

Meeks Bay Restoration Project Stakeholder Forum Meeting #3 Presentation

Meeks Bay Restoration Project *Checklist for Virtual Participation*

- ✓ **Please mute yourself when you are not speaking.** This helps cut down on background noise. If on the phone use *6 to mute/unmute.
 - ✓ **Please check that your video camera is on if you are a stakeholder forum representative.** If you are joining the meeting as a member of the public, please leave your video off. If you choose to provide a comment during the forum meeting, we ask that you turn on your video while you are speaking.
 - ✓ **If you know you have less than optimal internet connection, we urge you to join through both a phone (for audio) and your computer (for video).** You may do so by joining the online meeting via the Zoom link and opting to join via phone audio. When you are dialing in, please be sure to enter your participant ID. Here is a step-by-step guide to help: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362663-Joining-a-meeting-by-phone>
 - ✓ **Rename yourself after logging into Zoom.** We ask that you please rename yourself by hovering over your name in the "Participants" tab. Please change your name to be First name Last Name, Affiliation; so we can identify and engage each other better. Ex. "Austin McNerny (CBI, Facilitator)"
 - ✓ **Chats messages will only go to hosts.** Please direct any comments or questions in the chat function to Austin McNerny and we will share them with the group during discussion periods designated on the agenda.
 - ✓ **Bring a learning mindset** as we do our best to maximize engagement to the degree possible in this online setting!
 - ✓ **Meeting will be recorded** for sharing on project website.
- ✓ We will begin the meeting at 9:00 am so please hold tight.

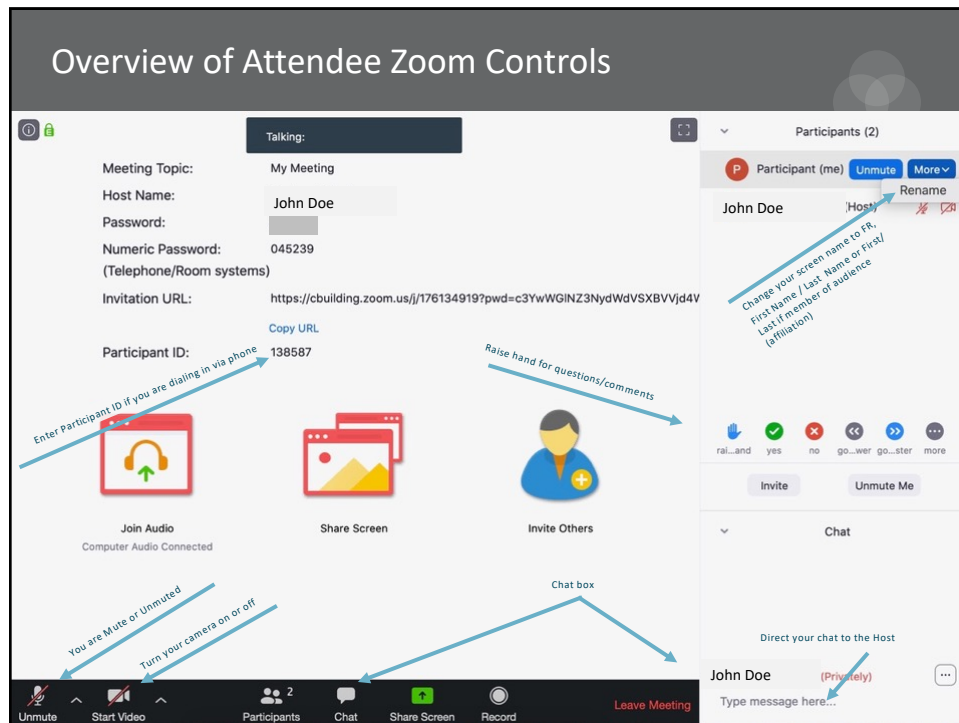
Thank you!

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Meeks Bay Restoration Project Stakeholder Forum #3 Welcome!



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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

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Meeks Bay Restoration Project Stakeholder Forum Meeting #3 Agenda

| Time | Topic |
|-------|--|
| 9:00 | Technology Check / Welcome & Agenda Review / Member Update / Process Status / Collaboration Principles / Meeting #2 Summary Review |
| 9:10 | Summary of Public Workshop #1 Discussion & Input Received |
| 9:30 | Alternative Theme Development Process: Presentation & Questions for Clarification |
| 9:40 | Alternative Theme 1 "Modified Version of the Proposed Action": Presentation & Discussion / Opportunity for Public Comment |
| 10:20 | Break - <i>Participants are asked to be back and ready for the meeting to resume promptly at 10:30</i> |
| 10:30 | Alternative Theme 2 "Retain Partial Marina Infrastructure": Presentation & Discussion / Opportunity for Public Comment |
| 11:10 | Alternative Theme 3 "Non-Motorized Access Emphasis": Presentation & Discussion / Opportunity for Public Comment |
| 11:50 | Opportunity for Public Comment |
| 11:55 | Next Steps & Closing Remarks |
| 12:00 | Close |

Meeks Bay Restoration Project Project Development Team (PDT)

- **US Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU):**
Ashley Sibr & Stephanie Heller
 - **Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA):** Rebecca Cremeen & Shannon Friedman
 - **Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LWB):** Brian Judge
 - Ascent Environmental (Ascent): Adam Lewandowski & Tiffany Lunday
 - Design Workshop: Steve Noll, Ben Fish & Madison Pong
 - Consensus Building Institute (CBI): Austin McInerny
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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
 - Ascent: planning and environmental analysis
 - Design Workshop: site planning & alternative development
 - CBI: stakeholder assessment and stakeholder forum facilitation

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Meeks Bay Restoration Project Stakeholder Forum Representatives

| Affiliation | Representative |
|---|--------------------|
| Lake Tahoe Water Trail | Becky Bell |
| Tahoe Lakefront Owners Association | Jan Brisco |
| Meeks Bay Vista Property Owners Association | Tony Evans |
| League to Save Lake Tahoe | Gavin Feiger |
| Woodland Pier Association | Bill Anson |
| Washoe Tribe Cultural/ Language Department | Herman Fillmore |
| Property Owner | Julie Hutchinson |
| Washoe Tribe Office of Environmental Protection | Susan Jamerson |
| Meeks Bay Yacht Club | Steve Matles |
| Meeks Bay Fire District | Steve McNamara |
| Lake Tahoe Marina Association | Jim Phelan |
| Friends of the West Shore | Jennifer Quashnick |
| Washoe Tribe Meeks Bay Resort | Rueben A. Vasquez |

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Meeks Bay Restoration Project Stakeholder Forum, Public Workshop & Hearing Schedule



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Meeks Bay Restoration Project Stakeholder Forum General Principles of Collaboration

Stakeholder forum representatives will:

- Be prepared to listen intently to the concerns of others and identify the interests represented.
- Ask questions and seek clarification to ensure full understanding of the content of discussions and other's interests, concerns, and comments.
- Be respectful of other's interests, even if they are not consistent with or oppose your own.
- Regard disagreements as problems to be solved rather than battles to be won.
- Commit to act in good faith and respect the personal integrity and values of others.
- Refrain from ascribing motives or intentions to other participants.

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MEEKS BAY RESTORATION PROJECT STAKEHOLDER FORUM Virtual Meeting #2 | August 5, 2020 (9 am - 12 noon) DRAFT Meeting Summary

Meeting Purpose

- Review and finalize summary of Forum meeting #1;
- Share contact information and present project website;
- Understand preliminary alternatives themes and planning constraints;
- Participate in group exercise to provide input on design elements to be considered when developing a range of alternatives for the Meeks Bay Restoration project; and
- Review project schedule and next steps.

Welcome, Zoom Overview, Agenda Review, Introductions & House Keeping
Austin McNerny, facilitator from the Consensus Building Institute, welcomed participants to the second meeting of the Meeks Bay Restoration Project Stakeholder Forum. After a brief review of the Zoom tools and meeting agenda, Mr. McNerny reviewed the Stakeholder Forum membership and explained that after the first meeting, the Project Development Team decided to add the Woodland Pier Association to the Stakeholder Forum; thus, Mr. Bill Anson (primary) and Mr. Kent Ramos (alternate) have joined the Forum. Mr. McNerny reviewed the representatives from the various agencies and consultants involved with the project. Note: Forum meeting attendance is shown in Appendix A at the end of this document.

Mr. McNerny referred to the project public workshop and hearing schedule diagram to emphasize that the project is in its early stages and the focus now is on developing ideas to be explored in alternative themes. He asked for everyone in attendance to adhere to basic set of meeting guidelines to ensure collaborative participation.

The draft summary of the first meeting was then presented, and Mr. McNerny asked if anyone had any comments or requests for modifications to the document. No edits were suggested, and the summary document was accepted as final and will be posted on the project website.

Lastly, the draft project website was introduced and those interested in tracking the project are encouraged to visit www.meeksbayproject.org and to share the project email address (meeksbayproject@trpa.org) to those who want to provide feedback, questions and/or requests to be added to the project mailing list.

The presentation portion of today's meeting was recorded and is available for viewing [here](#) (password: wy8d4.e0).

Alternative Themes and Sideboards: Presentation & Discussion

Adam Lewandowski from Ascent Environmental provided an overview of the preliminary alternative themes and key considerations and sideboards for each theme. Mr. Lewandowski explained that the exercise today is intended to solicit input on elements to include in the

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Meeks Bay Restoration Project Website Launched www.meeksbayproject.org

Restoring Meeks Bay



The USDA Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit is developing a plan to restore Meeks Creek to a more natural condition while continuing to support sustainable recreation opportunities. The Meeks Creek watershed has a rich history of use by the native Washoe Tribe, early settlers, and family vacationers, and has endured many physical changes over the past century. Feedback is being sought on what restoration of this idyllic bay could hold in store for the health of Lake Tahoe and the future enjoyment of many.

[...Learn more](#)

Contact the Planning Team at meeksbayproject@trpa.org to stay informed of upcoming workshops, hearings, and draft documents.

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***Alternative Theme Development Process:
Presentation & Discussion /
Opportunity for Public Comment***

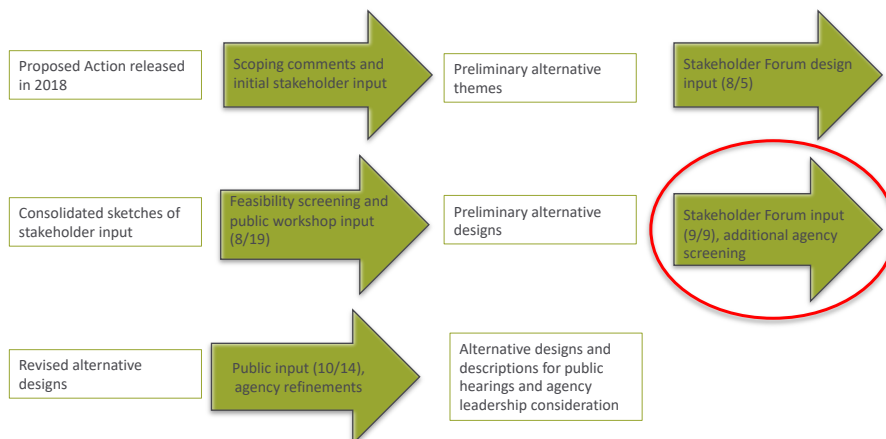
Alternative Development

- Review alternative development process and public workshop input
- Discuss each preliminary alternative
 - Review input from last meeting
 - Review design constraints
 - Share preliminary design
 - Discuss design refinements



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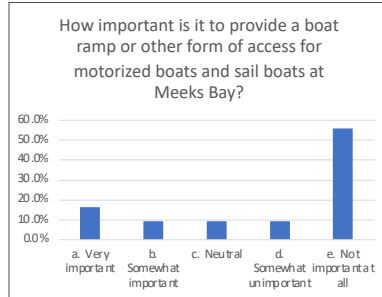
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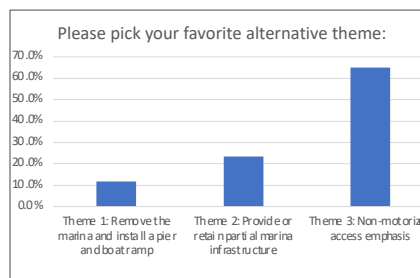
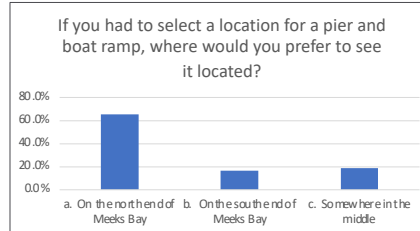
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Public Workshop Feedback on Preliminary Alternatives Themes



8/19/20 public workshop poll results, 71 participants



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Questions Concerning Alternative Development Process

Any clarifying questions on process before we discuss preliminary alternatives?



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Theme 1 – Modified Version of Proposed Action

This alternative or alternatives would include the same basic elements as the proposed action released in 2018. The alternative(s) would include complete removal of the marina infrastructure and restoration of the creek and lagoon. Public motorized watercraft access would be provided by a boat ramp and pier. Refinements or modifications to the location, size, and/or design of project elements included in the 2018 proposed action could be considered, such as the location of the pier and the boat ramp along the shoreline.

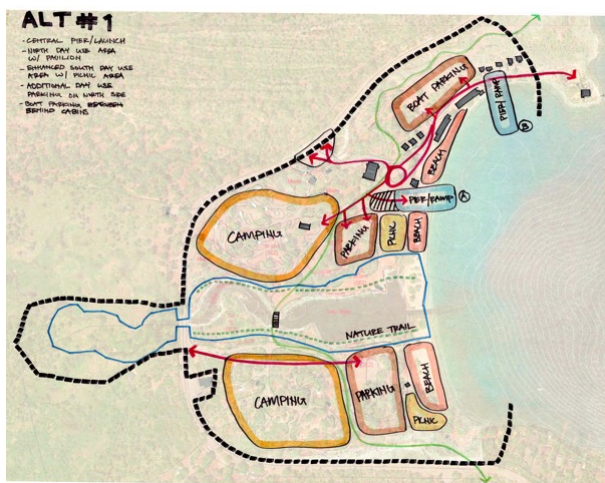
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Theme 1 – Input From Forum Meeting # 2



Theme 1 – Consolidated Input From Forum Meeting # 2



- 2 potential pier/ramp locations
- Trailer parking on north end

Theme 1 – Design Constraints

- Lack of vehicle turning space for a ramp on the north end.
- Shallow water in center and north end of bay would require a long ramp (must reach elevation 6,220').
- Central pier or ramp would displace some beach use.
- Ramp near center of beach may require additional dredging to address sand deposition.
- Pier or ramp cannot be located near stream mouth.
- Pier or ramp should not disrupt existing uses at the Kehlet Mansion.

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Theme 1 – Preliminary Design



- Full restoration
- Central pier
- No ramp
- Relocate cabins to extend beach
- Additional campsites (~20)
- Additional parking at resort
- Reconfigured day use on south side

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Theme 1 – Preliminary Design Discussion



1. What do you think about an alternative with a pier but no ramp?
2. Is the pier in the best location?
3. Should there be an alternative with a pier at the southern end?
4. What do you think about the relocation of the cabins on the northern end?

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Meeks Bay Restoration Project Stakeholder Forum Meeting Break

***Meeting Will Resume
Promptly at 10:30***



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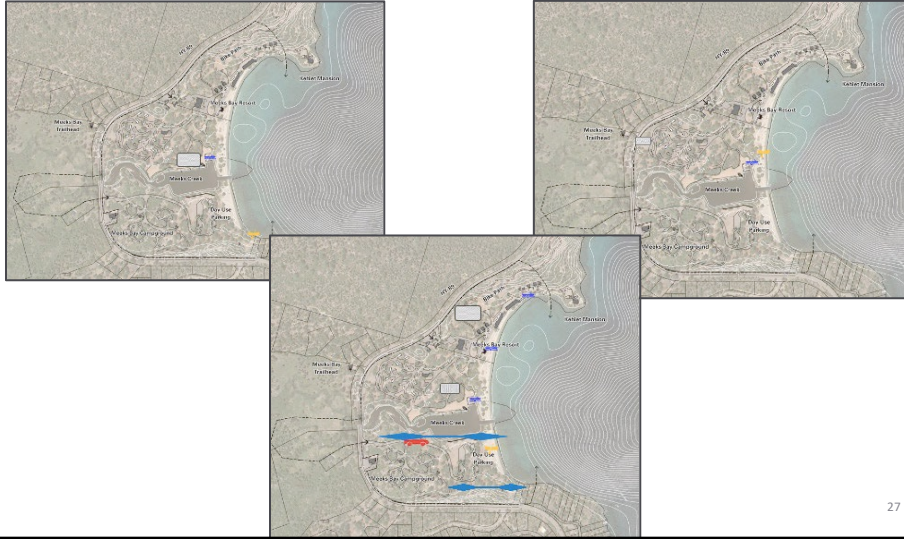


Theme 2 – Provide or Retain Partial Marina Infrastructure

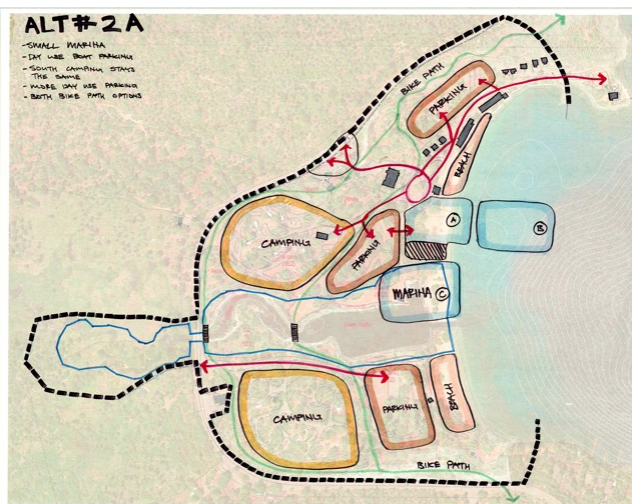
This alternative would continue to provide motorized watercraft access in the general location of the existing marina, while meeting the project purpose and needs related to ecological restoration of the creek and lagoon. Most of the marina infrastructure would be removed to facilitate ecological restoration, although a public boat ramp and/or a limited number of moorings could be considered in the location of the existing marina.

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Theme 2 – Input From Forum Meeting # 2



Theme 2 – Consolidated Input From Forum Meeting # 2



- Multiple marina options at, or just north of, existing location
- Some day use and camping becomes trailer parking
- South side is relatively unchanged

Theme 2 – Design Constraints

- Feasibility of smaller marina is still uncertain, maintaining the existing boat ramp is feasible.
- Boat ramp or marina would need to be physically separated from the lagoon with a separate entrance channel.
- Floating marinas (in lake) and buoy fields are not allowed; a small number of buoys could be permitted.
- Maintaining the ramp and/or marina would require the restoration area to shift to the south.

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Theme 2 – Preliminary Design



- Restoration area is reduced and shifted south
- Ramp and/or small marina separated from lagoon
- Day use area slightly reduced to accommodate lagoon, marina, and boat parking
- Additional campsites (~20)
- Additional parking at resort

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Theme 2 – Preliminary Design Discussion



1. How many slips should the marina accommodate?
2. If the marina is not feasible, should this alternative maintain the boat ramp?
3. What do you think about the bike and pedestrian paths?
4. Are you supportive of the additional day use parking and campsites?

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Theme 3 – Non-Motorized Access Emphasis



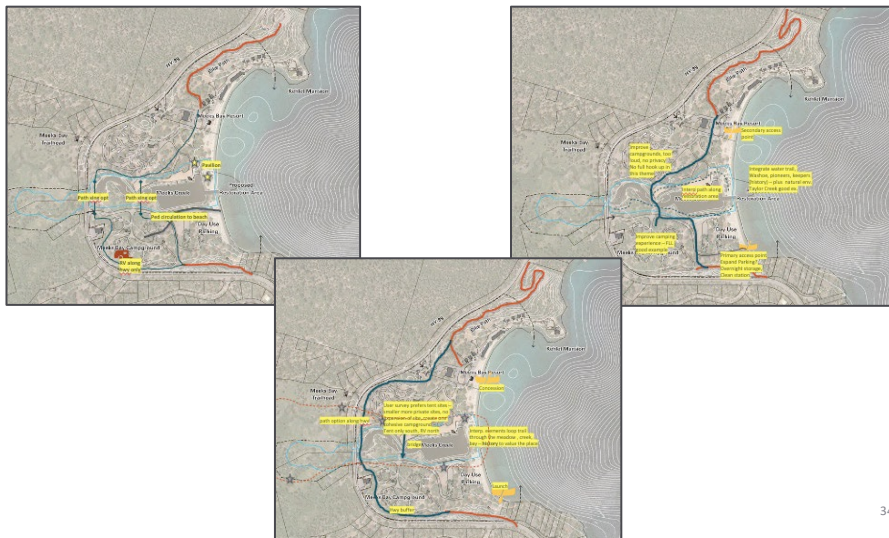
Theme 3 – Non-Motorized Access Emphasis

This alternative would include complete removal of the marina infrastructure, and restoration of the creek and lagoon.

Infrastructure would support non-motorized lake access and a variety of recreation uses. No new infrastructure for public motorized watercraft access would be provided at the site. Infrastructure for non-motorized watercraft launch may be considered, such as a universally accessible kayak launch.

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Theme 3 – Input From Forum Meeting # 2

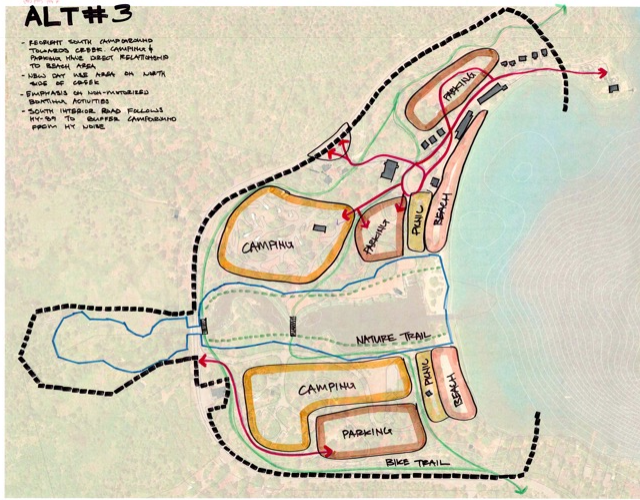


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Theme 3 – Consolidated Input From Forum Meeting # 2

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- RECONFIGURE SOUTH CAMPING AREA TO IMPROVE CAMPING & PADDLECRRAFT ACCESS TO BEACH AREA
- ADD DUTY FREE AREA ON NORTH SIDE OF CREEK
- IMPROVE ON LANDSCAPING & BATHING ACTIVITIES
- SOUTH INTERIOR ROAD FOLLOWING HIGHWAY TO BE RECONFIGURED FROM RT 1000



- Reconfigure campgrounds to improve privacy/reduce noise
- Consider paddlecraft access and facilities
- Improve bike and ped circulation with nature trail

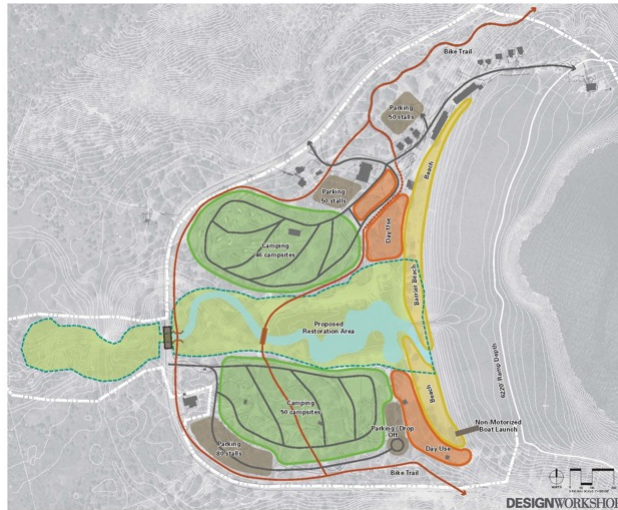
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Theme 3 – Design Constraints

- Non-motorized launch facility would need nearby parking or drop-off locations.
- Nature trail cannot cross the stream mouth.

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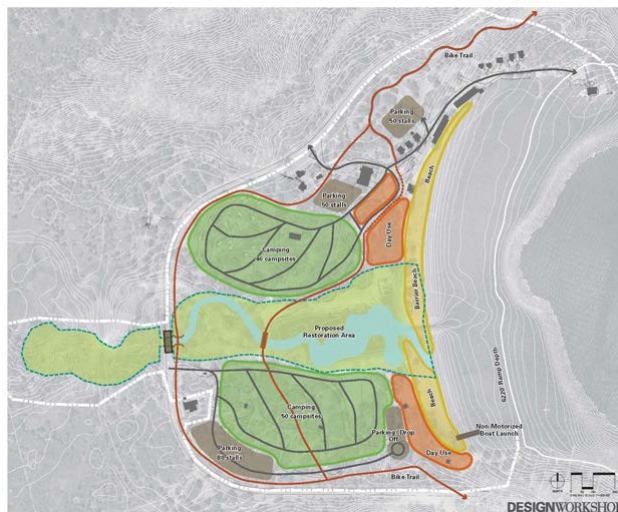
Theme 3 – Preliminary Design



- Full restoration
- Accessible non-motorized launch ramp at south end
- Campgrounds reconfigured and expanded (~20)
- Day use areas expanded
- Day use parking expanded and relocated

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Theme 3 – Preliminary Design Discussion



1. Do you support increasing the size of the campgrounds?
2. Do you support relocating the road, parking, and campground on the south side?
3. Do you support the non-motorized launch ramp?
4. Should this alternative include a pedestrian-only pier?
5. Are there other features that should be included in this alternative?

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Next Steps & Closing Remarks

Forum Members:

- Review today's meeting summary when sent out by or before 9/23
- Review October 21 Forum meeting agenda & materials (issued by 10/7)
- Confer with your constituents to prepare for next forum meeting
- Help spread word about upcoming October 14 public workshop

Members of the Public and Interested Parties:

- Make sure we have your email address if you are not already on the project list: *please enter your name and contact info in the chat box*
- Stay tuned for information and details on the October 14 public workshop
- Follow @TahoeAgency and track website to keep informed

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