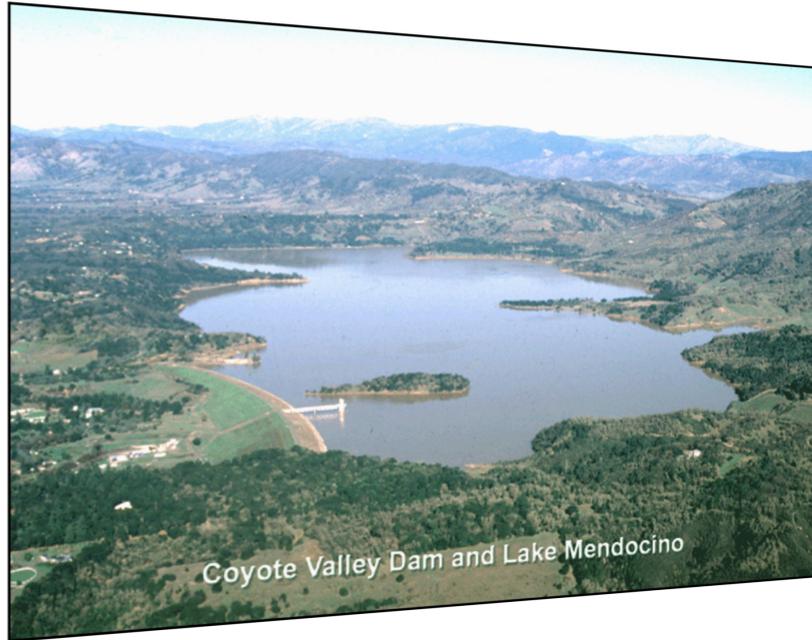


Environmental Review Process

Lake Sonoma, Warm Springs Dam / Lake Mendocino, Coyote Valley Dam Master Plan Revision



National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

This Act was created "to declare a national policy which will encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment; to promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and stimulate the health and welfare of man; to enrich the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to the Nation..."
 - Preamble to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

NEPA helps decision makers and the public understand how to consider the environment in the decision-making process. It does this by recommending:

- Identification of significant environmental resources at the project
- Consideration of a full range of reasonable alternatives
- Assessment of potential impacts
- Disclosure of potential impacts
- Establishment of measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse impacts



NEPA Process Considerations

- Recreation
- Threatened or endangered species
- Agriculture
- Air and water resources
- Biological resources
- Cultural resources
- Traffic and infrastructure-
- Socioeconomics, land use, growth inducement
- Aesthetics and noise
- Public health and safety
- Fish and wildlife habitats or ecosystems
- Geology and soils
- Direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts

Wildlife of Lake Sonoma and Lake Mendocino

- Coho salmon¹
- Chinook salmon²
- Steelhead²
- California red-legged frog²
- Northern spotted owl²
- Black-tailed deer
- Black-tailed jackrabbit
- Brush rabbit
- California quail
- Mourning dove
- Bald eagle



¹Endangered species ²Threatened species

Environmental Compliance and Permits

- Clean Water Act
- Clean Air Act
- Endangered Species Act (Federal)
- Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act
- Magnuson-Stevens Act (Essential Fish Habitat)
- Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- National Environmental Policy Act
- National Historic Preservation Act

Public Engagement Process

Public engagement is used to gather comments, insights, and local information for NEPA documents.

We want to hear from you about:

- Any options that you would like to see considered and evaluated
- Potential environmental/recreational issues and impacts
- Any local knowledge or information important to the environmental review that we might not be aware of
- How you would like to be kept more informed about the project

