festival
  - » 10/17/21 Folsom Blues Breakout Half Marathon
- » Social Media
- » Email Contact List
- » Trailhead Signage (coming soon!)







#### ... and gathering input!

- » Public Meetings (Thank you for being here!)
  - Meeting 1: RTMP Overview & Visioning
  - Meeting 2: Draft RTMP Review (Spring 2022)
- » Online Trail Use Survey (October- February)
  - 870 completed to date
- » On-site Challenge (October- February)
  - 8 participants to date



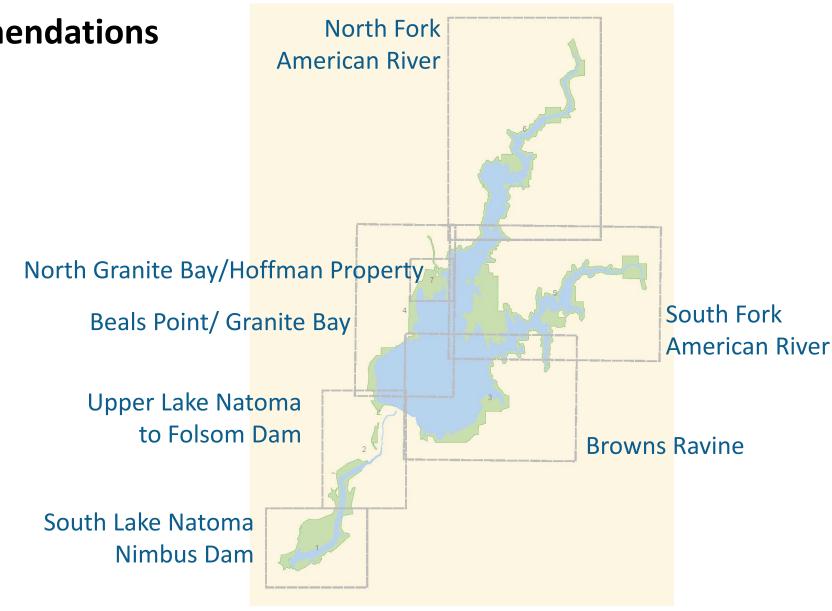
Access surveys and learn more at: www.parks.ca.gov/FolsomSRA-RTMP





#### Draft Road and Trail Management Plan

- » The Draft RTMP will have recommendations on the following bases:
  - Segment
  - Trail
  - Areas (7)
  - Parkwide







#### **Environmental Review**

- » California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
  - CEQA Lead Agency: California State Parks
- » National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
  - NEPA Lead Agency: Bureau of Reclamation
- » Environmental Review Process
  - Environmental Resource Analysis
  - CEQA & NEPA Technical studies, document prep, public notices, response to comments
  - Public review period for CEQA/NEPA Draft RTMP and CEQA/NEPA Documents

CEQA requires that public agencies disclose environmental impacts that have a physical effect on the environment. Identifies ways to avoid or reduce potential impacts through mitigation measures or alternatives.

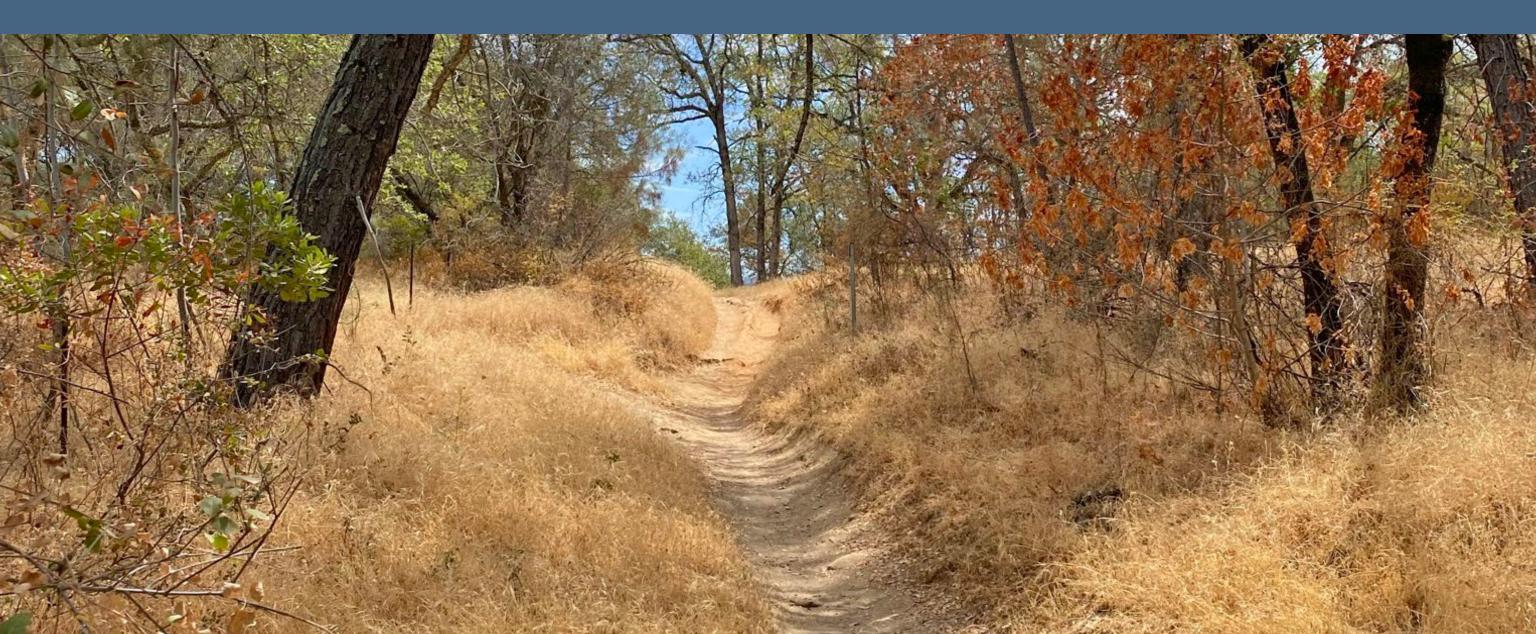
NEPA is required if a project receives federal funding or is located on federal land.
Under NEPA the project may move forward even with impacts, as long as those negative effects are disclosed.







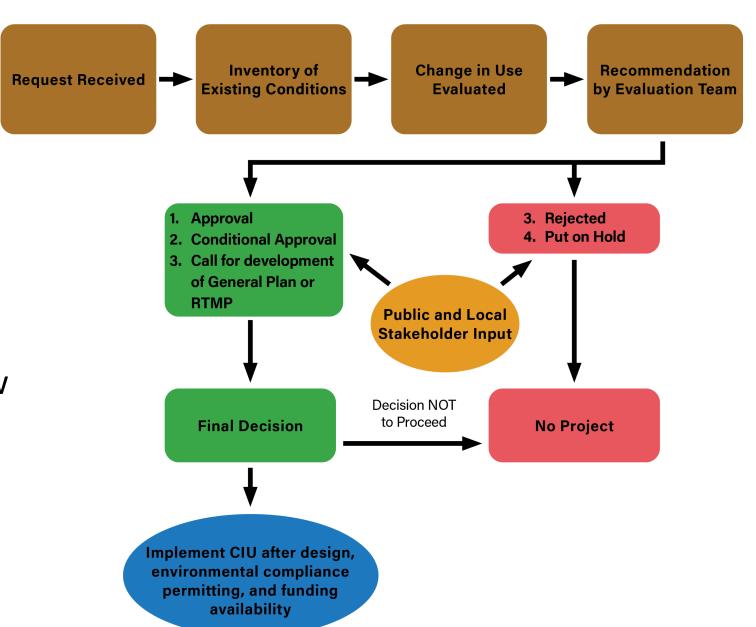
## Change in Use (CIU) Process



#### Change-in-Use Process

#### » Key Steps

- Request Received
- Evaluation
- Recommendation
- Decision
- Plan/Design
- Project-Specific Environmental Review
- Permitting
- Implementation







#### Change in Use Requests for Folsom Area State Parks

#### » Requests received in 2014 to evaluate adding bikes to:

- Trails around Lake Natoma, including Snowberry, Middle Ridge, Shady and Snipes-Pershing Ravine Trails
- Pioneer Express Trail from Lake Natoma to ASRA
- Los Lagos Trail
- Mormon Island Wetlands Trails
- Monte Vista Trails
- Browns Ravine to Old Salmon Falls



#### **Evaluation Status**

- » All trails were walked by a District CIU Team
- » Trails evaluated using the Department's 7-point evaluation tool
- » Some long trails were evaluated in logical segments (e.g. Pioneer Express)
- » Initial recommendations were made for individual segments
- » The RTMP will evaluate all of these CIU requests in the context of the entire FLSRA Trail System

#### **7-Point Evaluation:**

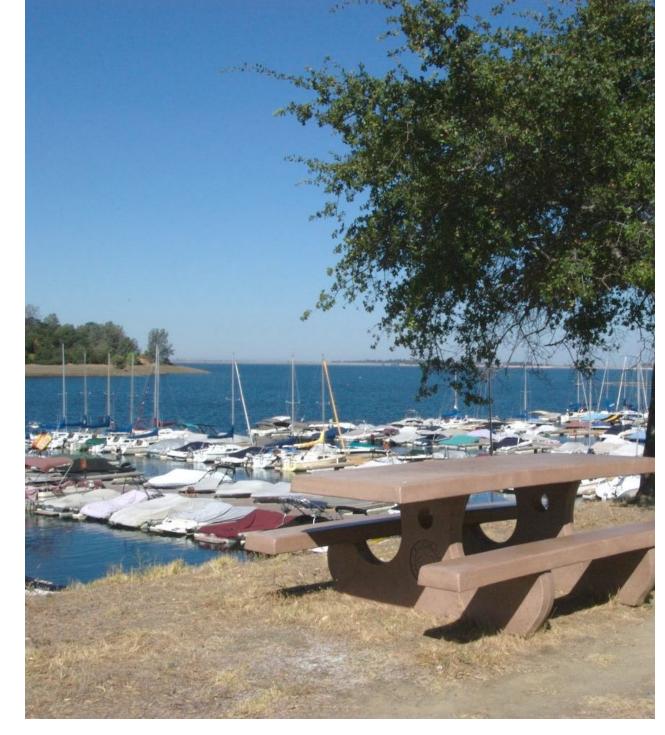
- **1.**Existing conditions
- 2.Compatibility with existing visitor uses, facilities and services
- **3.**Circulation patterns
- 4. Trail Safety
- 5. Trail Sustainability
- **6.**Effects to Natural and Cultural Resources
- 7. Effects to operation and maintenance





#### Brown's Ravine CIU

- » Initial evaluation for CIU has been completed
- » A decision will be made separate from, but parallel with, the RTMP
- » Reasons for stand-alone assessment
  - Previous assessment conducted
  - Specific trail conditions
  - Connectivity considerations
- » If approved, District can move forward with this CIU ahead of the RTMP
- » Public meeting in December 2021/January 2022











Share your experiences and priorities!

#### **Mentimeter Poll**

In a separate tab/window or using another device (cell phone) go to:

www.menti.com

Code: 94582751

OR copy/paste link from the chat





## Conclusions and Next Steps



#### **Next Steps**







#### More ways to participate

- » Sign up for the project mailing list on webpage
- » Online Trail Use Survey: bit.ly/FolsomRTMP-survey
- » On-site Challenge
- » Email: trails@parks.ca.gov
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# Thank you!

Questions or comments?

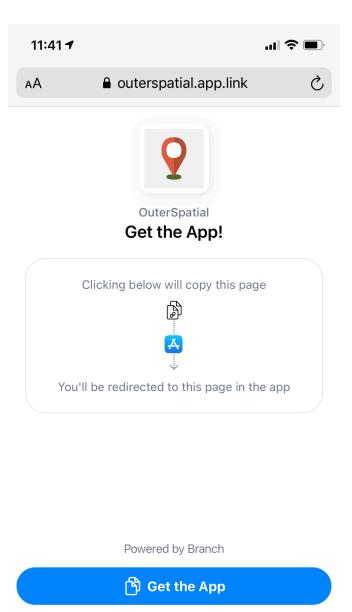
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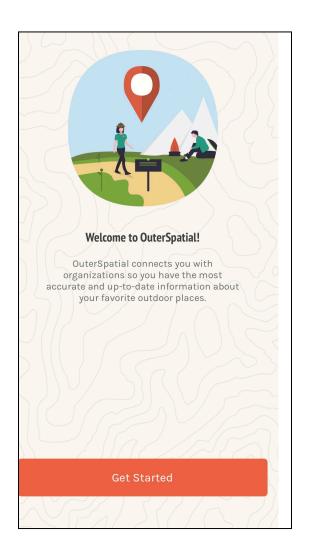
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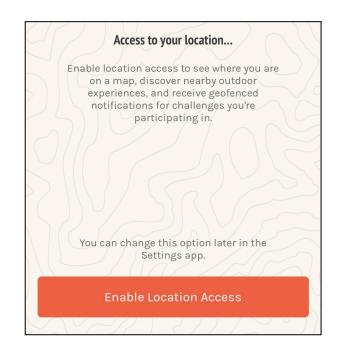




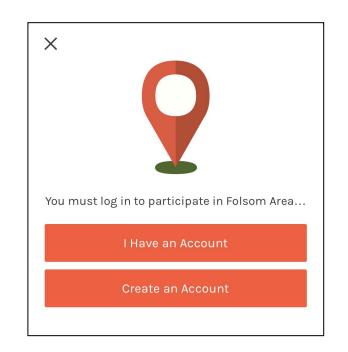








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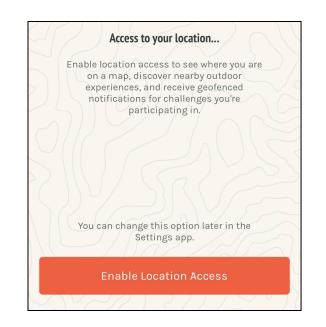
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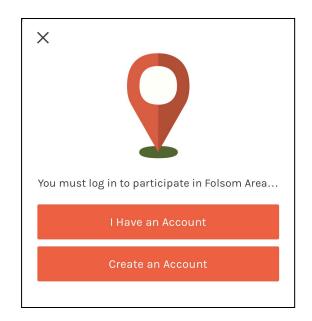
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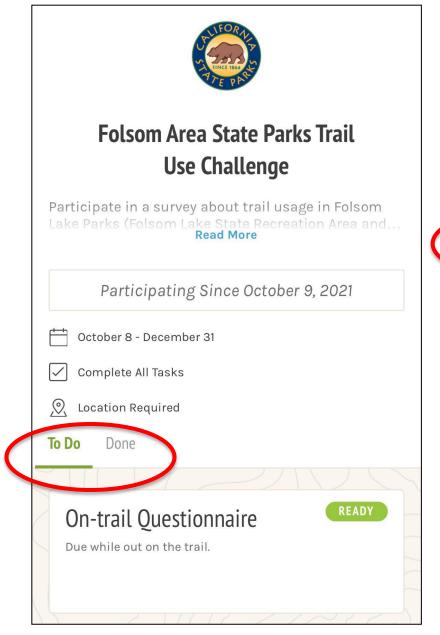
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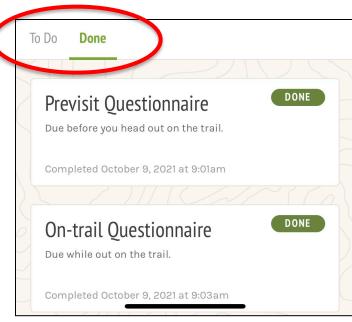




#### 5. Complete Questionnaires

- Previsit
- On-trail Questionnaires
  - Will be in "To Do" after you complete
     Previsit Questionnaire
  - Complete when you receive pop-ups or from areas you would like to provide feedback
- Postvisit Questionnaire
  - Will be in "To Do" list after you submit your last on-trail questionnaire









#### Other ways to use State Parks' App



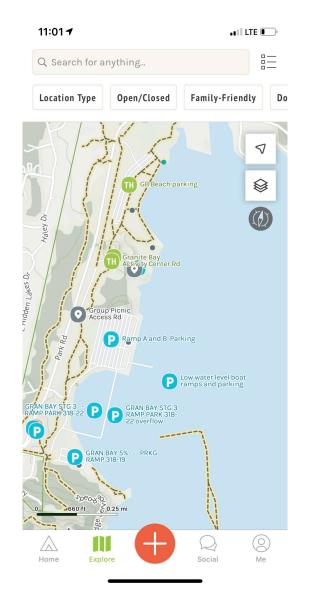
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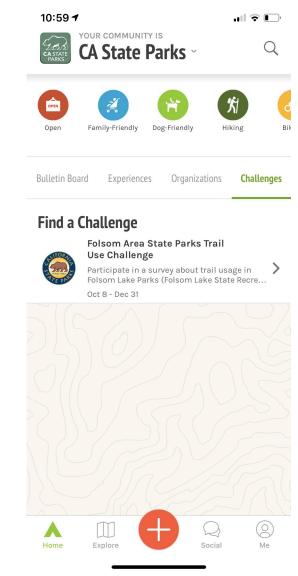


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