

# Meeks Bay Restoration Project



# Summary of Tech + Working Agreements



“Raise Zoom Hand” to  
Contribute



Please MUTE always  
(Phone - \*6)



Please remind us who you  
are before you speak



Chat Box for tech questions,  
links, questions

## **Tech Support**

Austin via Chat or  
Text 510-219-0043



All ideas and points of view have  
value



Think innovatively and welcome new  
ideas – solve problems



Be honest, fair, and as candid as  
possible



Honor time



Patience and creativity working with  
each other virtually



Invite humor and good will



# Meeks Bay Restoration Project Stakeholder Forum Meeting #7 Agenda

Time	Topic
2:00	Technology Check / Welcome & Introductions / Agenda Review
2:05	Summary of Significant Developments Since Last Forum Meeting & Project Status
2:15	Review of the Final EIS/EIS/EIR and Selected Preferred Alternative
2:50	Opportunity for Clarification Questions
3:00	Next Steps and Overview of Implementation Timeline
3:10	Opportunity for Clarification Questions
3:20	Closing Remarks
3:30	Adjourn Meeting



# Meeks Bay Restoration Project Stakeholder Forum Representatives

<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Tahoe Lakefront Owners Association	Jan Brisco / Drew Briner
Meeks Bay Vista Property Owners Association	Tony Evans / Dave Coward
League to Save Lake Tahoe	Laura Patten / Jesse Patterson
Woodland Pier Association	Kent Ramos / Bill Anson
Washoe Tribe of NV and CA Cultural/ Language Resources	Herman Fillmore (Wá·šiw)
West Shore Community Member / Property Owner	Julie Hutchinson / Daret Kehlet
Washoe Tribe of NV and CA Office of Environmental Protection	Rhiana Jones / Susan Jamerson
Meeks Bay Yacht Club	Steve Matles / John Gallagher
Meeks Bay Fire Protection District	Steve Leighton / Brent Armstrong
Lake Tahoe Marina Association	Jim Phelan / Bob Hassett
Friends of the West Shore	Jennifer Quashnick / Judith Tornese
Washoe Tribe Meeks Bay Resort	Bernadette Nieto / Rueben Vasquez



# Meeks Bay Restoration Project Development Team (PDT)

- **US Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU):** Ashley Sibr & Theresa Cody
- **Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA):** Rebecca Cremeen, Victoria Ortiz and Shannon Friedman
- **Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LWB):** Brian Judge
- **Ascent Environmental (Ascent):** Adam Lewandowski & Jessica Mitchell
- **Consensus Building Institute (CBI):** Austin McInerney

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- 🔗 **LTBMU:** property owner/project proponent and lead agency for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
  - 🔗 **LWB:** lead agency for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
  - 🔗 **TRPA:** coordinating public engagement process (TRPA EIS)
  - 🔗 **Ascent:** planning and environmental analysis
  - 🔗 **Design Workshop:** site planning & alternative development
  - 🔗 **CBI:** stakeholder assessment and stakeholder forum facilitation



# **PROJECT STATUS AND DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING**

## Updates and Related Plans

- **Meeks Bay Restoration EIS/EIS/EIR**
  - Responses to Comments
  - Cultural and Biological Consultation USFWS, THPO, SHPO
- **Meeks Bay Site Survey**
- **Fish Management Structure Feasibility Study**
- **Caltrans Bridge Replacement Coordination**
- **SR 89 Corridor Planning**

# Questions and Discussion

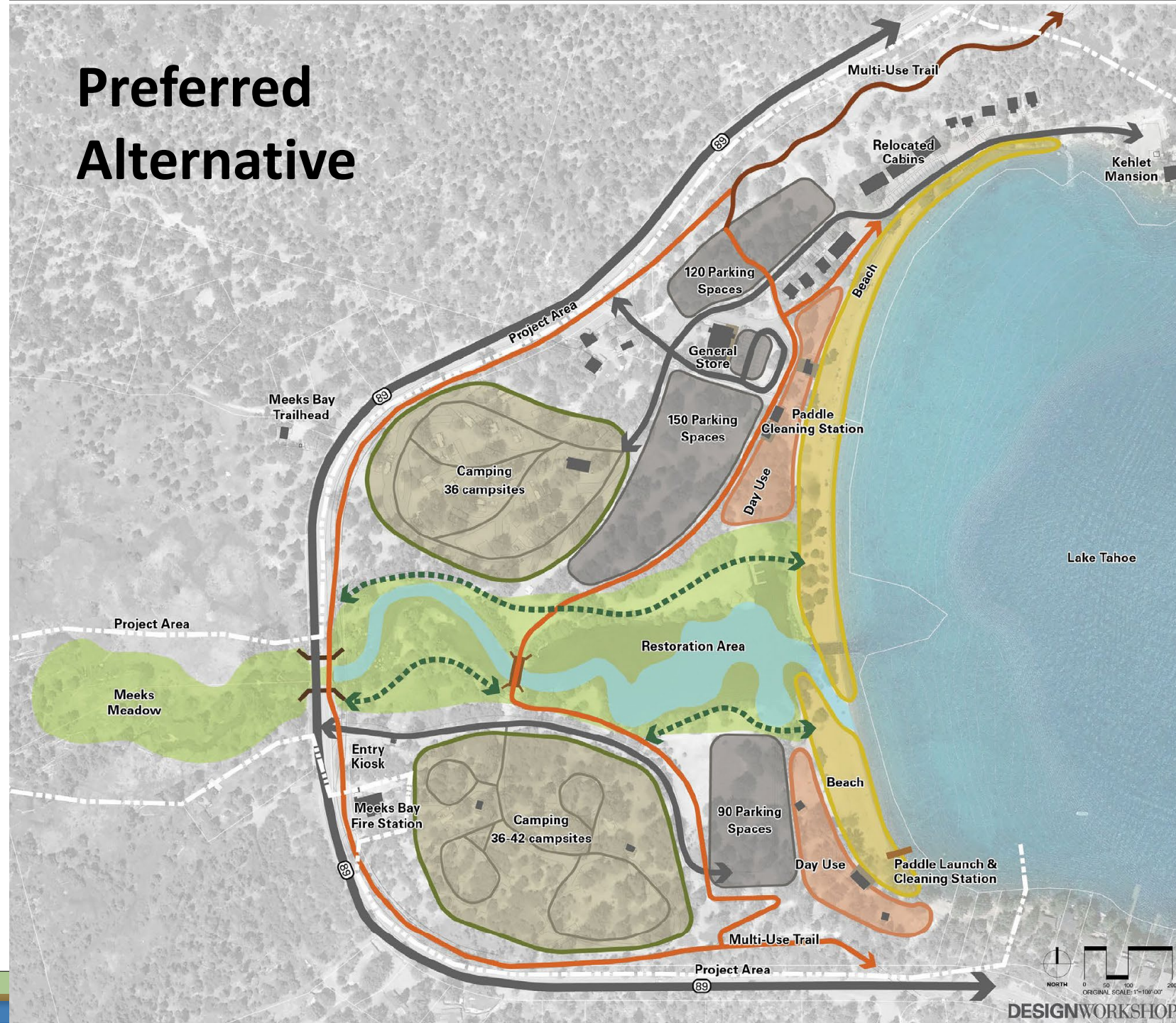
On Project Status and Recent Developments





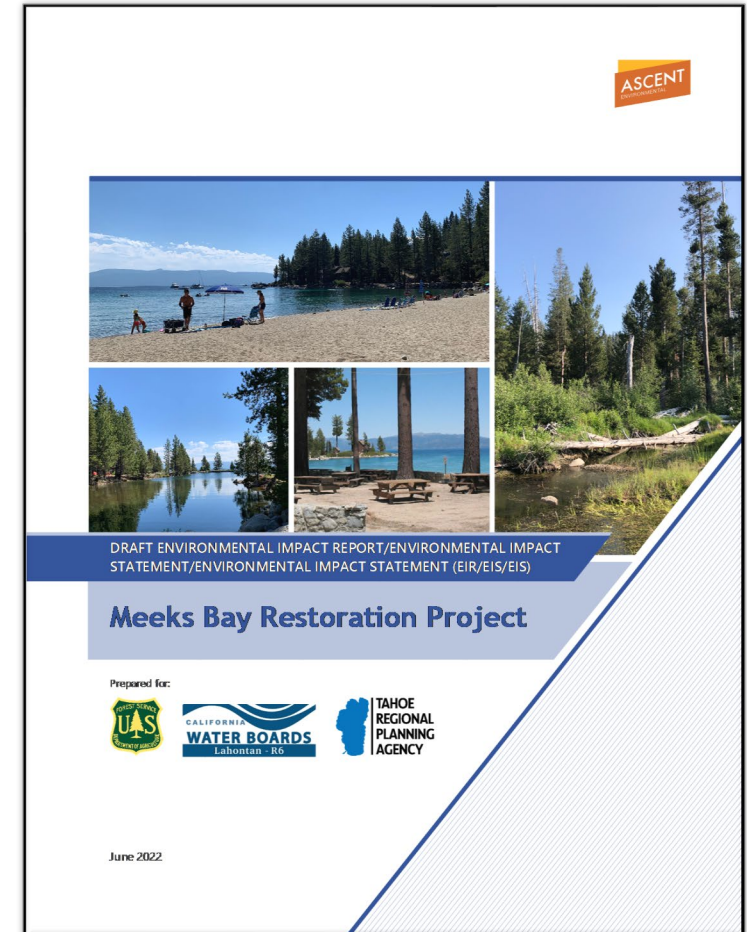
# **PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE AND FINAL EIS/EIS/EIR**

- No pier
- Paddlecraft launch
- Relocate motel-style cabins and expand shoreline restoration
- Maintain approx. camping capacity
- Expand parking by 14 spaces
- Widened SR 89 bridge with path



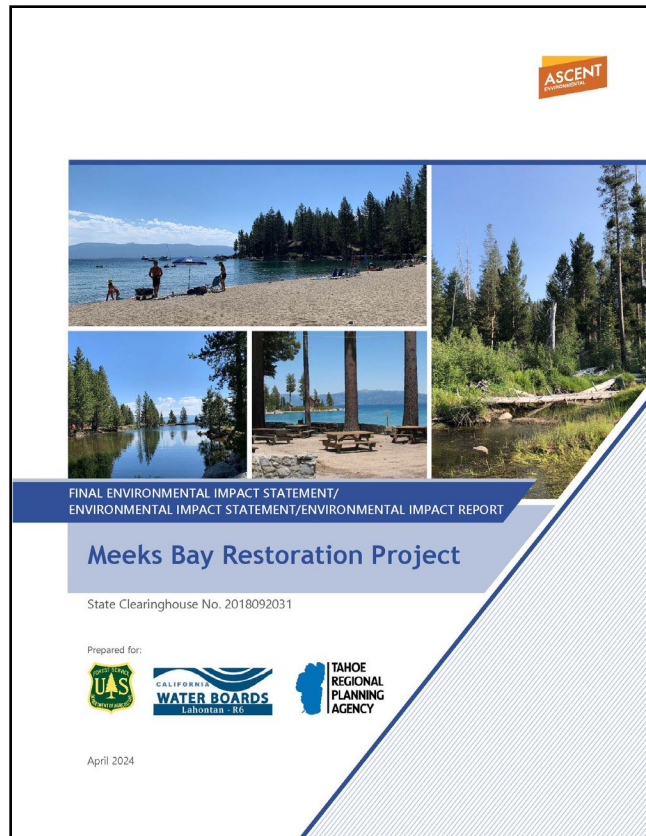
# Public Review of the Draft EIS/EIS/EIR

- Public Comment period from: June 10 – August 9, 2022
- Stakeholder Forum Meeting: June 14, 2022
- TRPA Governing Board Hearing: June 15, 2022
- Public Workshop: June 27, 2022



# The Final EIS/EIS/EIR

- Includes all analysis with targeted clarifications and corrections
- Appendix F includes all comments and responses
- Will be considered for approval by each lead agency



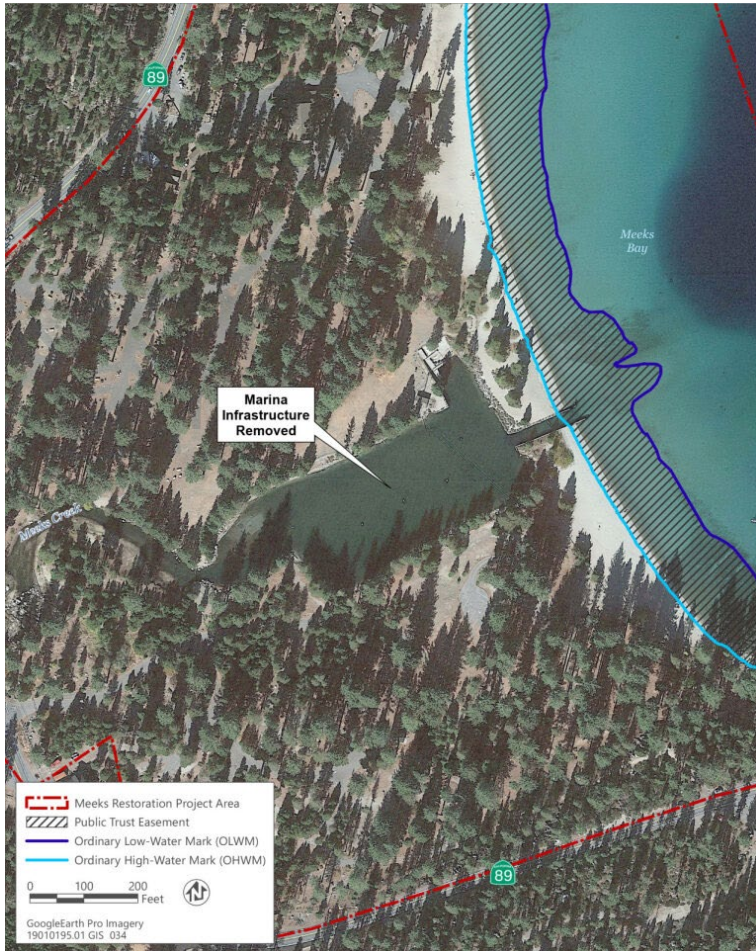
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## Comments on the Draft EIS/EIS/EIR

A total of 64 comment letters. Lots of support. Key topics include:

- Baseline Conditions
- Concerns about piers
- Scenic quality
- Visitation estimates and crowding

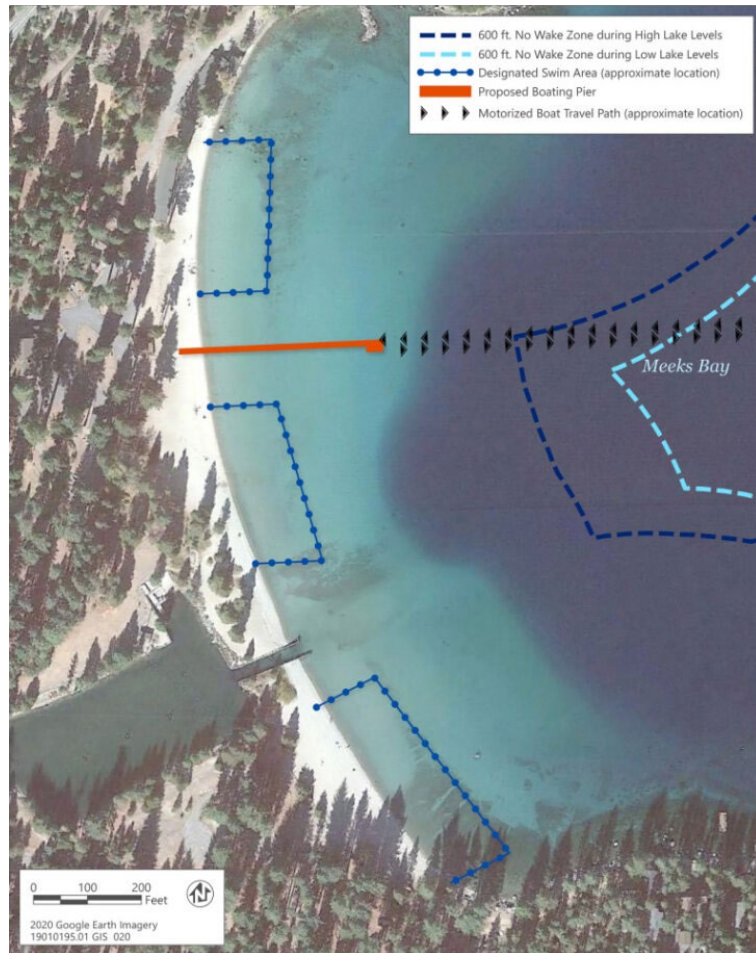
## Baseline Conditions



- Marina temporarily closed in 2015
- With No Action Alternative, marina would resume operation
- Analysis compares action alternatives to effects of no action (i.e., marina resumes)
- Clarification and explanation in Final EIS/EIS/EIR



## Pier Impacts



- Does not relate to preferred alternative
- Need for a pier?
- Effects on recreation site character
- Conflicts between motorized and nonmotorized (Alt 1)



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# Scenic Quality



Alternative 1  
boating pier



Alternative 2  
pedestrian pier





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# Scenic Quality



Existing  
Conditions



Preferred  
Alternative

## Visitation and Crowding

- Visitation estimates account for wildfire, COVID, and walk-in visitors
- Minimal increases in visitation
- Loss of marina visitation
- Expanded beach and day use areas



# Questions and Discussion

On the Preferred Alternative and Final EIS/EIS/EIR



# **NEXT STEPS AND IMPLEMENTATION**

# How to Object

## Meeks Bay Restoration

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Restoration of Meeks Creek in Meeks Marina, remove marina, reconstruct Meeks campground, BMPs, pedestrian bridge over Meeks Creek, pathways, beach access, parking improvements, utility upgrades, alternatives for a pier

### Location Summary

Meeks Bay Resort and Meeks Bay Campground east of SR89, as well as a short portion of Meeks Creek west of SR89.

**District:** Lake Tahoe Basin Mgt Unit



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 Draft EIS EIR EIS	Jun 9, 2022 by Ashley M ...	
 Scoping	Mar 28, 2022 by eMNEP...	

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# How to Object

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Enter your comment in the textbox below. **Do not enter any personally identifiable information (PII) such as address or email in the text editor below.** Your name and all information entered into the text box below may be published on this website. Enter contact information in the form fields above.

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## Letter Text

## Attachments

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## NEXT STEPS AND IMPLEMENTATION

- USFS plans to move forward with a design contract in 2024/25 for the restoration and recreation improvements planned in Meeks Bay.
- Caltrans is progressing with a separate CEQA document and designs for the Highway Bridge replacement and has funding for implementation of this project component.

## Next Steps/Timeline

2024

USFS Objection Period  
Ends 5/21

Record of Decision

TRPA Hearings  
6/12  
6/26

2025

Restoration and Site  
Design

Caltrans Bridge  
Environmental and  
Design

2026

Bridge Replacement

Restoration  
implementation phase 1

2027

Restoration  
implementati  
on phase 2



# Questions and Discussion

On Next Steps and Implementation

## Next Steps & Closing Remarks

### *Members of the Public and Interested Parties:*

- Review Final EIS/EIS/EIR
- Consider attending TRPA Governing Board meeting
- Follow @TahoeAgency and track website to keep informed

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# Thank You!



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