



LAKE SONOMA MASTER PLAN REVISION

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers San Francisco District is revising the Lake Sonoma Master Plan to guide the management of public lands around the lake. This revision will guide the future use of resources for recreation and other purposes, and it will ensure the sustainability of the lake and surrounding lands.

The original Master Plan still guides present-day land use and resource management decisions, but significant changes have occurred in the area since then. This revision will confirm the government land classifications around the lake based on environmental and socioeconomic considerations, public input, and an evaluation of past, present, and forecasted trends. This update seeks to balance recreational development and use of lands with the conservation of natural and cultural resources.



The public scoping, data collection, analysis and evaluation of resources and visitor use, and a preliminary report are scheduled to be developed in the spring and summer of 2018, with an expected completion of the revised Master Plan in early 2019.

What is A Master Plan?

A Master Plan is a strategic land use management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of recreation, natural and cultural resources at Corps reservoirs and other facilities, and provides a vision for future development of the project.

The Master Plan will not, in itself, make recommendations for specific actions, but an Environmental Assessment (EA) will evaluate the impacts of revisions, as well as a re-assessment of all cultural and biological resources in the area. Any subsequent decision to pursue design and implementation of an action will include an analysis of potential effects of any proposed change to the natural and/or social environment, including: fish and wildlife, cultural and historic resources, recreational opportunities, economics, land use, aesthetics, and public health and safety.

For more information, and to participate or comment on any aspect of this revision, please send an email to SonomaMP@usace.army.mil. Also, please visit the Lake Sonoma website and register to receive email notifications. The website address is <http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Lake-Sonoma/>

“Fast Facts” about Lake Sonoma and Warm Springs Dam:

Lake Sonoma is in Geyserville, California, approximately 14 miles northwest of Healdsburg and almost 90 miles north of San Francisco, California. The dam impounds water from Dry Creek, which is the second largest tributary in size, and the largest producer of runoff of all tributaries, to the Russian River, draining approximately 217 square miles.

The Dry Creek Dam and Channel Improvements (also known as the Warm Springs Dam and Lake Sonoma Project) was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1962. The dam was authorized and constructed for the multiple purposes of flood control, conservation, and recreation. Construction of the earth was initiated in 1967 and was complete in 1981, with road relocations, downstream channel improvements and recreation facilities completed between 1981 and 1984. While Lake Sonoma and Warm Springs Dam Project features were constructed and are managed by the Corps of Engineers San Francisco District, the storage space for the purpose of water conservation is owned by the Sonoma County Water Agency.

Why are We Involved in Recreation?

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the largest Federal agency in recreation, managing more than 400 parks and lakes nationwide. Lake Sonoma is one of three projects with a recreation mission that is managed by the San Francisco District (the other two are Lake Mendocino and the San Francisco Bay Model). Visit the website below for more information on the Corps San Francisco District and its missions, including recreation.

Have any more questions or comments about the Lake Sonoma Master Plan? Send an email to SonomaMP@usace.army.mil and sign up to receive updates!