



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.

Warm Springs Dam was originally constructed in 1981, for the purposes of flood control, 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 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 were developed in 2018 and 2019, and a draft Master Plan was released for public review and comment in October 2019.

For more information on the Master Plan and to participate or comment on any aspect of this revision, please send an email to SonomaMP@usace.army.mil.

Information about the revision effort is at <https://www.spn.usace.army.mil/master-plans>. For general information about Lake Sonoma, and to register to receive email notifications, please visit: <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 Corps reservoirs and other facilities, and provides a vision for future development of the project.

The Corps is responsible for the maintenance, restoration and stewardship of natural resources on the projects it manages. Master Plans are maintained for each water resources project to facilitate the management and use of these public lands.

“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 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. 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 Sonoma Water (formerly known as the Sonoma County Water Agency).

Have questions or comments about the Lake Sonoma Master Plan?

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