



LAKE SONOMA MASTER PLAN REVISION

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 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 will ensure the sustainability of the lake and surrounding lands.

Warm Springs Dam was originally constructed in 1981, for the purposes of flood risk management, water conservation, and recreation. The original Master Plan still guides present-day land use and resource management decisions at the lake, but significant changes have occurred in the area since 1981. 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.

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/>

What is A Master Plan?

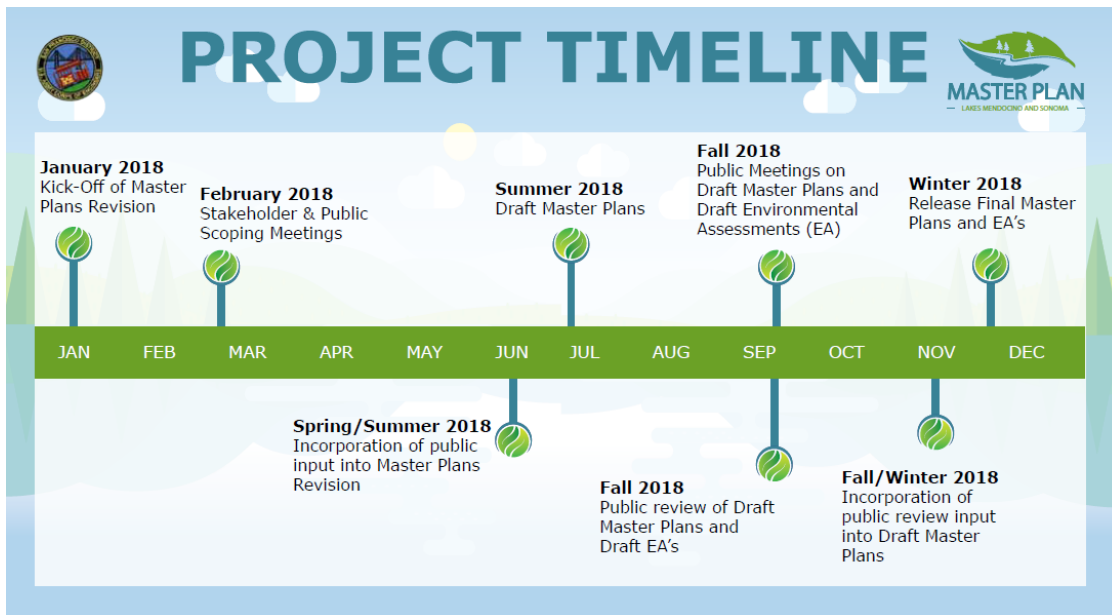
A Master Plan is a strategic land use management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of recreation, natural and cultural resources at USACE reservoirs and other facilities, and provides a vision for future development of the project.

The USACE is responsible for the maintenance, restoration and stewardship of natural resources on the projects it manages. To facilitate the management and use of these lands, a Master Plan is maintained for each project.

“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 risk management, water conservation, and recreation. Construction of the earthen dam 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 USACE San Francisco District, the storage space for the purpose of water conservation is owned by the Sonoma County Water Agency.



Do you have questions or comments about the Lake Sonoma Master Plan?

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