



Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP)
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49 participants

The Partnership Current Signatories: Alpine County*; BLM* City of Bishop*; Inyo County*; CALTRANS*; Mono County; Town of Mammoth Lakes; Inyo National Forest; Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, National Park Service* **have voted or otherwise agreed to sign partnership agreement* **Partners in Process:** NPS; LADWP

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. What is the ESSRP

3. Welcome + Housekeeping

- Welcome Sierra Jobs First Collaborative + Westside Partners + Sierra Business Council
- Weather Report - "California braces for triple-digit temperatures"
- What's Happening Out There
- Hot Links May 6, 2024

4. Eastern Sierra Jobs First: Priority Industry Sector "Sustainable Recreation & Tourism"

- Current Context: CA State Budget
 - Alpine County – incorrect data, reflects Alpine County as "wealthier" than is true.
- Current Context: Recreation + Tourism
 - Danna Stroud – been in dialogue with JLL/Visit CA and CJF since the beginning.
 - John Urdi – lots of different challenges and opportunities, not apples to apples. Need to be the ones to drill down and determine what's best.
 - Danna Stroud – what'll be so important, realizing the 13 regional strats – are being used to inform states operational plan, will help elevate the awareness of the role tourism plays that combines advanced manufacturing, ag, etc and other sectors – bringing tourism to that level is an important part of the next step. Terminology to incorporate – tourism is a tradeable sector.

2. Conference Season - Regional Updates

- CA Jobs First Strategy Workshop Sessions - *Took place April 25 & 26 in Tahoe*
- CA Trails and Greenways Conference - *Took place May 1 & 2 in Tahoe*
- 2024 National Outdoor Recreation Conference presented by the Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals - *Took place in South Lake Tahoe week of May 6*
- National Association of Counties (NACO) 2024 Western Interstate Region Conference - *Took place in Mariposa County week of May 6*

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3. State of California

- a. CNRA: Gloria Sandoval, New Deputy Secretary for Access
- b. Sierra Nevada Conservancy
 - i. Board Meeting - June 5 + 6, 2024 in Inyo County
 - ii. Funding Opportunities Newsletter May & June 2024
 - iii. Landscape-scale project restoring forests and protecting Mammoth Lakes
- c. California Wildfire Taskforce
 - i. Task Force Planning Meeting – Update
- d. [Bethanie DeRose – talking about dates/times/and when things roll out so JLL/Visit CA work can support CJF and vice versa. After the board meeting, working with Visit CA to get into regional focus and areas of recommendation. Would be in the position to give a more detailed update to this group and align messaging and opportunities.](#)

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4. Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation: Regional Projects

- a. ESCOG: Sustainable Recreation + Ecosystem Management Program
 - i. Towns to Trails - County Meetings Coming Up June 11 - 13
 - ii. Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP)
 - 1. Wildfire Resilience Week
 - 2. SCE Invites You to A Wildfire Safety Livestream
 - 3. California lawmakers tackle health effects of wildfire smoke
 - 4. Final Environmental Assessment for “Eastern Sierra Climate and Community Resilience Project” released
 - 5. Other: Grant period open now at Whitebark Institute: <https://www.whitebarkinstitute.org/get-involved/grantopportunities>
 - iii. ESCOG: Next ESCOG Meeting June 26
- b. MLTPA Foundation
 - i. SRTI Visitor Connection Program - with Whitebark Institute
 - ii. Inyo National Forest Campground Pilot Projects
 - iii. Recreate Responsibly California

5. Special ESSRP / CA Jobs First “Sustainable Recreation Strategy Workshop” - June 17, 2024

- a. Meeting Preview
 - i. [ID strategic intervention and ones we want to pursue funding for. Three examples of strategies and tactics. They offer a specificity about implementation partners, tactics, and who it is intended to serve. Good background on SBC website – sierrajobsfirst –](#)

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- ii. [CJF is a unique opportunity to build around. Want to hear from industry leadership in this region. Opportunity to align with state priorities and state and federal priorities.](#)

6. Partner Insights and Updates in Alphabetical Order

a. Alpine County

- i. [David Griffith – Got Hope Valley out of the Lands Pass Program, which was charging people to walk, hike, ski etc. in a place that even under private ownership was freely accessible to the public. Increase in ToT tax from 10% o 14%. From the low end of neighboring counties to the high end. Increase in STR license fees to reflect costs. We are still lower cost than neighboring counties, sometimes by a lot.](#)
- ii. [JT Chevallier – excited about TTT meeting on June 11th. CLaP integration. Invite folks from Lake Tahoe – presentation at Outdoor Gear Lab – sign up at \[outdoorgearlab.com\]\(https://outdoorgearlab.com\)](#)

b. BLM – no one present

c. CALTRANS

- i. [Andrew Besold – May is Bike Month, did some events and education sharing. Bike helmet inspection overlapped with Active Transport event in Bishop. Bike lanes will eventually connect. Still pushing hard to get bike facilities installed on maintenance and capital improvement projects. Had some trouble with Death Valley about getting some bike lanes in but seems to be moving forward. Made a good argument for it. TTT – backcountry discovery route. We have some of the Northern and southern routes come through this region and think these should be incorporated into TTT.](#)
- ii. <https://ridebdr.com/>

d. City of Bishop – no one present

e. HT National Forest, USFS – no one present

f. Inyo County – no one present

g. Inyo National Forest, USFS

- i. [Adam Barnett – Public Comment Projects – Red’s Meadow Campground Rennocations through June 6th and Coyote through June 17th. Red’s Meadow Road – mobilizing next week and will go into weekday closure and weekday opening pattern then. See the FS website. Field work is starting – four trail crews \(CCC, ESCC, and two FS crews – Duck Pass renovation with CCC is biggest project\)](#)
 - 1. [Coyote OHV public comment:](#)
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/inyo/?project=61311>
 - 2. [Reds Meadow Rd Schedule:](#)
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/inyo/alerts-notice/?cid=fseprd1127643>
 - 3. [Reds Meadow Valley Campground Renovation public comment:](#)
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/inyo/?project=66145>

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h. Mono County

- i. [Bob Gardner – Marcella Rose will present her work plan tomorrow at the meeting. Reminder that a few years ago this did not exist. How far we’ve come! June Lake Fee - tbd](#)
- ii. [Lynda Salcido – Sharing from Marcella, working on trails, attend the Sup meeting. Not proposed date for Tioga.](#)

i. National Park Service

- i. [Joe Meyer, Yos NP](#)
 - 1. [Visitor Access Management Plan - Yosemite National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)
<https://www.nps.gov/yose/getinvolved/visitoraccessmanagement.htm>
 - a. [Phase 3 \(Tentative Dates: May 2024–December 2024\):](#)
 - b. [Confirm alternatives for analysis. Develop draft plan and initiate compliance](#)
 - c. [Public and stakeholder review of draft plan \(tentatively fall 2024\). Complete formal consultation and compliance. Finalize plan and decision documentation](#)
 - 2. [Exploring ways to manage visitation in Yos.](#)
 - 3. [Not date for Tioga Road opening –](#)
 - a. [Local pass through program will be in place and determined by zip codes – don’t need a reservation.](#)
 - b. [Aware of 395 road work – been talking about temp adding Bridgeport to zip code program](#)
- ii. [DEPO – opening June 7th](#)
- iii. [Death Valley – Nichole Andler](#)
 - 1. [Park visits lower but visitor center stays open](#)
 - 2. [MOU – Have new MOU drafted for federal parnters](#)

j. Town of Mammoth Lakes

- i. [Lawson Reif – Mammoth Lakes Basin is now open – dead trees along the MUP. Hope to get those trees off the ground soon. Trail Days event, went well. Stewardship projects complete. Got alignment started for approved trail. LNT grant went well. Went really really well. Two more events like this throughout the summer. Stoked on how things worked out. Red’s Meadow Road Closures coming.](#)
- ii. [Andrew Mulford – most Lakes Basin Trails are still covered in snow. Mammoth Rock Trail is snow free and clear of downed trees.](#)

7. Next Meetings

- a. **Special Meeting** - Monday June 17, 2024 @ 3:30 Via Zoom



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- b. **Regular Meeting** - Monday July 1, 2024 @ 3:30 Via Zoom