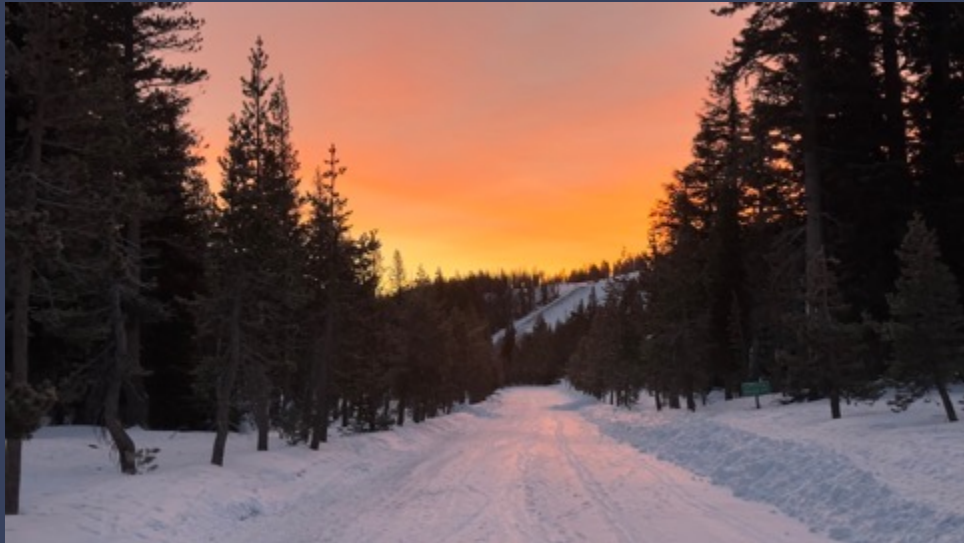
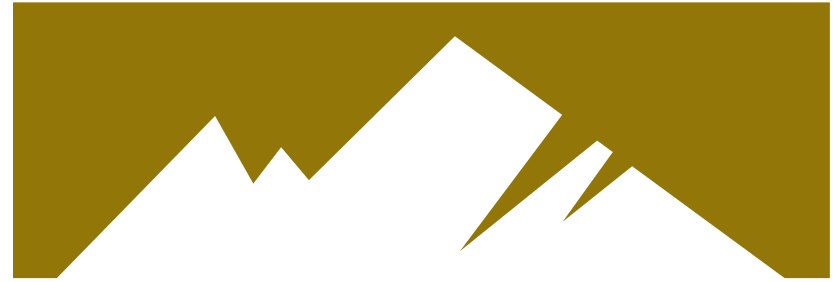


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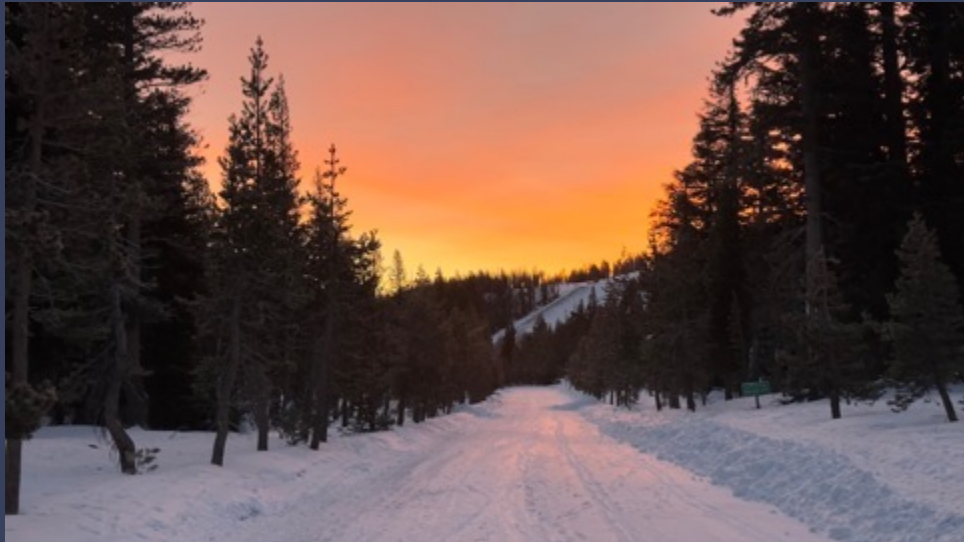


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Recording in Progress

Public lands in the United States hold the creation stories, burial grounds, and ceremonies of Indigenous people who were killed or forcibly removed from their ancestral homes during territorial acquisition.

Many tribes, comprised of different bands, live in the Eastern Sierra region, caring for their native lands as they coexist with the ongoing impacts of colonization. Past or present tribes and bands associated with the region that this effort is aware of include, but are not limited to, the Miwok, Mono Lake Kutzadika'a, Mono/Monache, Nüümü (Paiute), Newe (Shoshone), Timbi-Sha, Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute, and Washoe.

Two Nüümü terms describe the region and provide important context to ideas offered in this presentation. The first is Pamidu Toiyabe (Western Mountains), and the other, more widely known, place name is Payahuunadü (The Place Where Water Flows).

This acknowledgement is an invitation to all organizations, residents, and visitors to recognize the way this history has shaped the present as all parties work together in anticipation of a better future.

What is the ESSRP



“A public/public partnership between tribal, local, state, and federal government agencies and a regional voice for sustainable outdoor recreation in California.”



Inyo National Forest

- Introducing Taro Pusina
 - Mount Whitney District Ranger
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- Introducing Chelsea Taylor
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Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership



Welcome!

MLTPA is pleased to provide this web page providing additional information for the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP). For the latest Partnership information, [please be sure to visit the ESSRP web page.](#)

Project Description: The Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership was initiated on July 18, 2017 at a joint meeting of the Mono County Board of Supervisors and the Mammoth Lakes Town Council. Over the next year, representatives of Mono County, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, the Inyo National Forest, the Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest, the Washington Office of the USFS, and Mammoth Lakes Recreation worked together to draft and sign a partnership agreement and to secure

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County led workgroup to address Buttermilk management issues

▼ SUPPORT AND FEEDBACK

Full Report | Grid Edit | More ▾ 3 Feedback records

	Level of Support	Feedback
NEW	★★★★★	
NEW	★★★★★	
NEW	★★★★★	Convene necessary partners to address management determinations and provide assist to USFS. Finding 'low-hanging fruit' (in part with BIRPI recommendations) that USFS can implement right now to address concerns including wildfire/campfires, dispersed camping, wildlife needs, and nearby residents concerns as well as road management.
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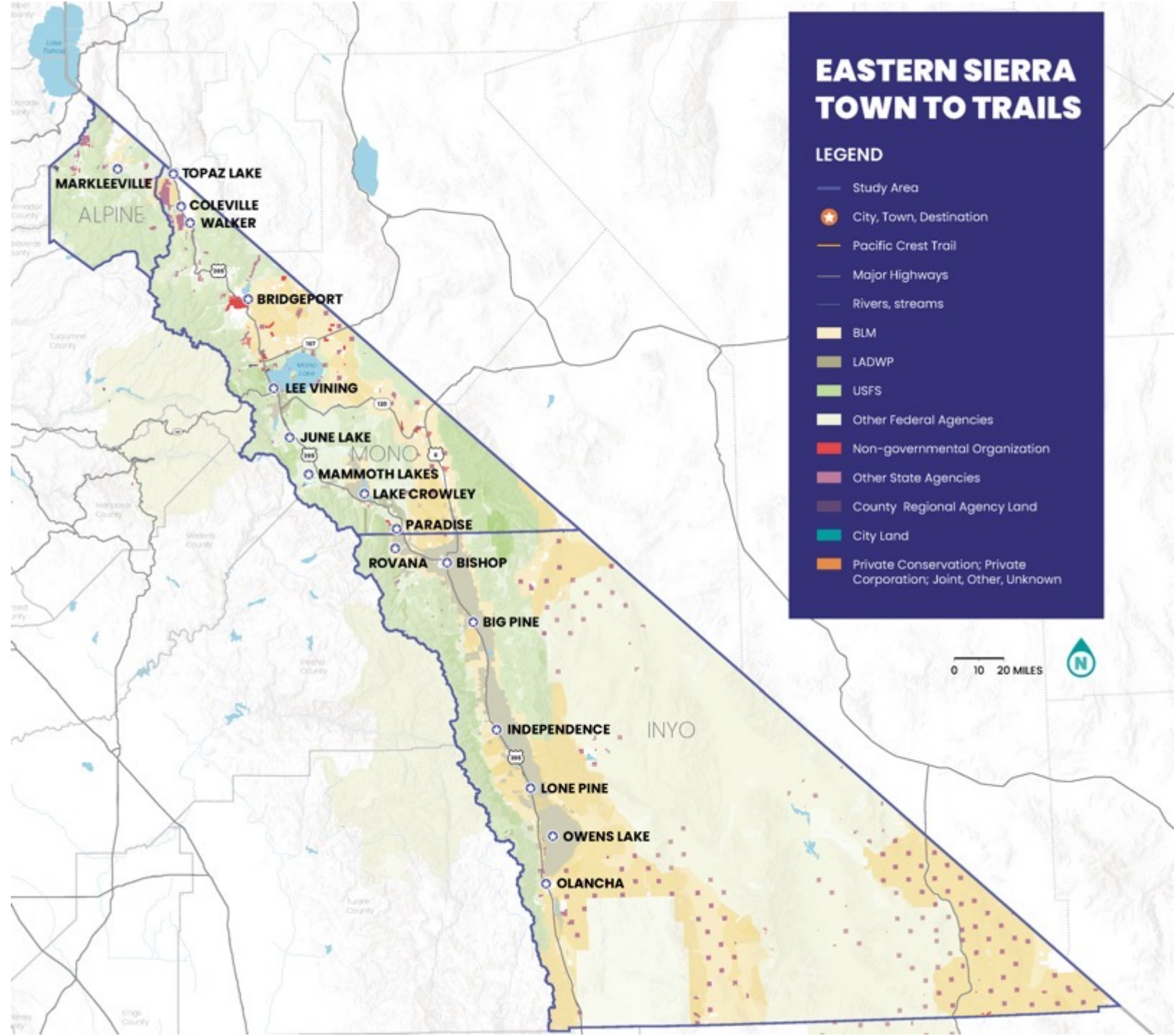
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- Mono
- Alpine

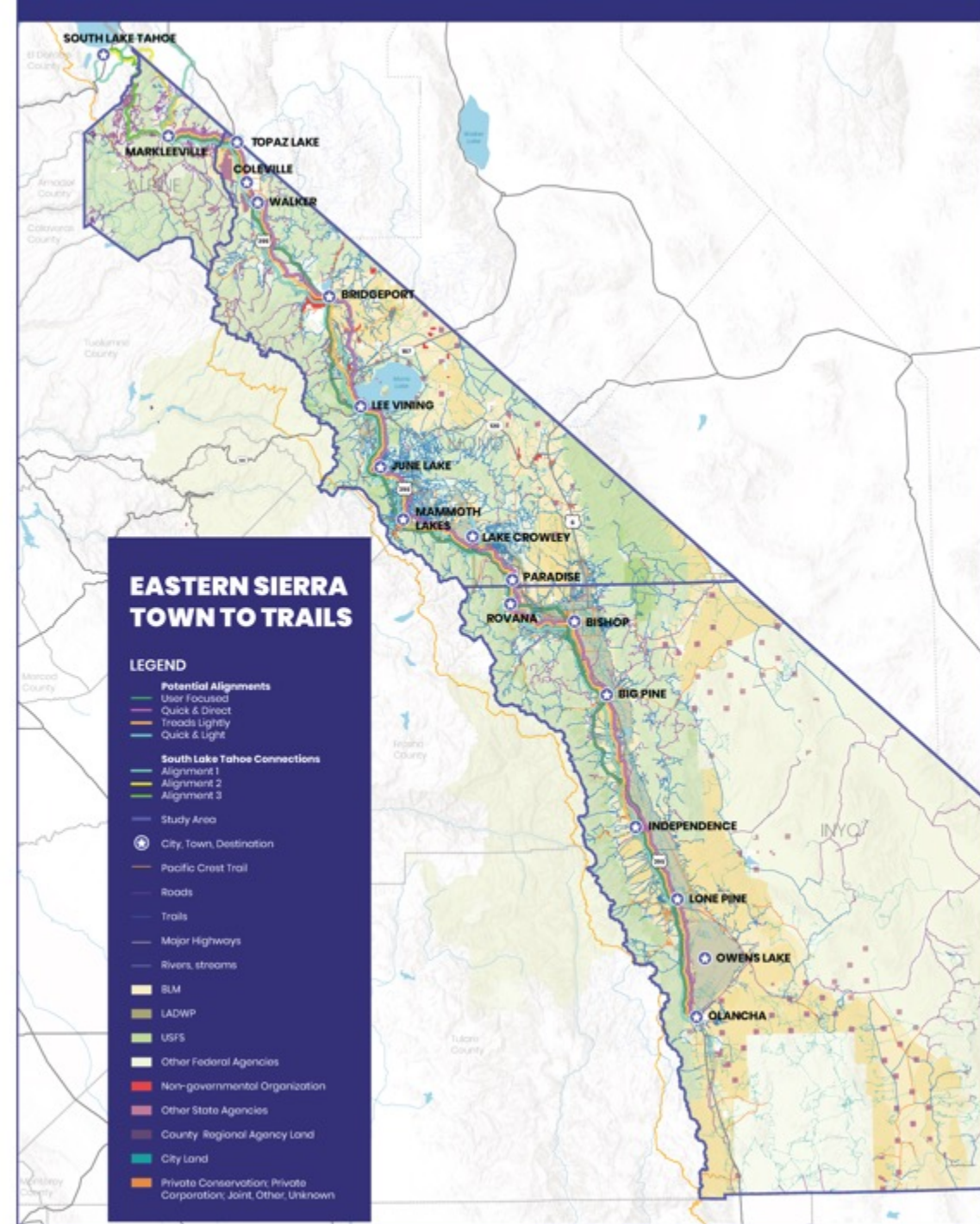
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Inyo National Forest Campground Business Plan

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Inyo National Forest Campground Business Plan *EXECUTIVE SUMMARY*

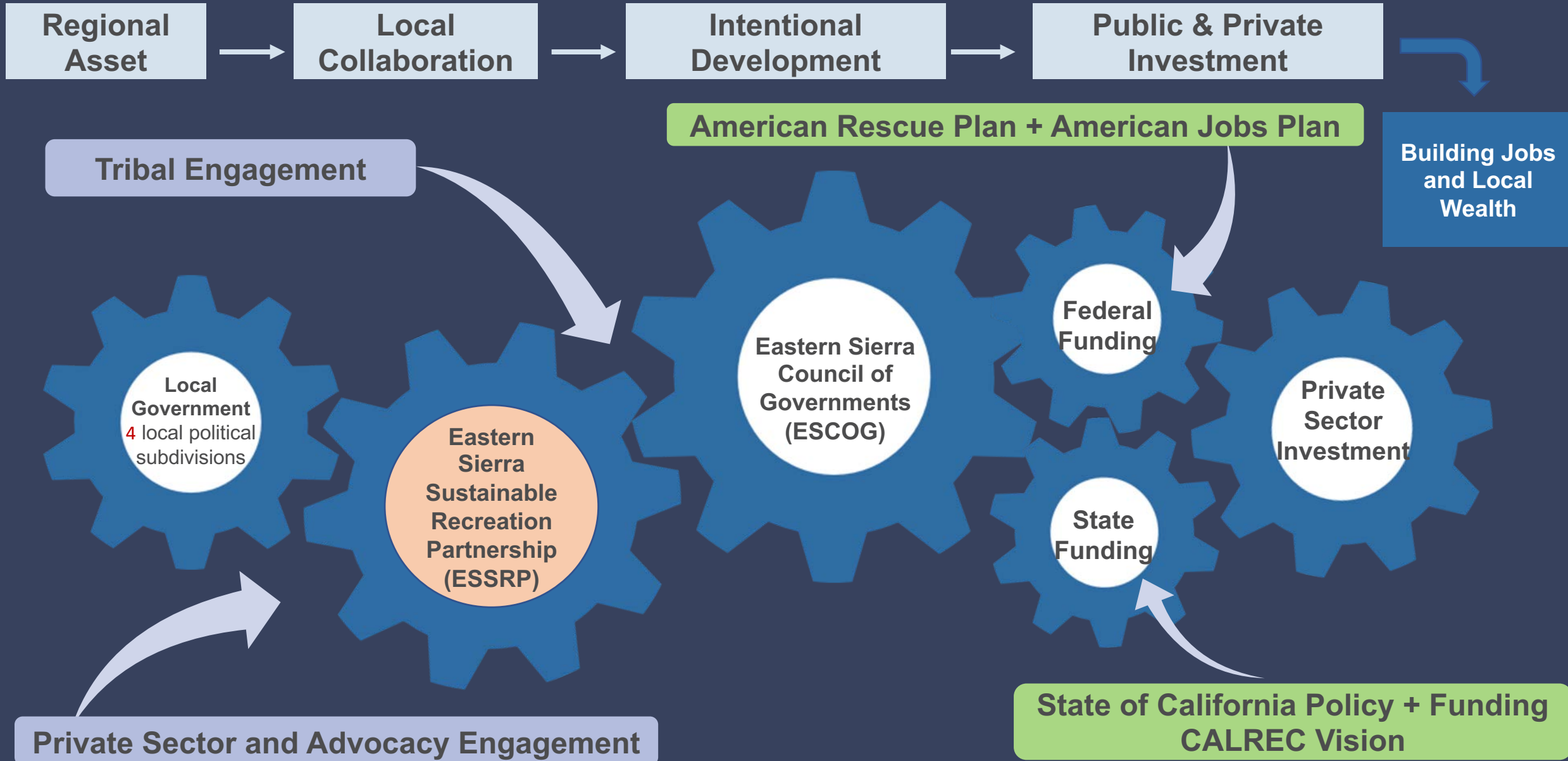
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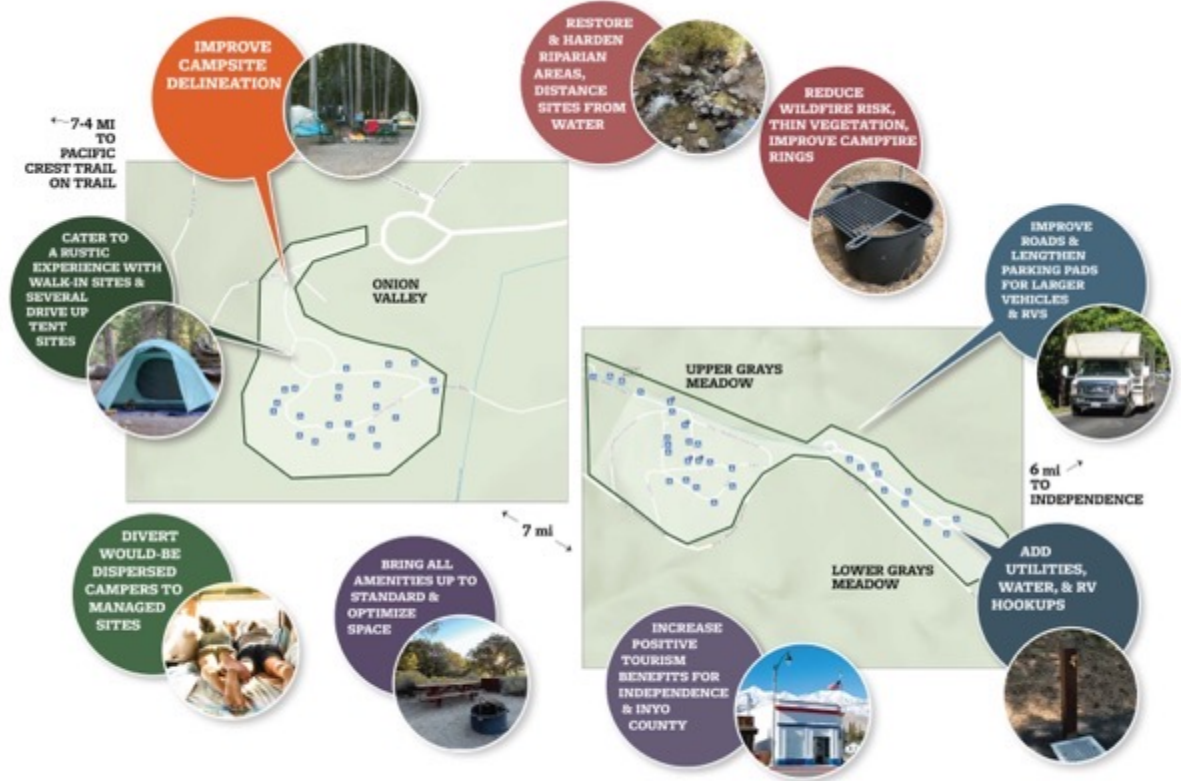
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INDEPENDENCE Independence Canyon



Mt. Williamson, accessible from Independence and the Grays Meadow and Onion Valley campgrounds



INDEPENDENCE CANYON CAMPGROUNDS

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LEE VINING Lee Vining Canyon



Tuolumne Meadows in Yosemite National Park, accessible from the Lower Lee Vining campgrounds by public transit.



LEE VINING CANYON CAMPGROUNDS

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Public Works Contractors:
Comprehensive Guide to
Prevailing Wage Compliance

Available from Amazon and Shopify, this ebook guides contractors through prevailing wage compliance beginning with basic instructions, up through advanced sample wage calculations. From the novice to the experienced professional, this new resource has everything public works contractors need to succeed.

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CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST (COMMUNITY ECONOMIC RESILIENCE FUND)

California Jobs First/the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) is a statewide program that was created to promote a sustainable and equitable recovery from the economic distress of COVID-19 by supporting new plans and strategies to diversify local economies and develop sustainable industries that create high-quality, broadly accessible jobs for all Californians.

SBC is under contract with the State of California to serve as the convener and fiscal agent for the Eastern Sierra region, which includes Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Alpine, Inyo, and Mono counties.

This critical grant will shape our future industries, diversify our economy, and provide for a better quality of life for all who call this region home. **We're looking forward to working together on both the challenges and opportunities presented by California Jobs First (CERF).**

For Eastern Sierra California Jobs First (CERF)-related inquiries in Spanish, please reach out directly to SBC's Eastside CERF Project Navigator, Magnolia Barra, by emailing mbarra@sierrabusiness.org or calling 530-582-4800 ext 124.



Eastern Sierra California Jobs First (CERF)

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Priority Sectors



Community Healthcare

Access to care
Specialty services
Mental health
Medical facilities
Tribal healthcare



Natural and Working Lands

Wildfire adaptation
Wood utilization
Watershed restoration
Tribal stewardship
Adaptation & restoration



Sustainable Recreation & Tourism

Balanced tourism and visitation
Events & Culture
Higher wage jobs
Climate change readiness/pivots
Entrepreneurs & Main Street



Clean & Reliable Energy

Energy efficiency and decarbonization
Energy resilience and reliability
Renewables
EV readiness
GHG mitigation



Sustainable Agriculture & Ranching

Sustainable food systems/security
Climate-ready crops
Ranching manufacturing
Value-added products
Agri tourism

Project Submission Summary



63 projects submitted as of 12/8/23

this is just a preview – we'll come back to this later in the agenda

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HRTC & Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

Jan 10, 2024

Virtual Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAudu-ugTluG9YXt-dhL0-ZS5C6plezG6GM>

12:00 Program Updates

- Rebrand Office Hours
- Communication Platforms and Website
- Planning Phase Expenditure Breakdown
- [Project Identification Form](#) & Process Reminders

12:30 2024 Plan

- Phase 2 Timeline
- In person “HRTC & Subcommittee Retreat” – Menti Vote
- Regional Strategic Plan & Deliverable
- County Meetings
- Local Government Policy Analysis & Strategic Plan Prep
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Regional Strategic Tourism Plans

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Phase 4

Sustainability Evaluation: Scorecard Development and Contextualization

The unique requirements of different destinations and stakeholders suggest that no one-size-fits-all approach will ever do the job. Our process is unique in that it ties quantitative and qualitative destination Critical Success Factors to globally recognized standards for sustainability (the UNWTO's Sustainable Development Goals), ensuring consistency with global best practices and a practical framework for implementation.

Once all the indicators and assessment criteria are validated and finalized, we will conduct the CSF assessments with a wide group of state and regional tourism industry stakeholders, as well as other stakeholders at the intersection of tourism and sustainability (e.g., transportation, environment, infrastructure, housing, community).



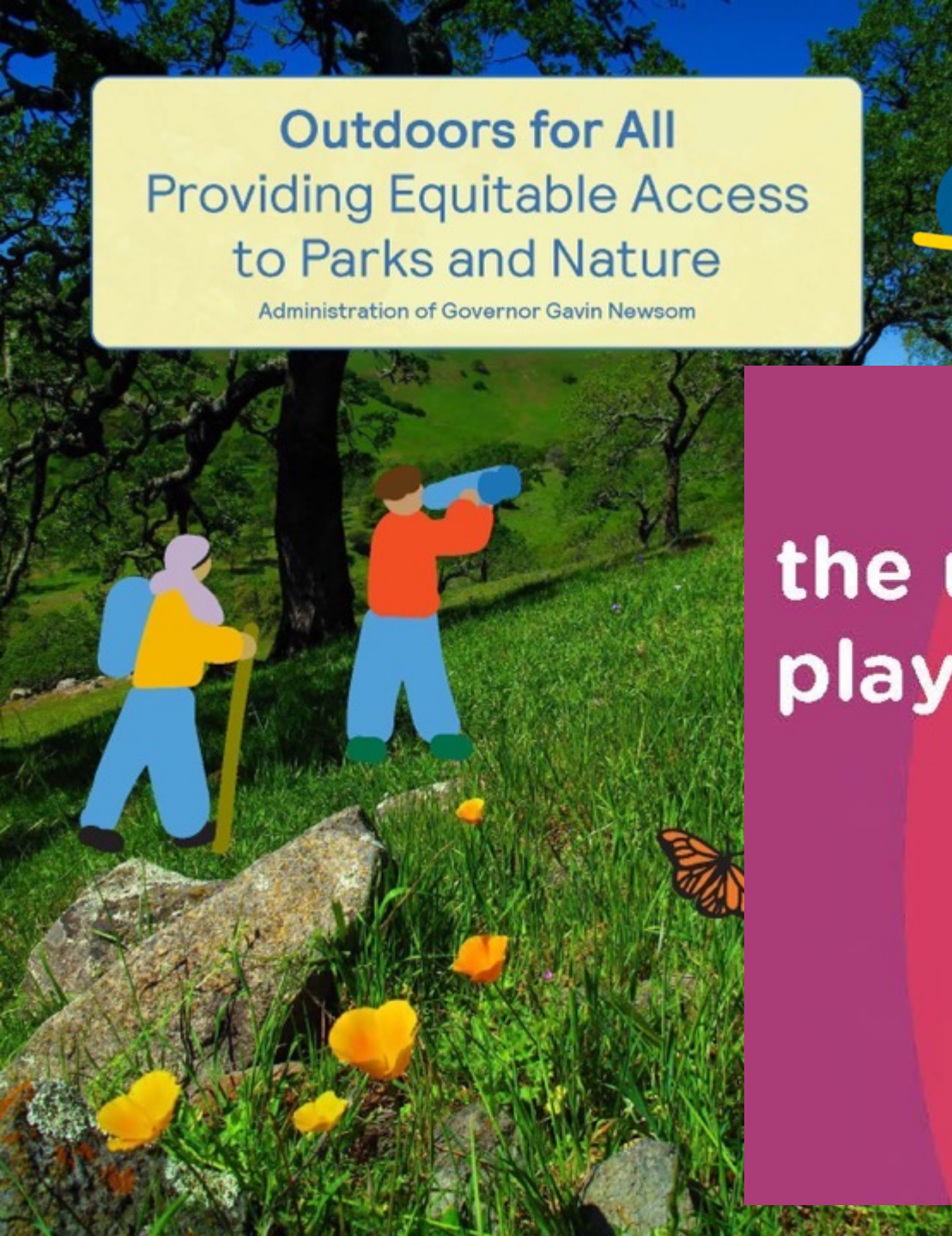
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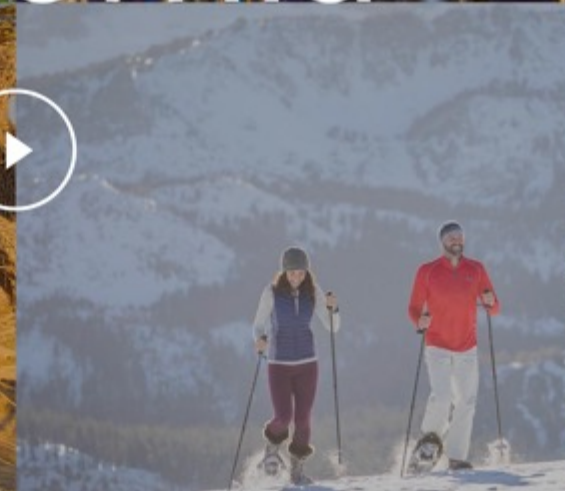
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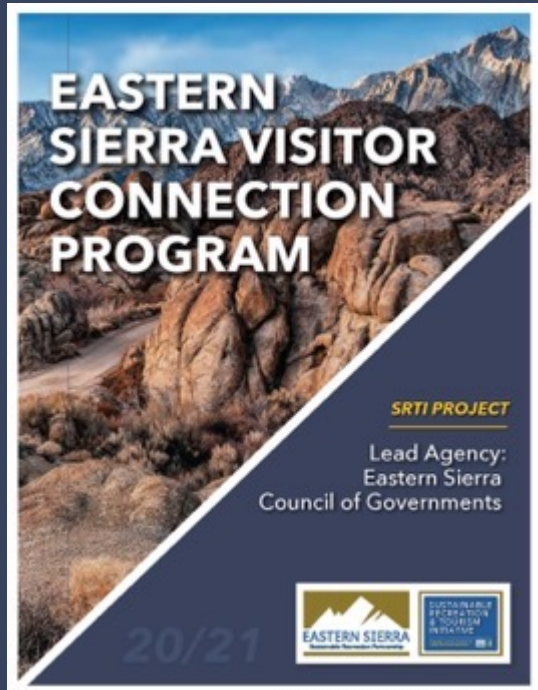
VISITOR CONNECTION PACKAGE

A Framework
for the Development
and Implementation of
a Regional Voice for
Sustainable Recreation
in the Eastern Sierra



Funding for this project has been provided by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, an agency of the State of California, under the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) and in support of the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program.

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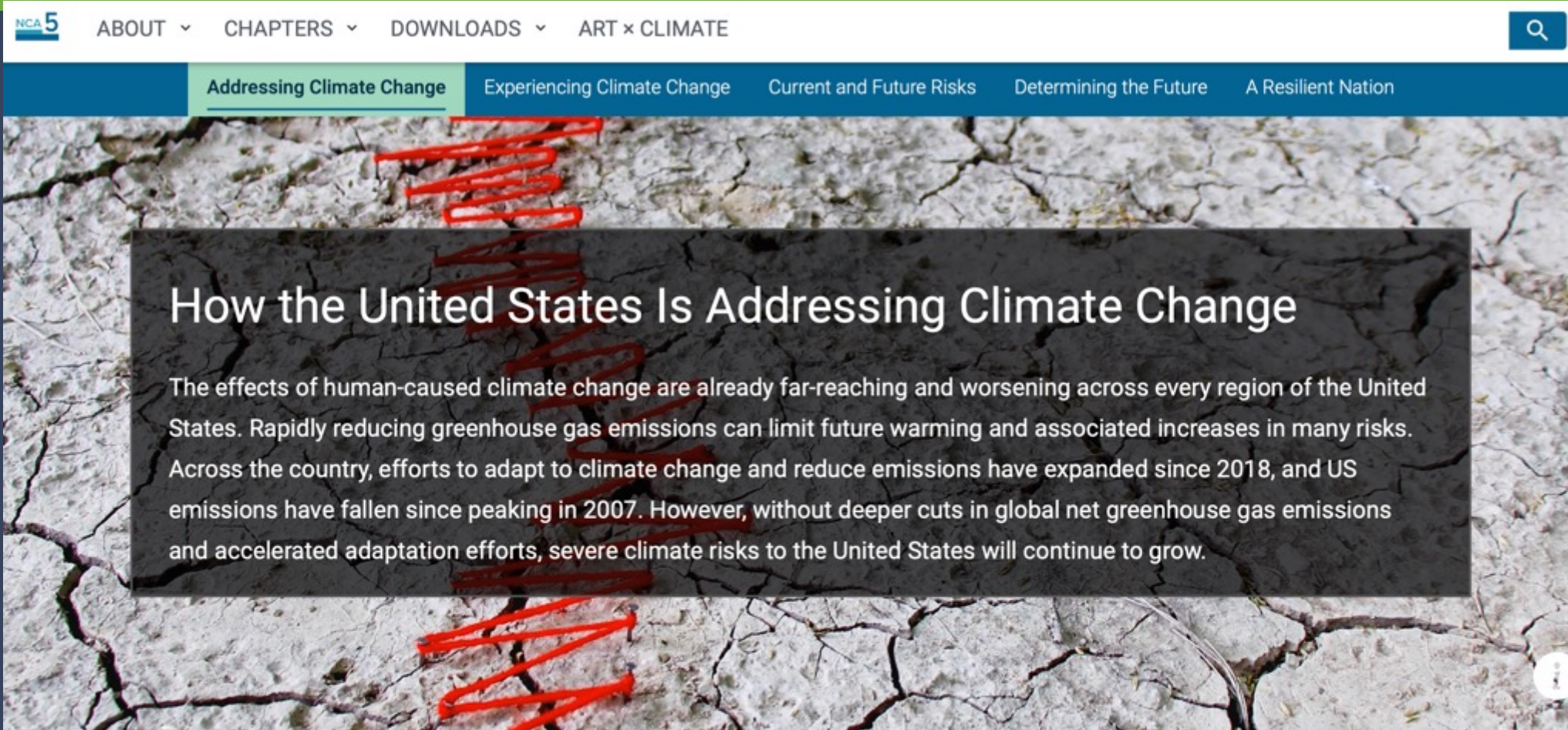


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California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment

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Future climate change impacts depend on choices made today

The more the planet warms, the greater the impacts. Without rapid and deep reductions in global [greenhouse gas](#) emissions from human activities, the risks of accelerating sea level rise, intensifying extreme weather, and other harmful climate impacts will continue to grow. Each additional increment of warming is expected to lead to more damage and greater economic losses compared to previous increments of warming, while the risk of catastrophic or unforeseen consequences also increases. [{2.3, 19.1}](#)

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Item 7: California Fifth Climate Change Assessment Synthesis Reports

November 17, 2023

Introduction

California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment (Fifth Assessment) is a multi-year research effort led by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research in partnership with the Strategic Growth Council, California Natural Resources Agency, and California Energy Commission. It includes a suite of diverse research and informational products that explore the state's current and projected climate impacts and adaptation pathways to build resilience to climate related vulnerabilities. Part of that portfolio is a suite of Regional Synthesis Reports that are meant to compile and synthesize key findings throughout the Climate Assessment into regionally focused materials that meet the needs and context of communities across the state.

The Fourth Climate Assessment established a model for nine regional reports to capture key information developed through the assessment and highlight locally specific applications. Building from this framework, the Fifth Assessment team hosted a series of in-person and virtual engagement events with representatives from tribal communities, non-profit organizations, local governments, academic communities, and residents across the state's nine climate change assessment regions (Central Coast, Inland Deserts, Los Angeles, North Coast, San Diego, Sacramento Valley, San Francisco Bay Area, San Joaquin Valley, and Sierra Nevada) to discuss the scope of each Regional Synthesis Report.

Based on the input received, the Fifth Assessment team is proposing updates to some of the Climate Assessment regions and has developed a general framework that will set a foundation for the scope of each Regional Synthesis Report. Input has also contributed to a deeper understanding of the local nuances and unique climate conditions experienced throughout different communities that will be used, where relevant, to elevate local priorities throughout each report.

The Fifth Assessment will also include a suite of Topical Synthesis Reports that represent issues of statewide significance. Reports funded through the Assessment will include Racial Equity and Climate Justice, Tribal Communities and Indigenous Knowledge(s), and additional reports to be finalized later. State Agency partners will also contribute Topical Synthesis Reports on various themes, including, but not limited to, Climate Financing and Insurance (led by the Department of Insurance), Workforce and Labor Economics (led by the Labor and Workforce Development Agency), Biodiversity (led by the Department of Fish and Wildlife), and Public Health (led by the Department of Public Health). In addition to the

focus of the Topical Synthesis Reports, the Regional Synthesis Reports will also integrate these topics, as relevant.

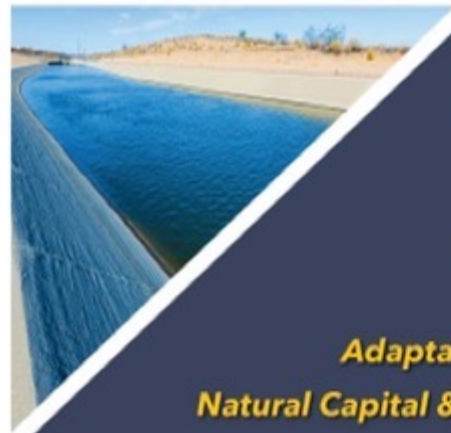
Regional Boundaries

Draft updates to the boundaries include:

1. Expanding the Inland Desert region to incorporate the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale, Inyo County, and the White Mountains in Mono county.
2. Adjusting the boundary of the Central Coast to include the Northwest portion of Ventura County, maintaining the Santa Monica Mountain range and urban areas in the Southeast of the county within the Los Angeles region.



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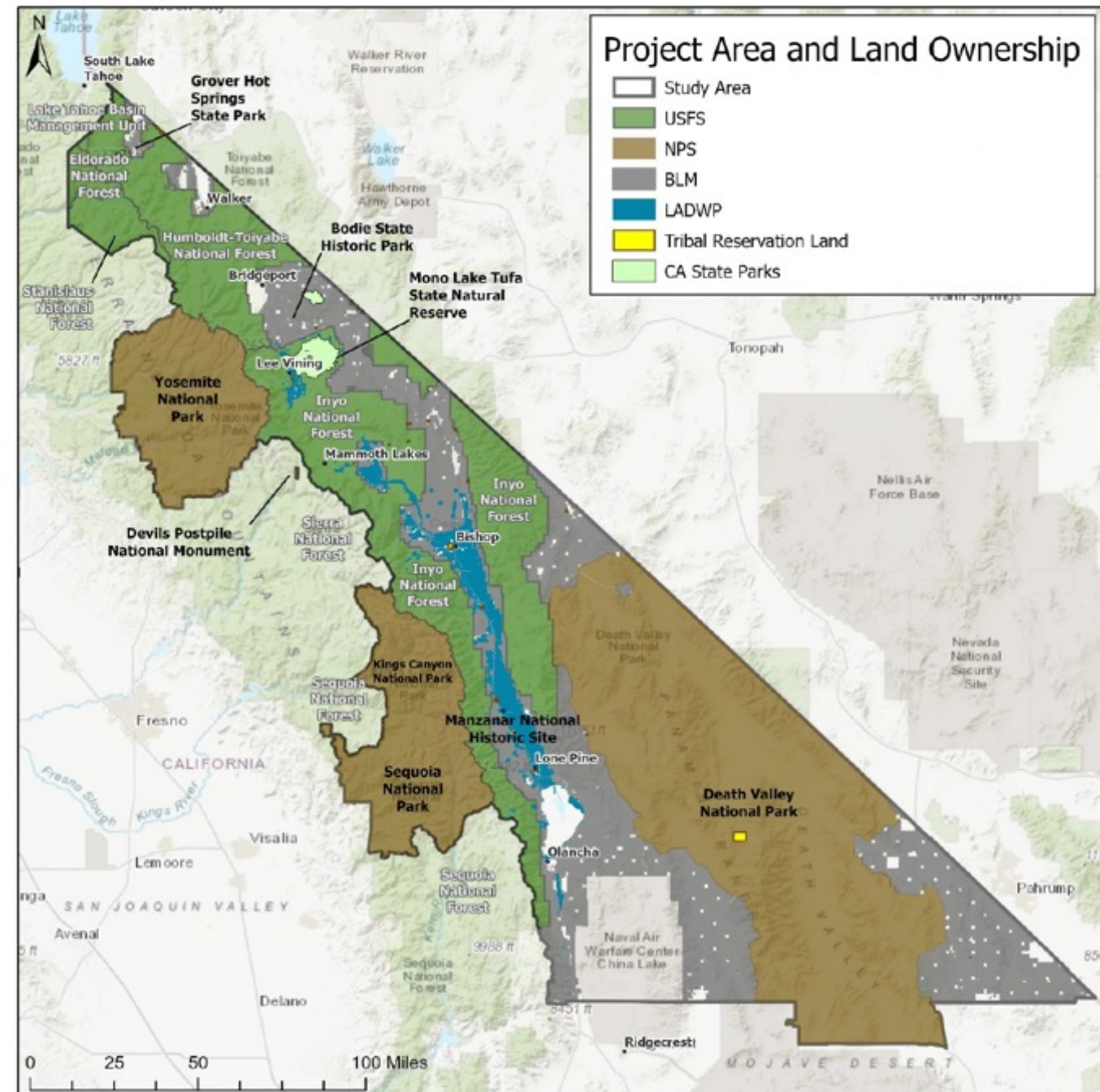
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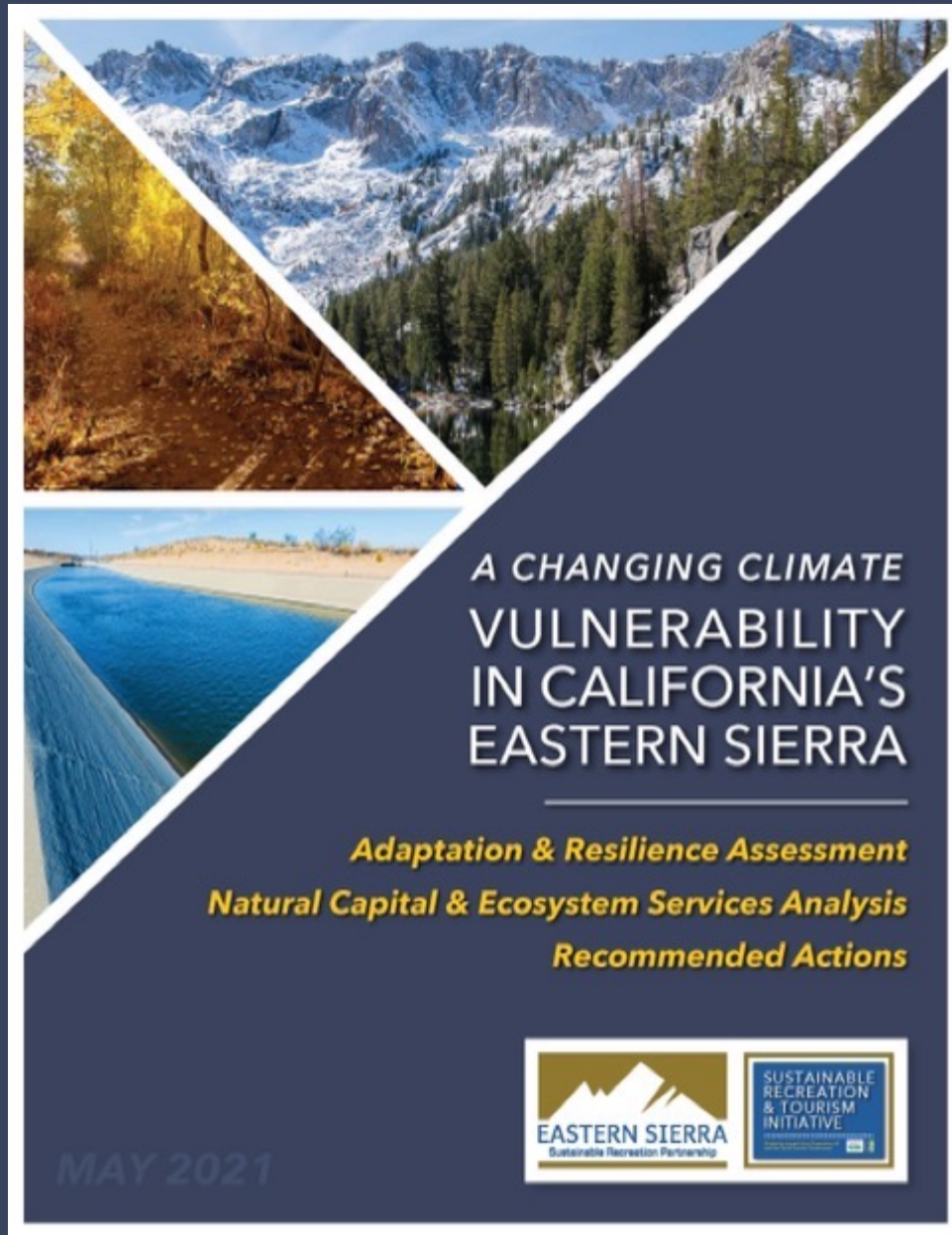


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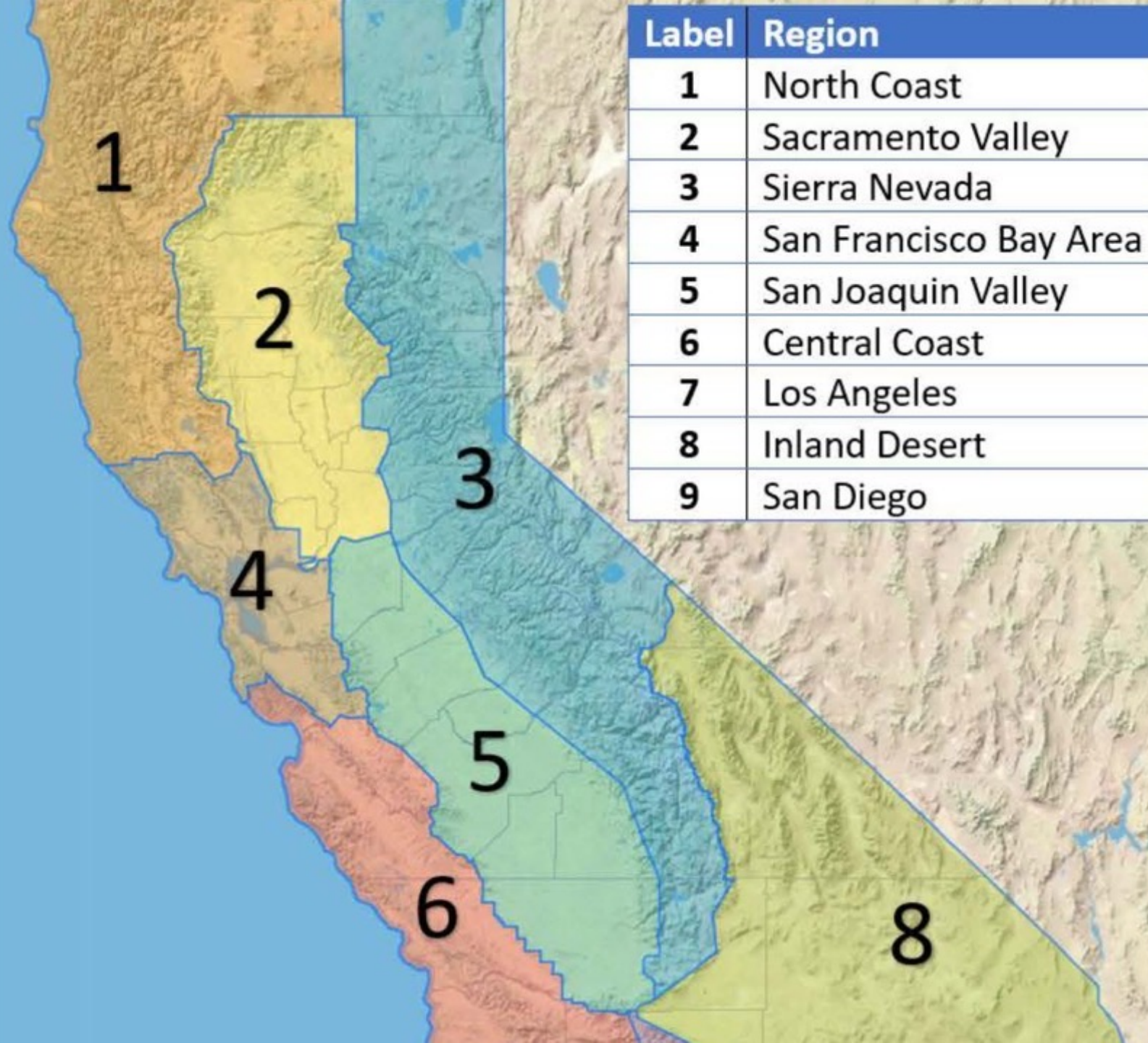


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Evaluates the impacts of climate change hazards on recreation and tourism.

- What are the risks to the region?
- Who and what is most vulnerable?
- What are the impacts to the regional economy?
- Looks at risks by separate management units.



Label	Region
1	North Coast
2	Sacramento Valley
3	Sierra Nevada
4	San Francisco Bay Area
5	San Joaquin Valley
6	Central Coast
7	Los Angeles
8	Inland Desert
9	San Diego

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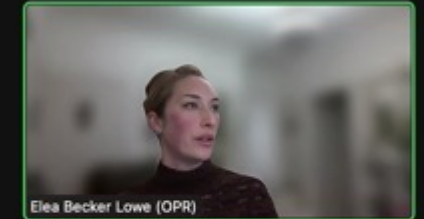
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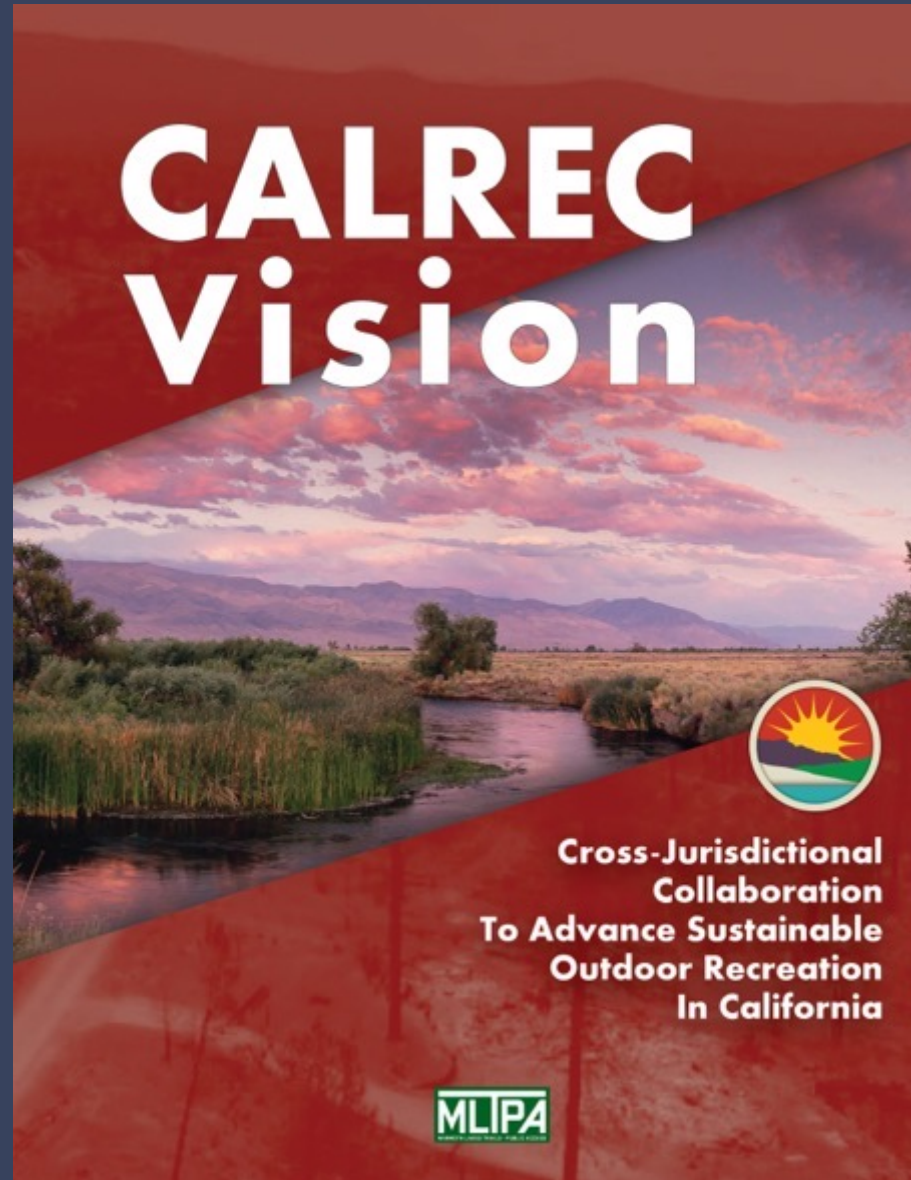
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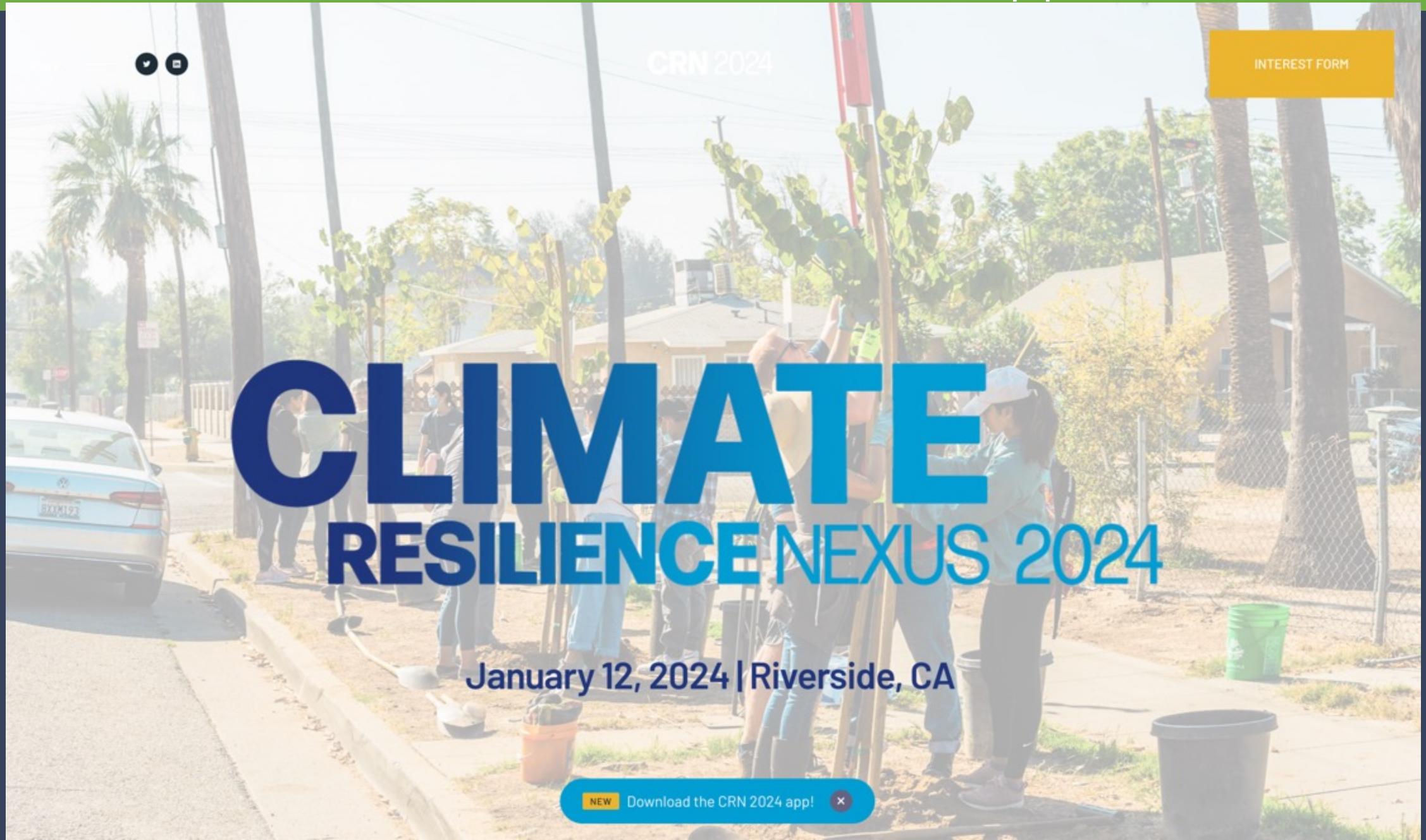
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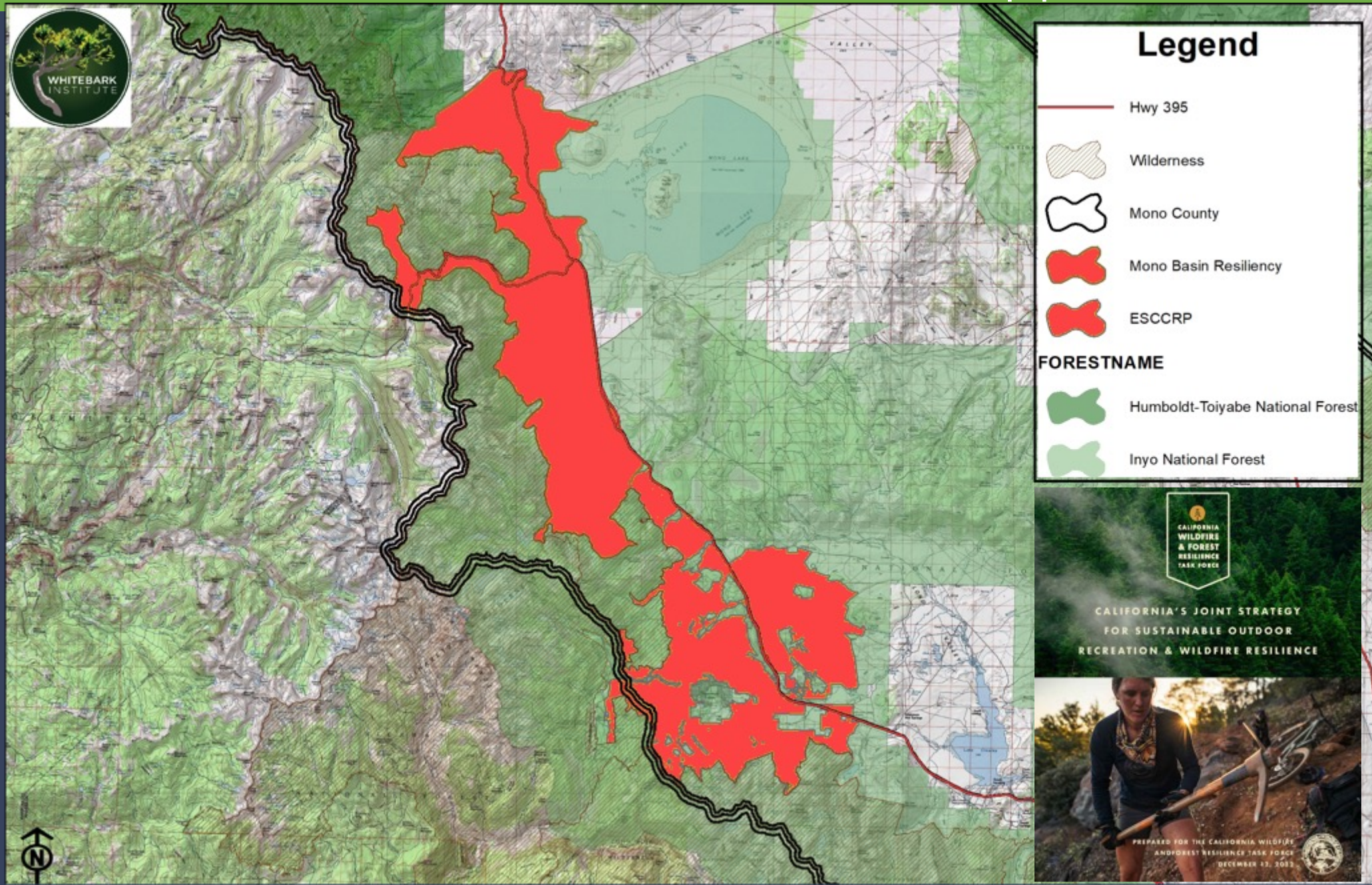


Joint Strategies Completed for Beneficial Fire and Sustainable Outdoor Recreation

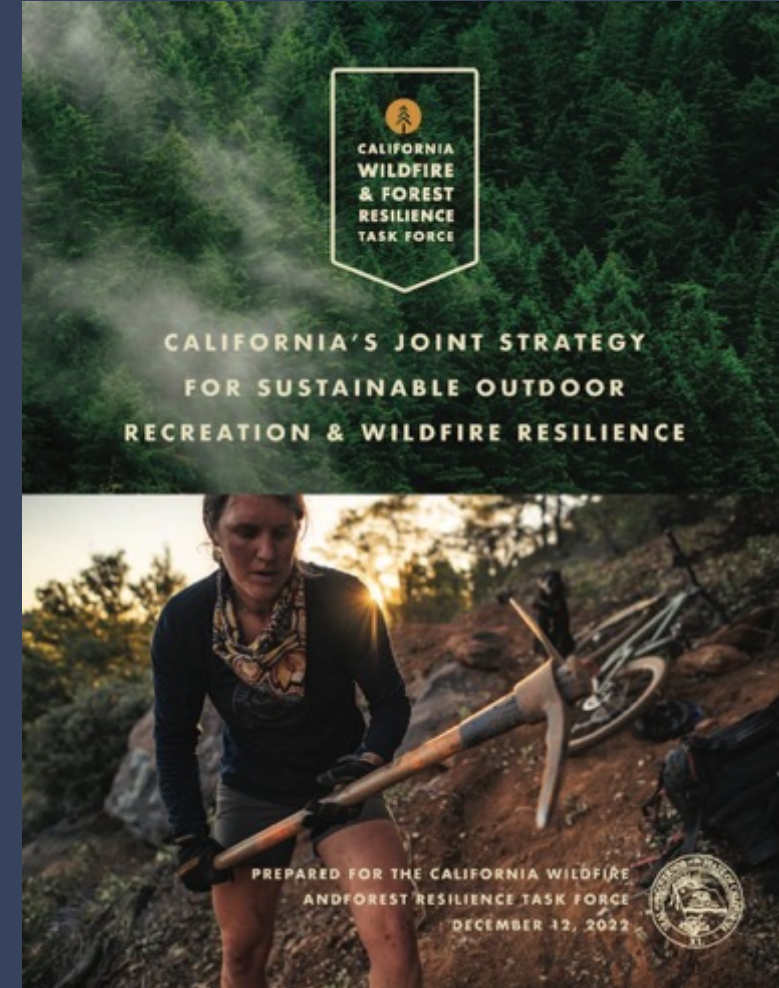
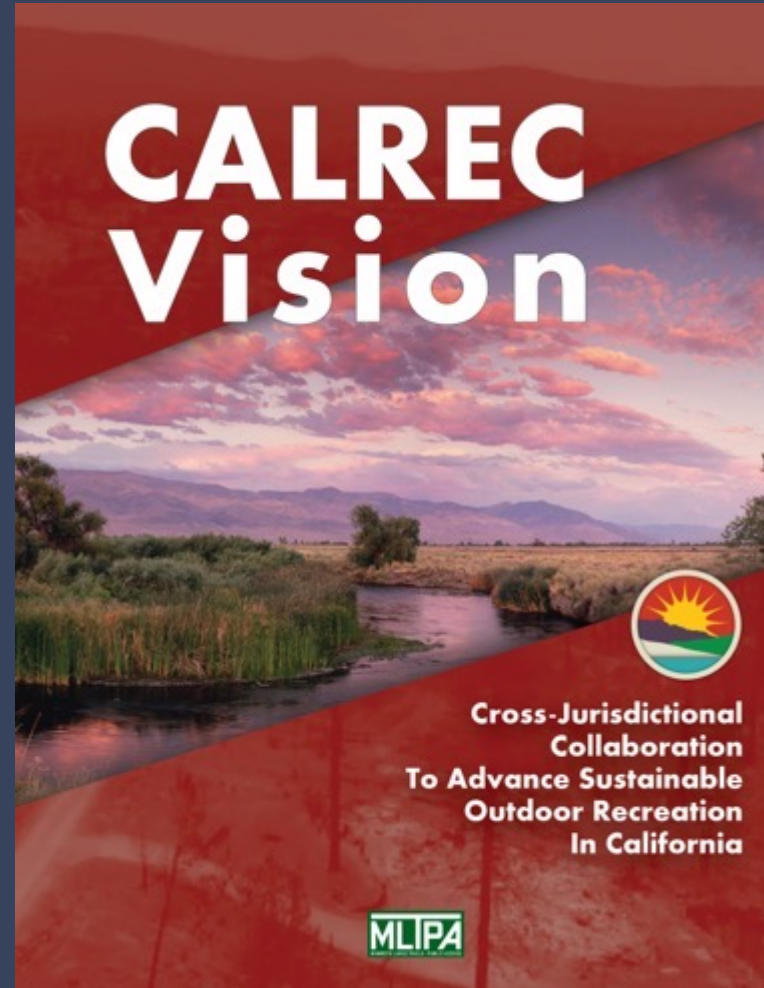
Task Force Work Groups completed and launched their Joint Strategies as required in California's Wildfire & Forest Resilience Action Plan. Click below to see them, and look forward to Reforestation Pipeline, Resilient State Lands and Private Landowner strategies to be published in early 2024.

- > [Beneficial Fire](#)
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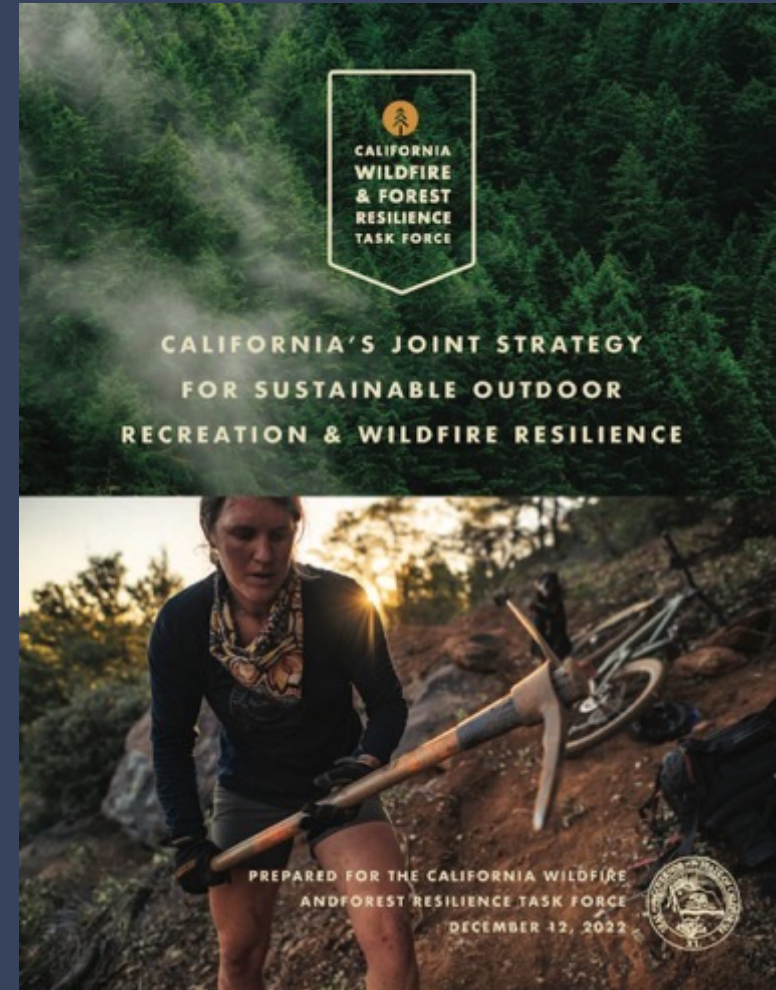
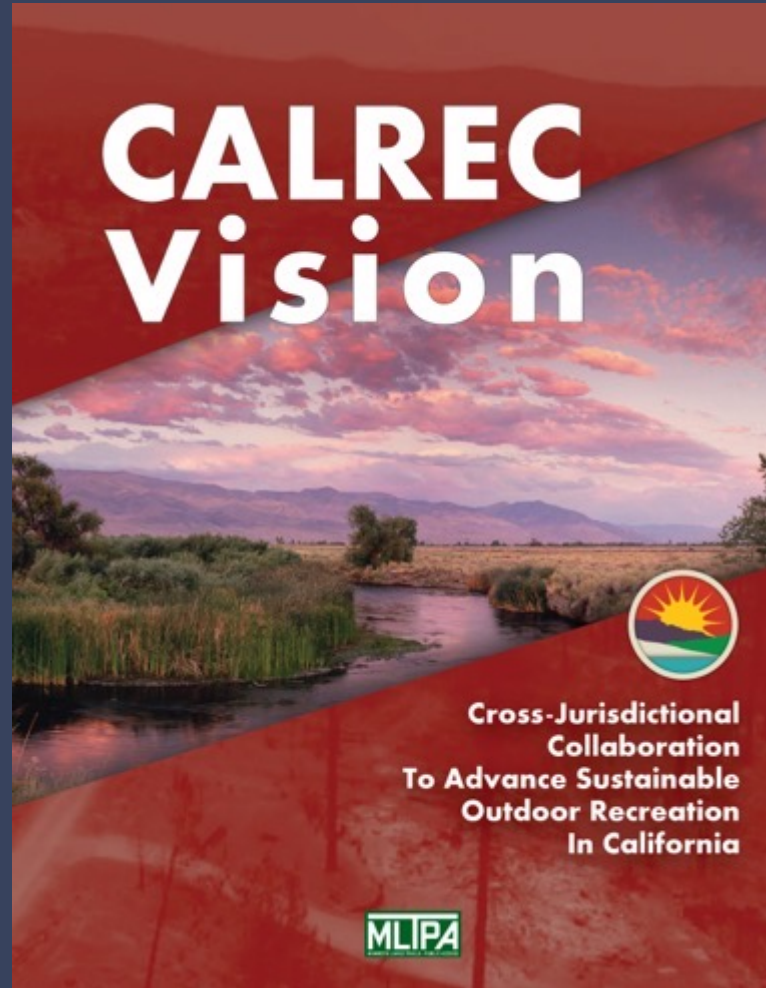
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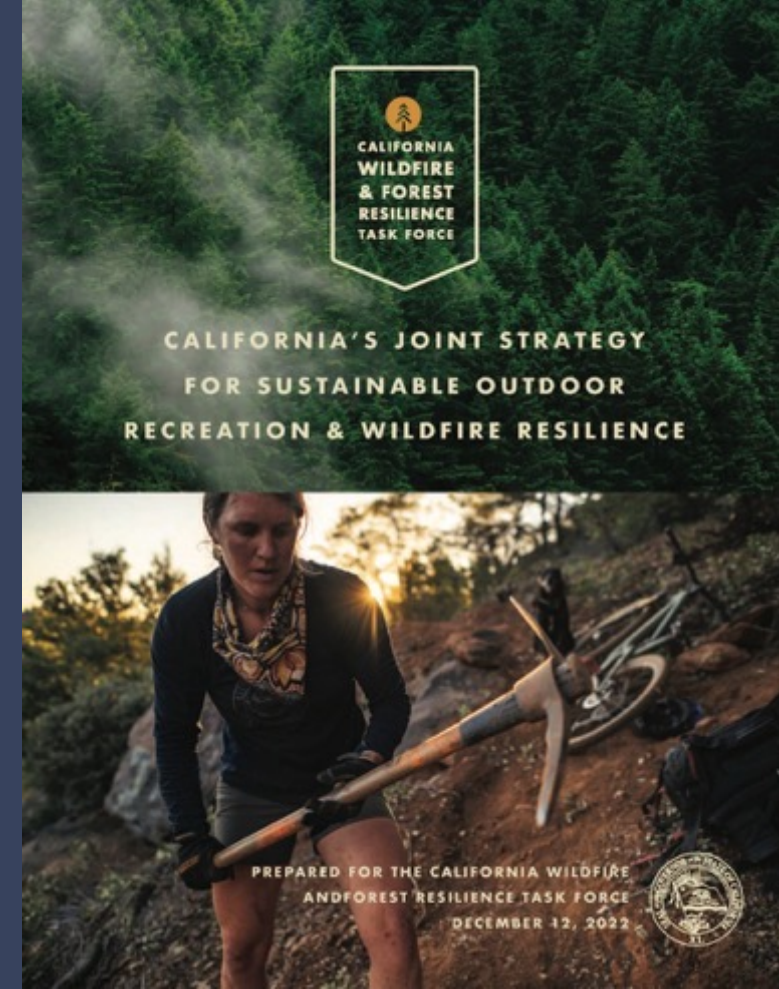
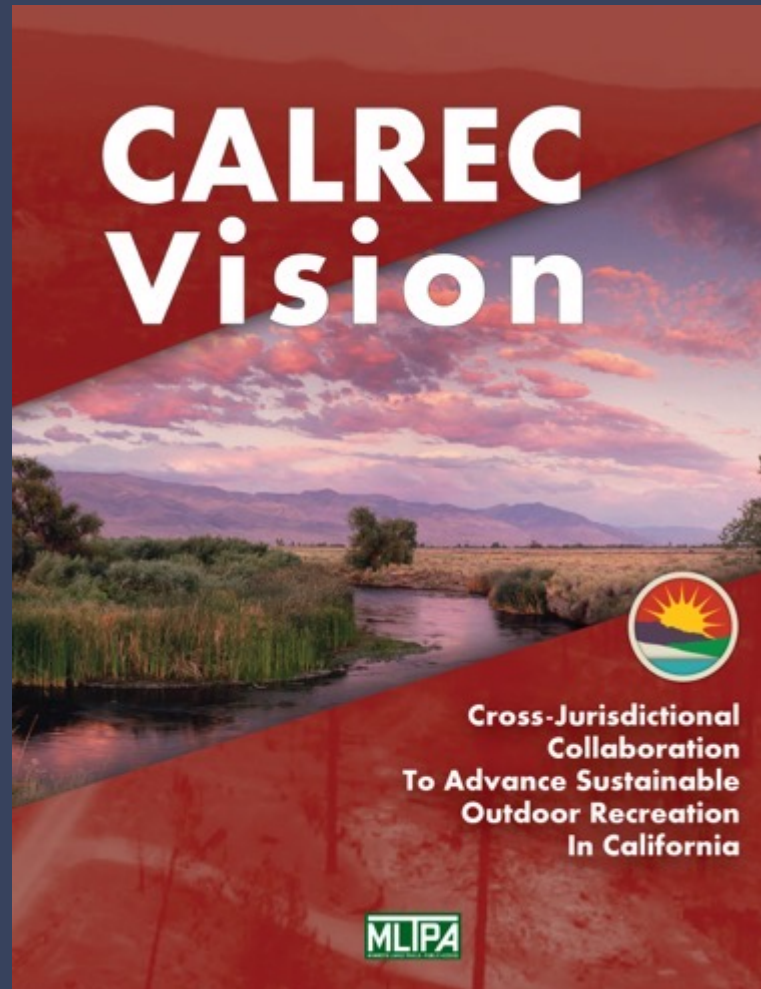
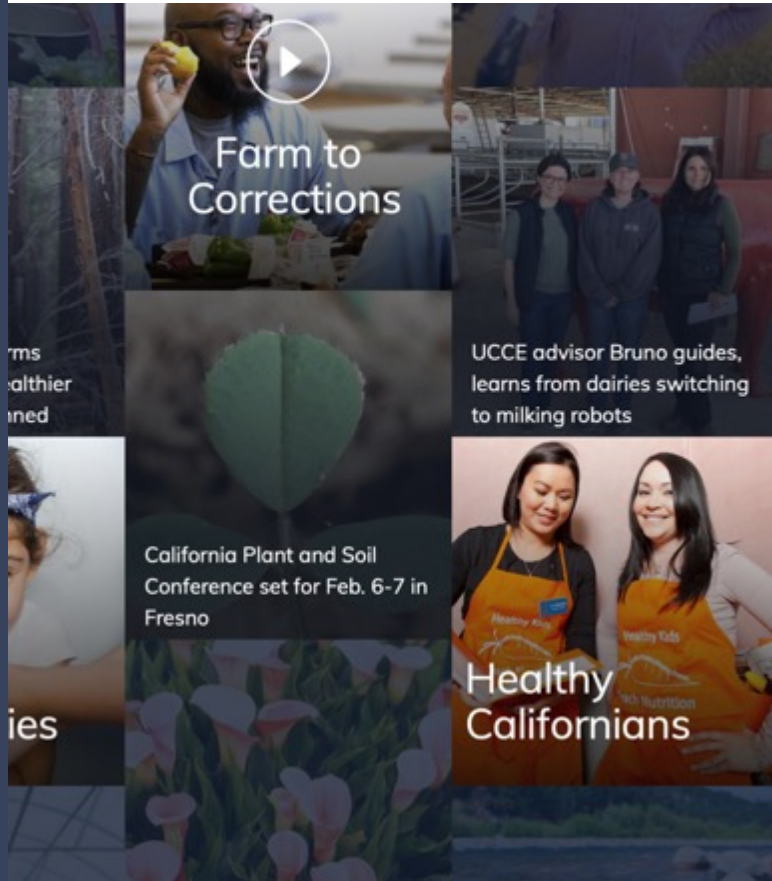


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What Is The Gateway & Natural Amenity Region (GNAR) Initiative?

The GNAR Initiative exists to help Western gateway communities, their regions, and public lands around them thrive and preserve the things that make them special. The Initiative does this by leveraging our three pillars – research, education, and capacity building – to help communities and land managers throughout the West prepare and respond to challenges.

Our Three Pillars:

RESEARCH



The GNAR Initiative fosters and supports multi-university and trans-disciplinary research aimed at better documenting and understanding opportunities and challenges in GNAR communities. **To learn more about our research projects and findings, see our [Research](#) page.**

[See Our Research](#)

EDUCATION



The GNAR Initiative **provides education and learning resources through webinar series, workshops, and classes** aimed at building awareness and understanding of the unique experiences and concerns of gateway communities.

[See Our Latest Webinar Series](#)

CAPACITY BUILDING

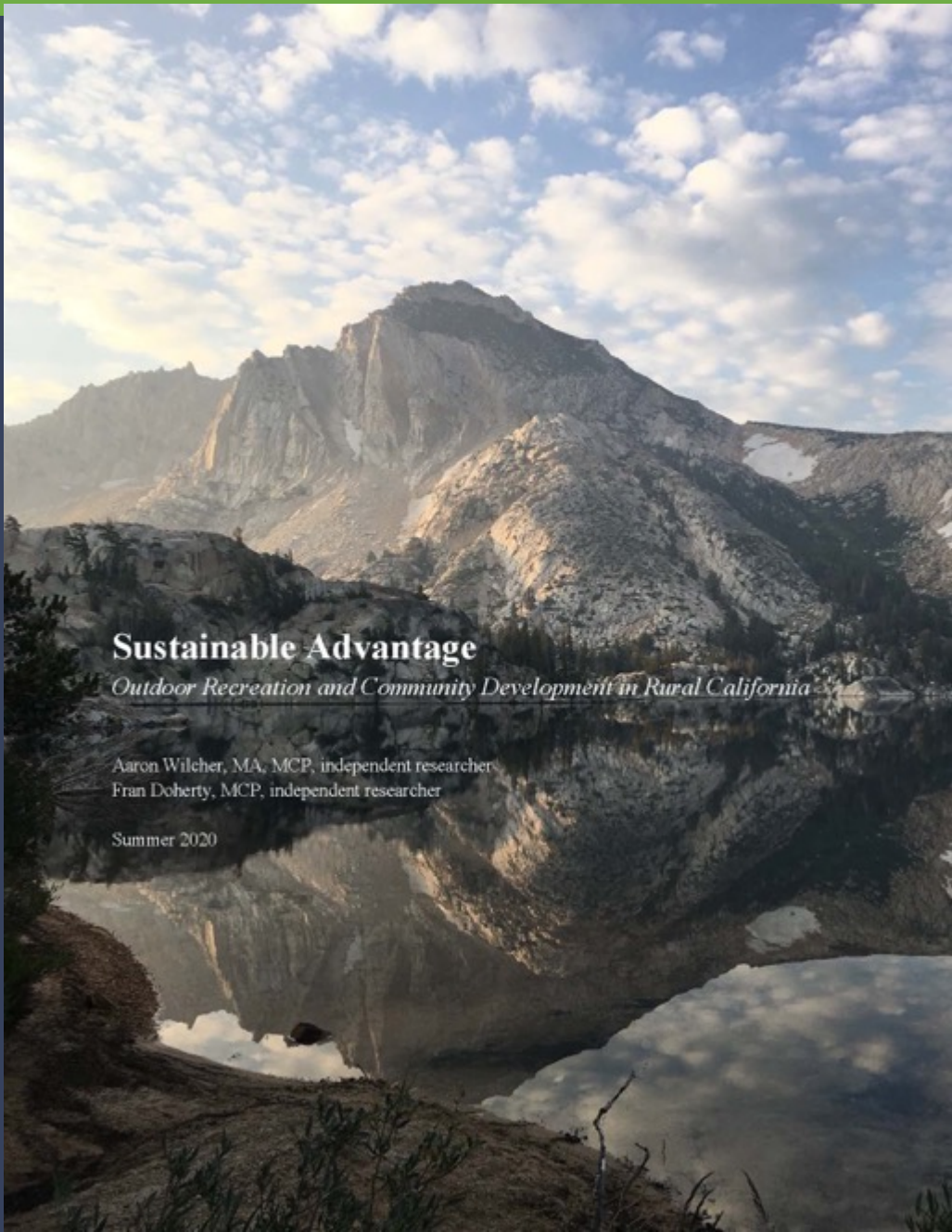


We strive to provide a range of capacity building and planning support for planners, public officials, and others working with gateway communities to address challenges.

Check out our [GNAR Network](#) or [Toolkit](#) Pages for more info.

[Go to the Toolkit](#)

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Sustainable Advantage

Outdoor Recreation and Community Development in Rural California

Aaron Wilcher, MA, MCP, independent researcher
Fran Doherty, MCP, independent researcher

Summer 2020

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Outdoor Recreation and Community Development in Rural California

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Hello Recreate Responsibly California Coalition members,

Our next meeting is coming up on **Tuesday, November 28, 2023 from 8 to 9 a.m.** This will be an engaging roundtable discussion where you can share the latest updates on outdoor recreation in your part of the state.

Now, for some resources shared by our Coalition members:

Upcoming Events

November 17 at 10:30 a.m.: The Outdoor Recreation Roundtable will host a discussion about the latest data from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis on the impact of the outdoor recreation economy in 2022.

- Register for the [Outdoor Recreation Roundtable economic impact webinar](#).

Public Input Opportunities

The Department of the Interior will offer three listening sessions and invite public comment to inform its Environmental Justice Strategic Plan. The public can contribute to addressing environmental injustices, supporting President Biden's Executive Order on [Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All](#). The plan aims to advance climate efforts, clean energy, pollution cleanup, and inclusive access to public lands.

- Read the press release about the [Department of Interior's Environmental Justice Strategic Plan](#).
- Provide a [written comment or register for a public listening session on November 30 or December 1](#).

Messaging Topics

Recent changes to the Lanterman Act will make it easier for Californians with developmental disabilities to access recreation as a social service.

- Learn more about [how the Lanterman Act supports people with developmental disabilities](#).
- Read about recent changes to the [Lanterman Act that will improve access to recreation](#).

Leave No Trace developed a free new online training class called Leave No Trace 101. The training already has over 10,000 online participants! It is available in Spanish and meets ADA accessibility guidelines. There is a special version of the class available for stock users.

- Build your sustainability knowledge with [Leave No Trace 101](#).

Please visit our [Google Drive](#) to find the complete set of notes from the meeting.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 28 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.** We'll be in touch before then with some extra resources and reminders. Thanks again for your participation, and we look forward to seeing you in November!

—Haley, Danna, and Rita

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	Actual	Forecast	Forecast
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General Fund (GF) "Controller's Cash"			
receipts	\$79,363	\$102,333	\$122,970
disbursements	98,107	100,962	2,855
ending Cash Balance	0	15,381	-15,381
Other State Funds			
transfers to Borrowable Funds	\$99,351	\$96,502	\$2,849
transfers to Various Funds	3,183	3,090	-83
transfers to General Fund	4,733	0	-4,733
revised Borrowable Balance	91,436	93,412	-1,977
F Cash + Borrowable Balances	\$91,436	\$108,794	\$117,358

LAO: \$68 billion deficit to address in 2024

Includes \$17 billion due to prior year (2022-23) Prop. 98 issues plus \$51 billion in other issues related to lower revenues

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The Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) annual *Fiscal Outlook*, released [here](#), estimates that the Legislature and the Governor will have to agree on \$68 billion of budget-balancing actions in order to pass the June 2024 state budget.

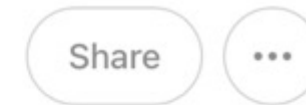
Last week, LAO [announced](#) that it was lowering its revenue estimates by \$58 billion over the 2024 “budget window” (fiscal years 2022-23 through 2024-25). The *Fiscal Outlook* takes that new revenue estimate, plus estimates of lowered 2021-22 revenues (“entering fund balance”), and makes an initial estimate of the amount of corrective actions needed to balance the June 2024 budget.

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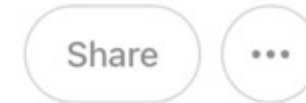
On December 12, 2023, the Department of Finance issued Budget Letter (BL) 23-27 [here](#). The letter directs state entities under the Governor's control "to take immediate actions to reduce current-year General Fund expenditures." Departments also are directed to "ensure more prudent spending from other state funds given the fiscal outlook." Examples of savings cited include, "but are not necessarily limited to," limiting new goods and services contracts, reducing information technology costs, limiting vehicle replacements, limiting office supply purchases, reducing non-essential travel, cancelling some leave buy-back programs, and deferring funding requests to the state's [Architecture Revolving Fund](#).

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As of November 30, the state treasury retains more than \$91 billion of available “cash on hand” (formally referred to as “unused borrowable resources”). This incredibly strong cash position persists despite the deep tax revenue shortfalls of October and November. This figure comes from new State Controller data. The \$91 billion principally comes from the state’s accounts outside the General Fund, such as the state’s fee-supported special funds.

California State Treasury "Cash on Hand" (November 30, 2023)
In Millions, "Controller's Cash" Counting Method, 2023-24 to Date

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With help from Alex Nieves, Wes Venteicher and Jordan Wolman

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We're watching what they're watching. | Department of Water Resources

WELCOME BACK: The wait is over! California Climate is back for 2024, with the behind-the-scenes scuffles and timely scoops you need to stay ahead of the most important stories breaking in climate policy and politics this year.

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BONDS, CLIMATE BONDS: We've waited nearly a year since Gov. Gavin Newsom floated the concept of a climate bond to hear what the governor's priorities are and how much he's willing to spend. We should finally get some clarity on those questions next week.

We're watching for the Department of Finance to lay out bond specifics as part of its budget proposal next Wednesday, which is expected to be a bloodbath given the Legislative Analyst's Office's projection of a \$68 billion budget deficit.

Assemblymember **Eduardo Garcia** and Sen. **Ben Allen** have separate climate proposals north of \$15 billion, but Garcia [told us last month](#) that whatever reaches the November ballot is expected to have a smaller price tag. That'll only intensify the fights for a piece of the smaller pie. — **AN**

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January 19 and then February 2nd

Congressional leaders near deal on overall funding levels but shutdown threat still looms



House Speaker Mike Johnson and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer are moving closer to an agreement to [set overall funding levels](#) for the federal government, according to congressional sources. But that doesn't mean [a government shutdown](#) will be averted later this month.

Agreeing on an overall spending level is a key first step in funding the government – and aides to Johnson and Schumer have spent weeks trying to reach a deal on that number.

Border dispute could force partial government shutdown

Far-right House Republicans are threatening to block legislation to keep the federal government operating without sweeping changes to immigration laws

Jacob Bogage



House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) speaks Wednesday in Eagle Pass, Tex., during a visit that included touring a portion of the U.S.-Mexico border. (Eric Gay/AP)

Far-right Republicans in the House are threatening to force a partial government shutdown unless Congress enacts strict new changes to immigration law, imperiling crucial government services — and U.S. aid to Ukraine — over a long-fraught issue that could be critical in this year's elections.

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The Unpredictable But Entirely Possible Events That Could Throw 2024 Into Turmoil

A collection of futurists, political analysts and other prognosticators on the possible Black Swans of the presidential campaign.

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Next Meeting - First Monday of the Month @ 3:30

Thank You - !

Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting

Monday February 5, 2024 @ 3:30 PM