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REGULAR PARTNER MEETING



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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.”

What is the ESSRP

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Recreation and Tourism Industry Sector

- Role of the ESSRP
 - Ongoing Information Sharing
 - Preparing for the Recreation and Tourism Working Group

Furloughs, Welcomes, Housekeeping, and Farewells



- Jeremy Scheier
- Gregory Carr
- Sintia Kawasaki-Yee
- Joe Meyer
- Patrick Johnston



- Wilfred Nabahe
- Brian Hansen
- Adam Leidy
- Taro Pusina
- Adam Barnett
- Andrew Kennedy

"Unfortunately, due to a lapse in federal appropriations, I have been furloughed and will be away from my desk until funding has been restored. During this time, I will have access, for work purposes, to neither my government email nor voicemail. For more information, please visit usa.gov."

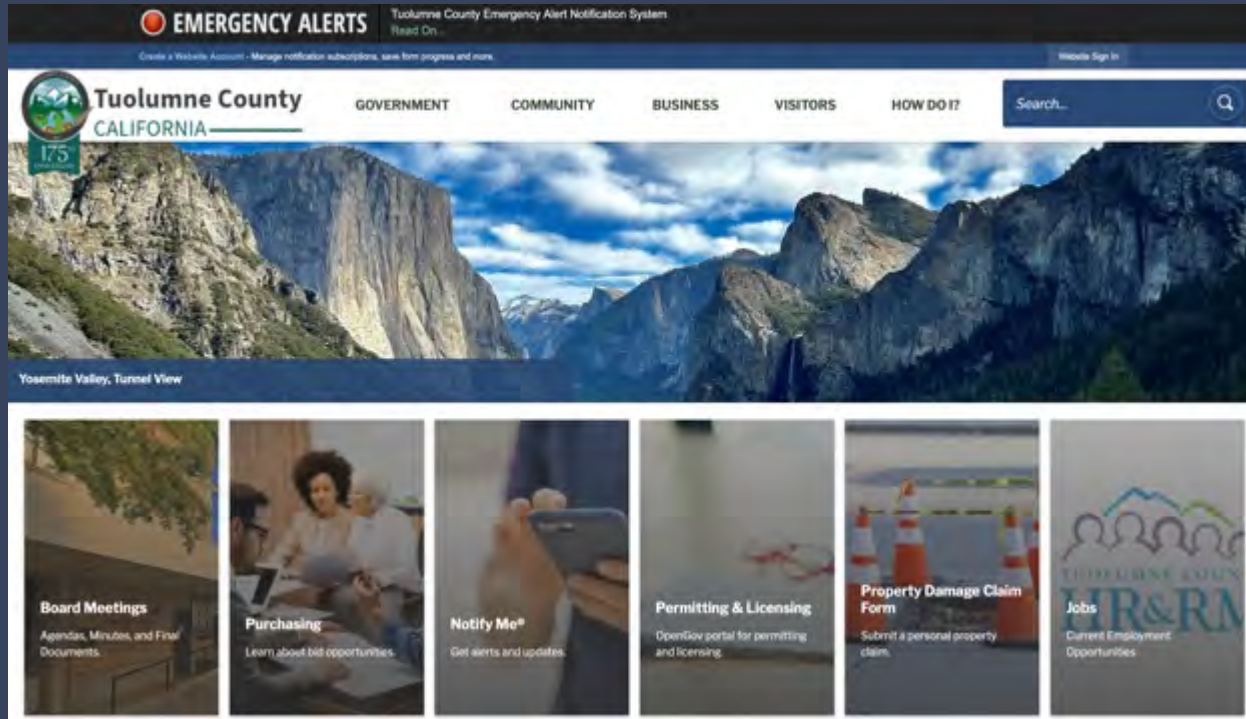
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City of Bishop

- Pamela Foster – *New City Administrator*

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Tuolumne County

- City of Sonora



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Tuolumne County

- Bradley Booker
- Dwight Follien
- Tim England
- Andy Carter
- Jack Becker
- Ben Cook

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Mariposa County

- Mariposa



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Mariposa County

- Ben Goger
- Will Fassett
- Ben Ogren
- Reed Schneider
- Kristina Rylands
- Adam Burns
- Mike Cleary

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Amador County

- City of Sutter Creek



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Amador County

- Julia Sierk-Zanze
- Bradley Booker
- Sandy Staples
- William Watson
- T. Dubois

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Muir Ramble Route

Walking from San Francisco to Yosemite
in the footsteps of John Muir



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John Muir's 1868 Route



*What John Muir wrote
about his trip have been
compiled by region:*

THE MUIR RAMBLE ROUTE

[The Muir Ramble Route](#) (MMR) is a 310 mile walking and/or cycling trail from San Francisco to Yosemite. It was created and first walked by Peter and Donna Thomas in 2006.

This site is hosted by one of the Sierra Club members involved in creating the [John Muir Exhibit](#), for which we are eternally grateful.

History and description of the MMR

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Muir wrote that he "followed the Diablo foothills along the San José

Peter and Donna Thomas' 2006 Route



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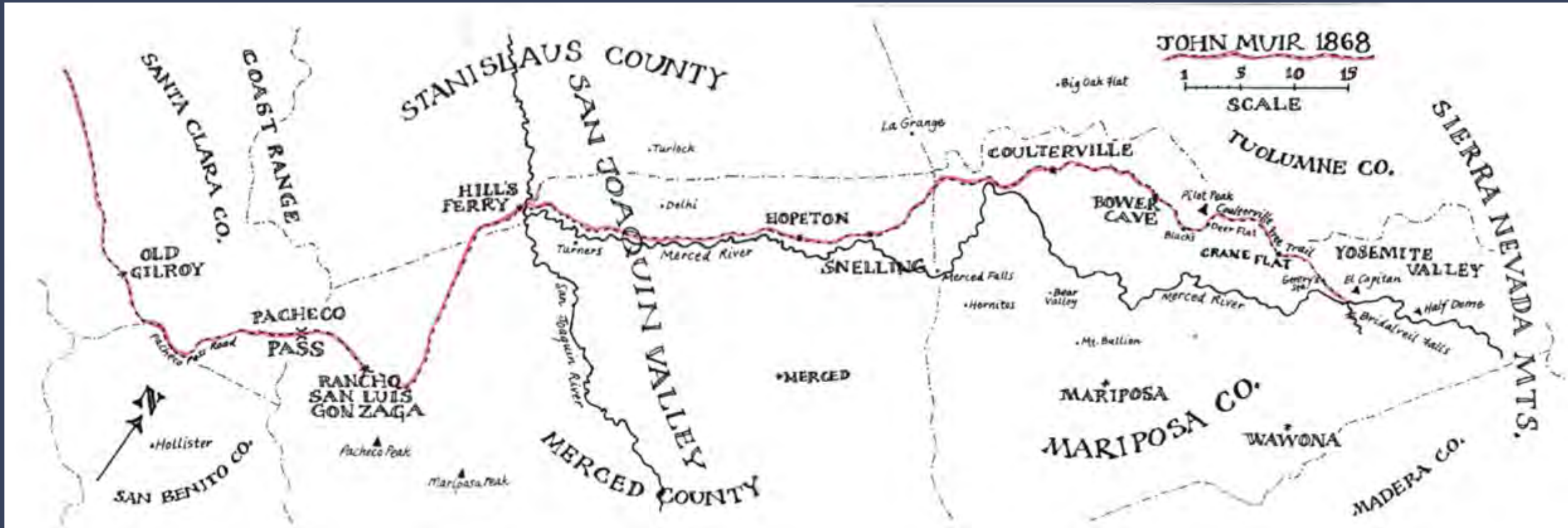
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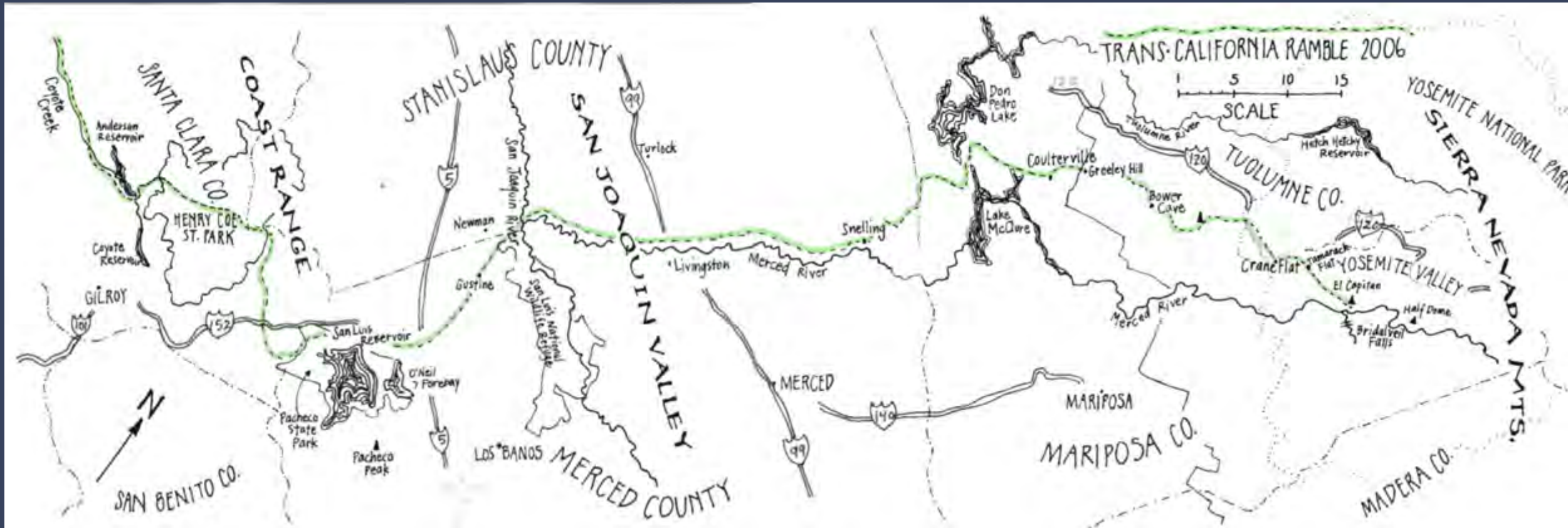
II. [Santa Clara Valley](#)

John Muir – 1868



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Trans California Ramble – 2006



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The Muir Ramble Route is varied and challenging and wonderful, an ideal urban hiking vacation for residents of the San Francisco Bay Area. Some sections of the trip are so rural that it is easy to imagine it is still 1868 and John Muir is walking right beside you. Other places are so urban that you might find yourself wishing you were back in 1868 on a little dirt road beside John Muir. The MRR is urban backpacking at its finest. Not only does it offer the opportunity to experience first hand the breathtaking changes found in California's landscape as you travel from the bay to the Sierra, it is a sort of journey through history of California with Muir as your guide.



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Thanks to Moose Mutlow



Directions for Following the Muir Ramble Route

WARNING!!!

The Muir Ramble Route is not yet an officially designated route. There are no trail markers for you to follow. The MRR cannot yet be walked safely from beginning to end, because there are places where the route follows roads too dangerous to safely walk on. The information and directions that follow are the result of personal observation, speculation, and information gleaned from on site observation, studying maps and the internet, including satellite photos. This information has not been reviewed or approved by any park or government officials. It reflects conditions that may change at any time without notice. The user is responsible for insuring the legality and safety of accessing the areas described along the MRR.



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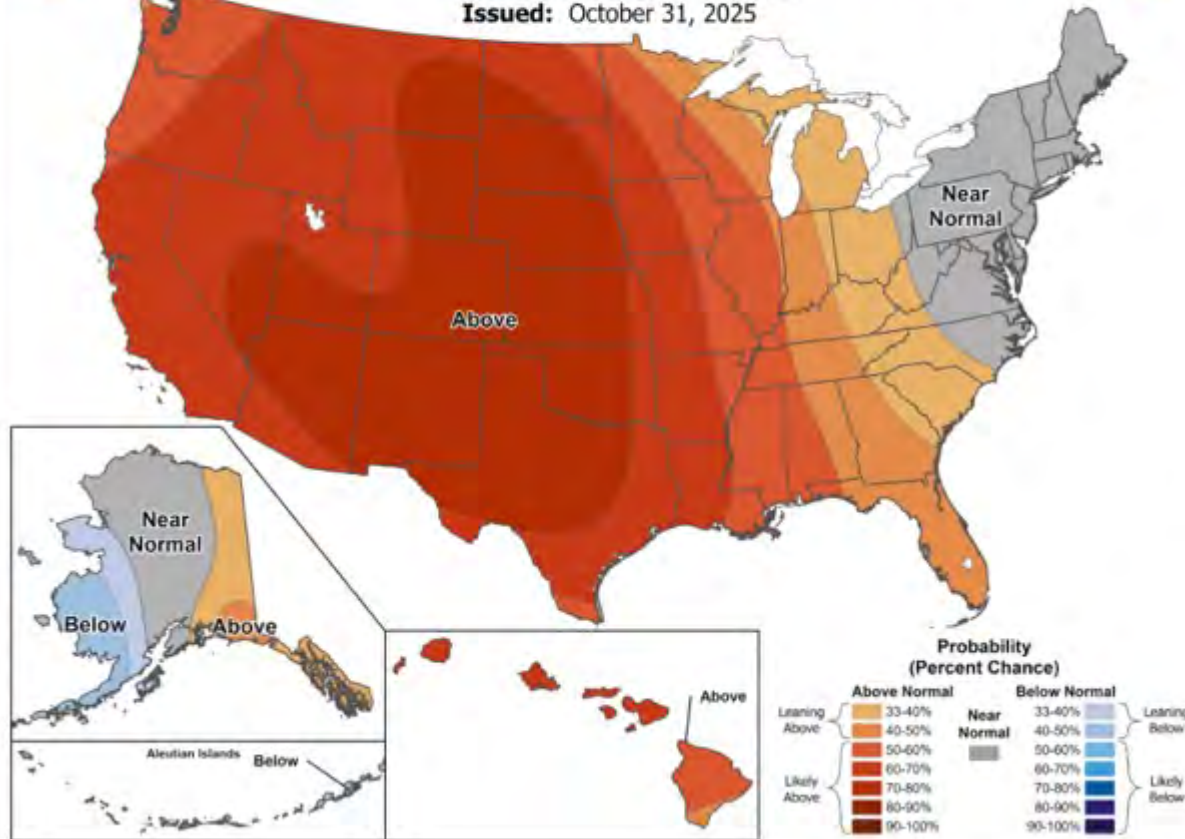
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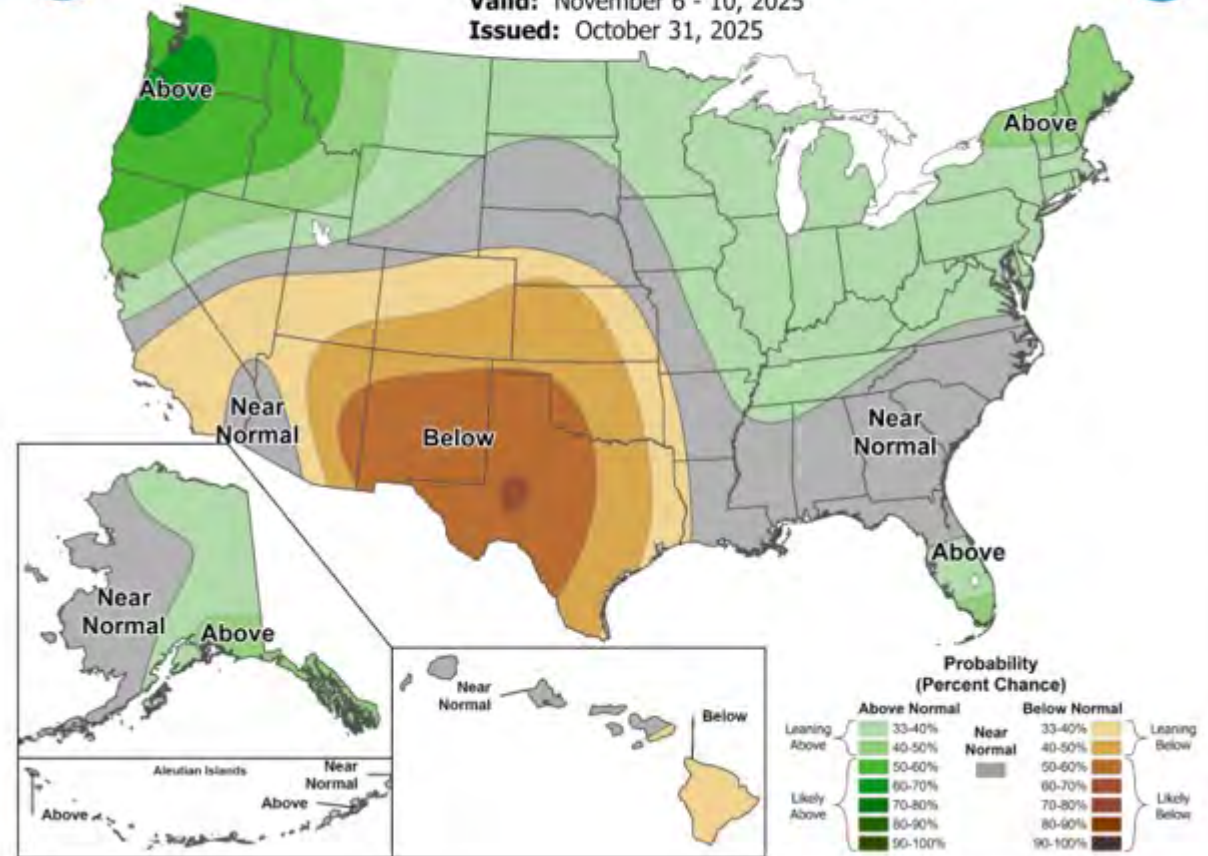


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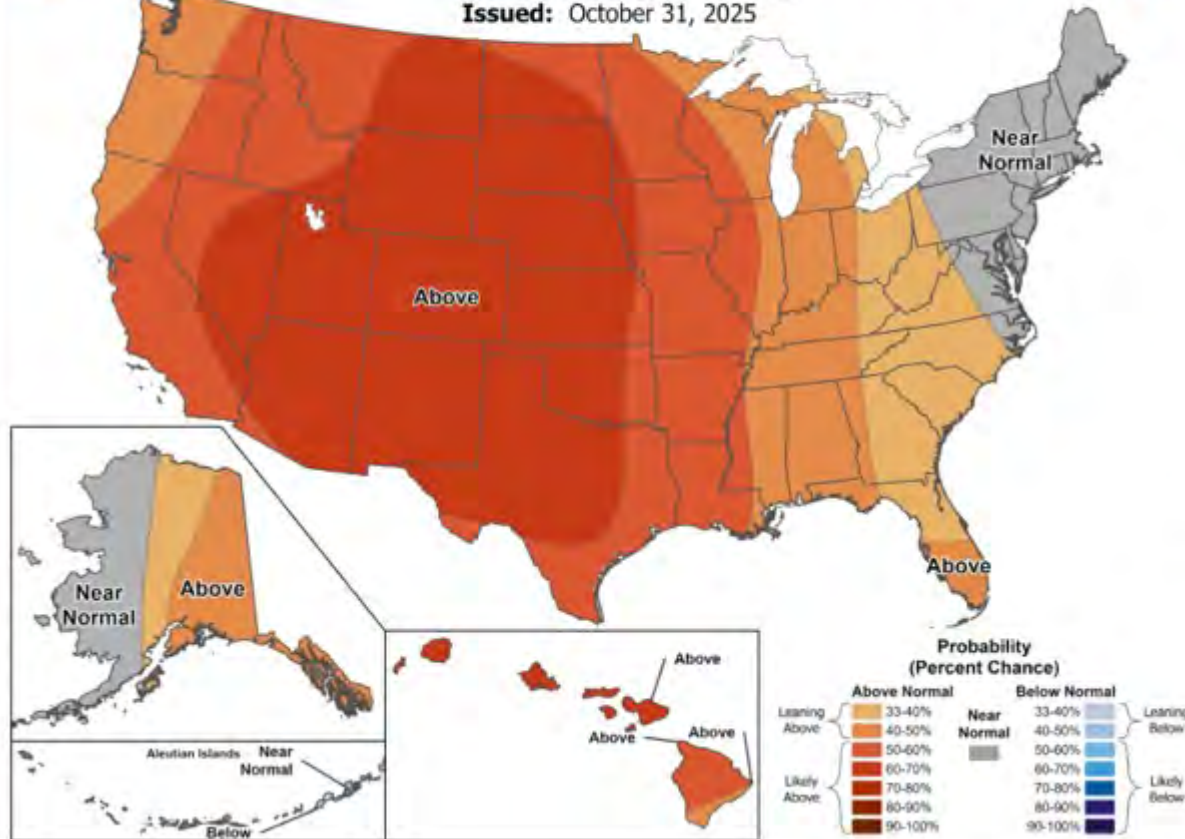
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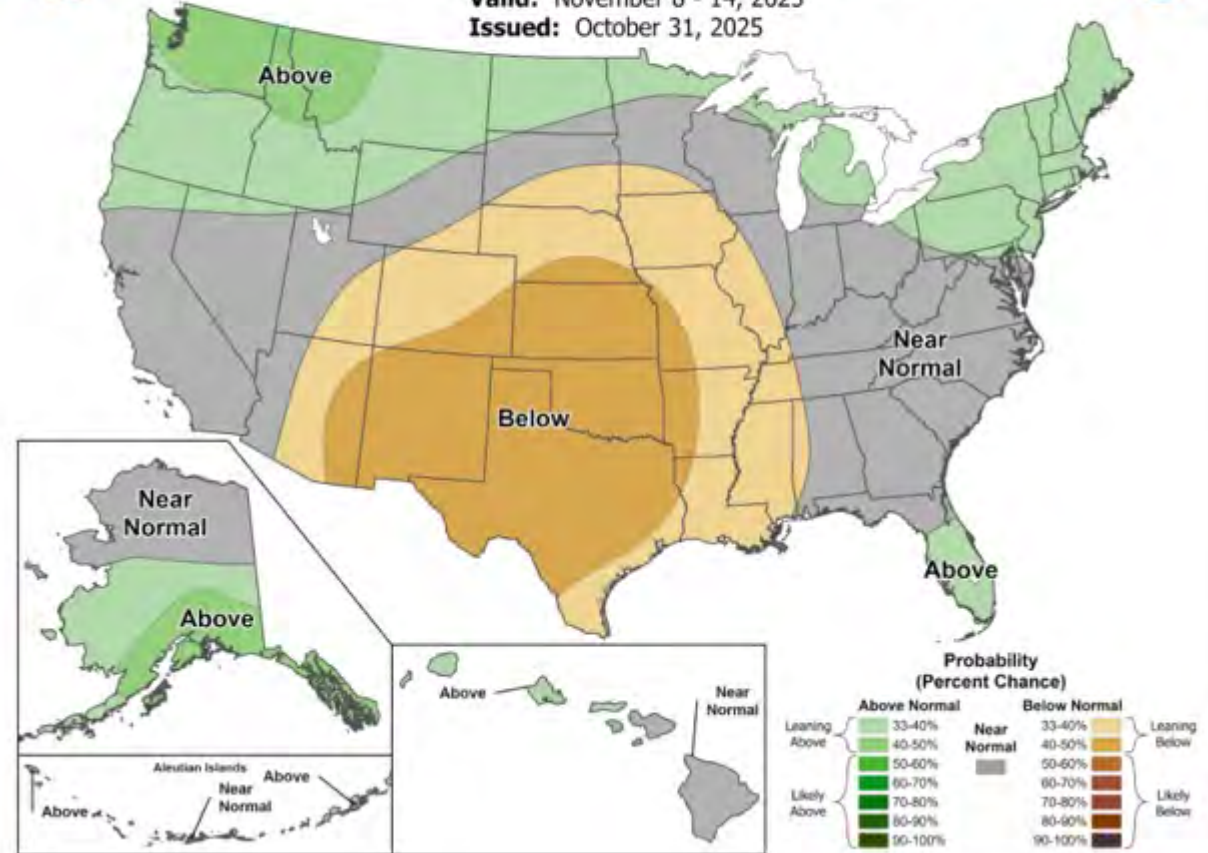


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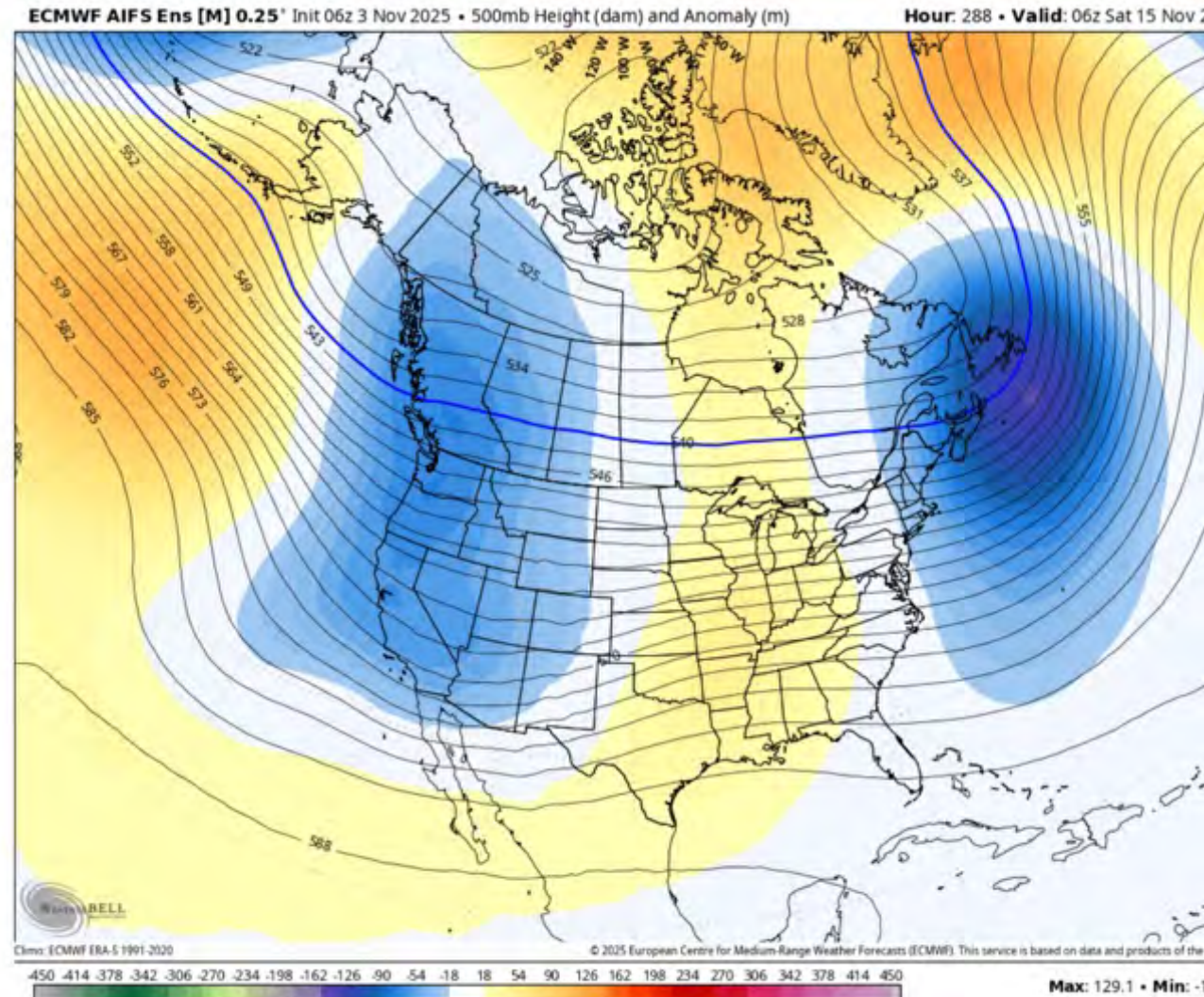
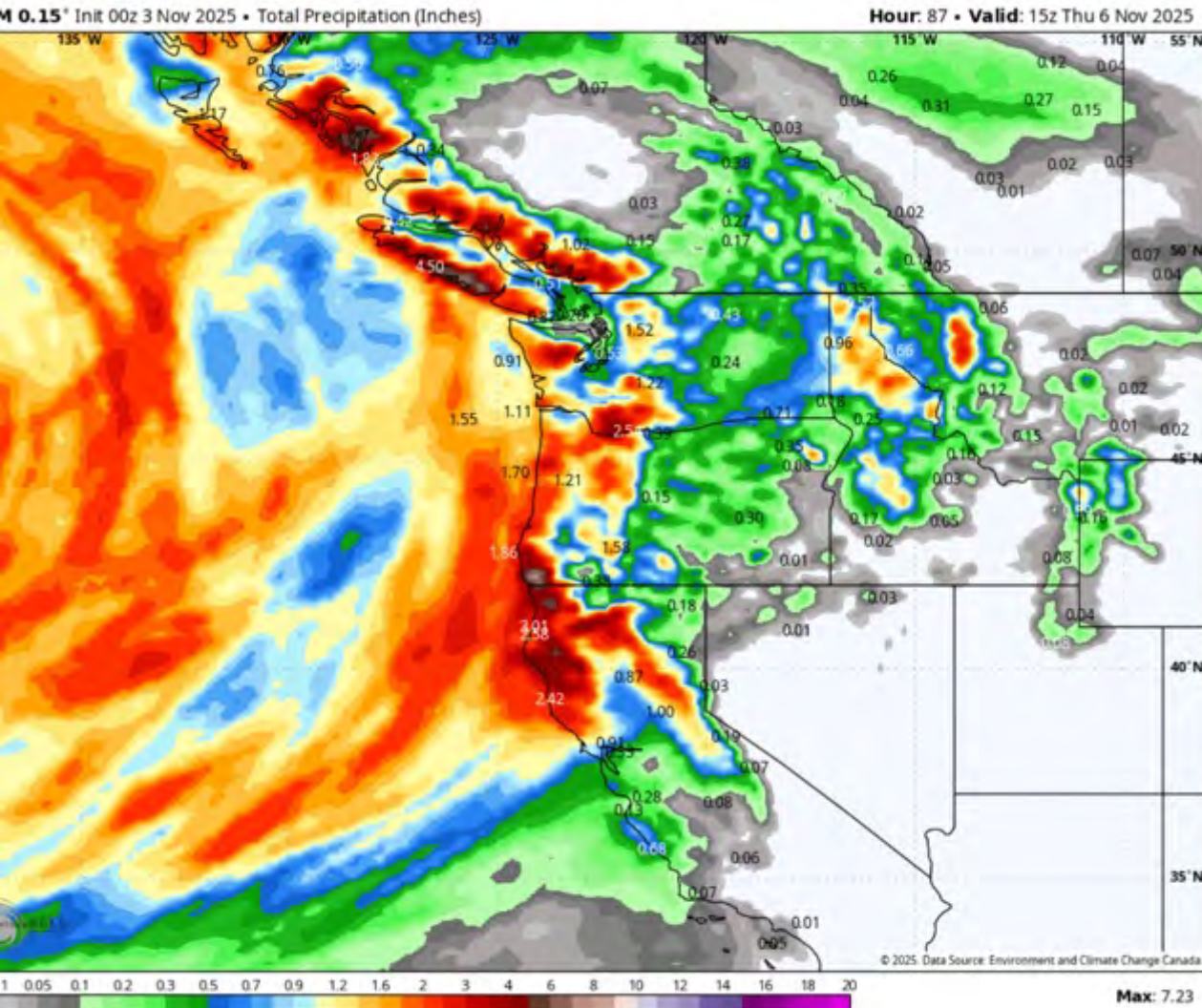
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Magnolia Barra, Sierra Jobs First

- *Communications & Engagement Coordinator*
- *Parting Ways*



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Rick Kattelman, Whitebark Institute

- *"Thanks for your message. Rick has retired and is out of contact and unable to reply October 23 through November 21. If your email is in regard to Whitebark business please contact Executive Director Laura Beardsley."*

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U.S. Congressman Kevin Kiley

- Natalia Vasquez – *Regional Representative for El Dorado, Alpine, Mono, & Inyo County*

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U.S. Congressman Tom McClintock

- *Field Representative that might be interested in attending ESSRP meetings - ?*

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2025 VOTER GUIDE

BY CAL MATTERS

What you need to know to vote in California's Nov. 4 special election on redistricting

All eyes are on California this fall as voters decide whether to approve Proposition 50, a partisan gerrymandering plan with significant stakes far beyond California's borders — for control of the federal government, for President Donald Trump's agenda and for Gov. Gavin Newsom's national ambitions.

Proposition 50 is the only measure on the statewide Nov. 4 special election ballot. If voters approve it, California would temporarily set aside its nonpartisan citizen redistricting commission and adopt new congressional lines that favor Democrats for the next three election cycles.

Here's what your vote would mean:

Voting "YES" means: You want California to redraw its congressional districts to give Democrats a potential advantage in the U.S. House of Representatives. This would counter redistricting efforts in other states seeking to give Republicans an advantage.

Voting "NO" means: You want California's congressional district lines to remain the same, as they were drawn by the state's nonpartisan citizen redistricting commission. This is likely to give Republicans redistricting in other states an advantage in the U.S. House.



Sign up to get reminders and key updates on California's Nov. 4 special election directly in your inbox.

Why trust us? CalMatters has been reporting on what voters need to know about California elections for more than a decade. As a newsroom, our journalism is nonpartisan and independent from commercial or political interests.



How to Vote and Key Dates

OCT 6 Your county elections office will begin mailing out Nov. 4 ballots. You can also pick up a ballot (or vote) at an [Early Voting site](#).

OCT 7 Secure ballot drop-off boxes open

OCT 20 **Last day to register to vote online for the special election.** After Oct. 20, to register or re-register to vote, you must complete [same-day voter registration](#) and request your ballot in person at your county elections office or polling location.

OCT 25 Vote centers open for early in-person voting in all Voter's Choice Act counties

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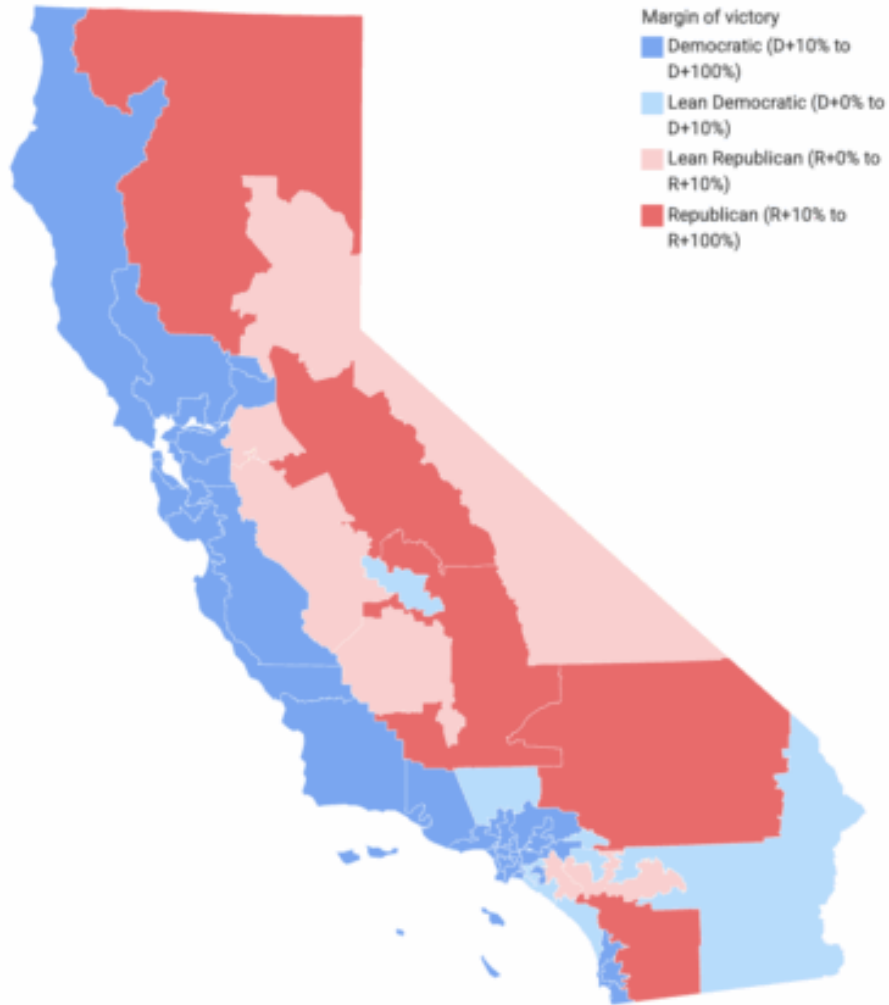
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REGISTER TO VOTE ↗

Election Day - Proposition 50

CA 3 - Current

California's 2024 presidential election results by existing congressional districts

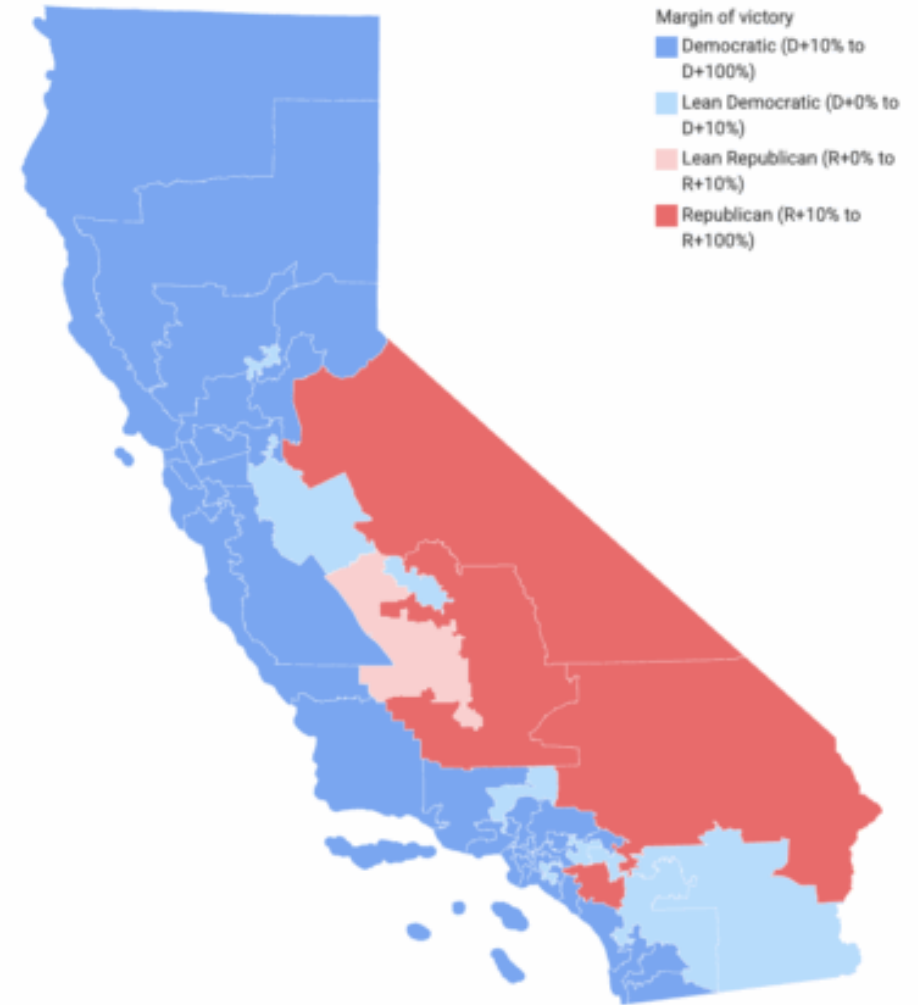


Map: Ballotpedia • Source: California Secretary of State

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CA 3 - If Prop 50 Approved

California's 2024 presidential election results by proposed congressional districts



Map: Ballotpedia • Source: California State Assembly, Statewide Database (SWDB), and Madera County

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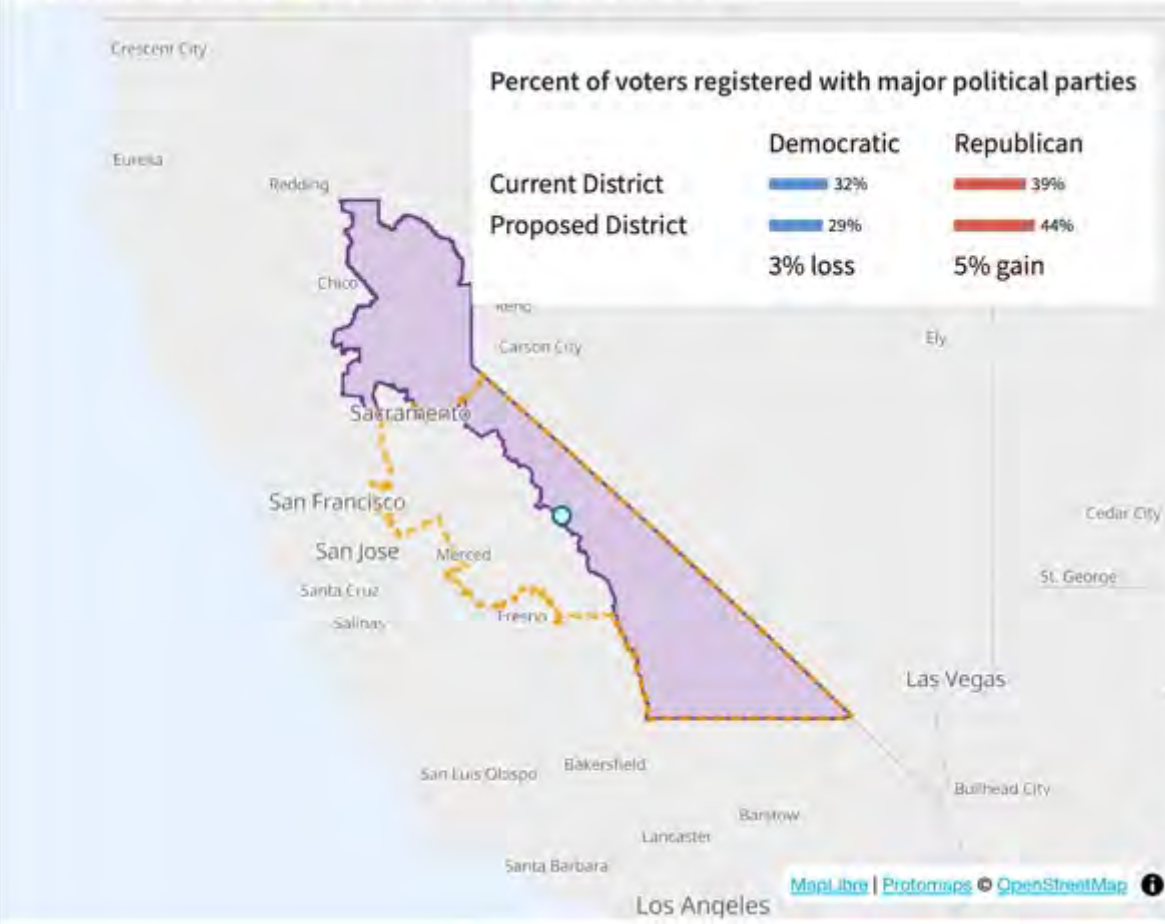
Will your congressional district change if voters pass Newsom's plan?

Enter your address to look up your current district, and see how it could change in November's special election.



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Climate hawk poised to boot skeptic in redistricting battle

"The voters will be voiceless," lamented Republican Rep. Doug LaMalfa. Democrats are gleeful.

BY: GARRETT DOWNS | 09/16/2025 06:17 AM EDT | UPDATED 09/16/2025 11:36 AM EDT



Western Caucus Chair Doug LaMalfa's future in Congress is under threat from Democrats and Natural Resources ranking member Jared Huffman. | Francis Chung/POLITICO

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Prop. 50 promised a high-dollar political duel, but Republicans are bailing

The goal was to raise \$100M against Newsom's proposal. They've raised a tenth of that.



Former Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., left, and President Donald Trump, right.
The Washington Post/The Washington Post/Getty Images

By Anabel Sosa, Senior California Politics Reporter
Oct 27, 2025



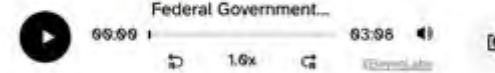
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Medicare Watch

Federal Government Shuts Down Over Health Care Subsidies

By Casey Schwarz | October 2, 2025 | 3 Comments



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Fall Open Enrollment Creating Urgency

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Democrats Have Shut Down the Government for: 31d 12h 49m 50s

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View the Economic Impact of the Shutdown in Your State

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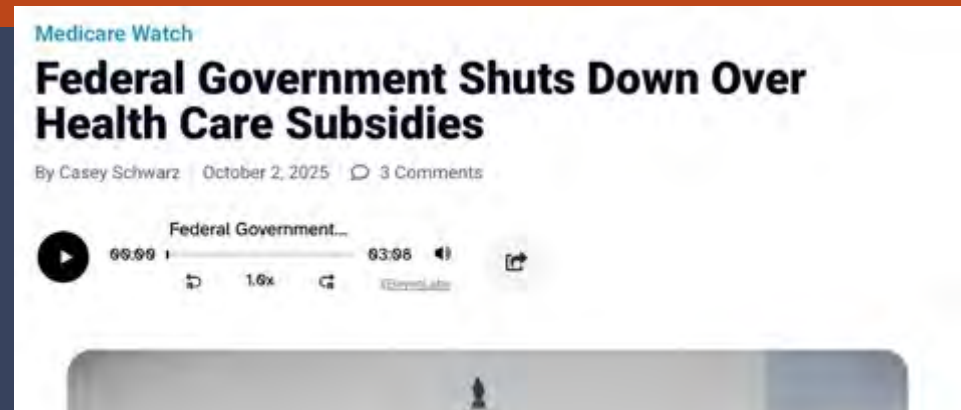
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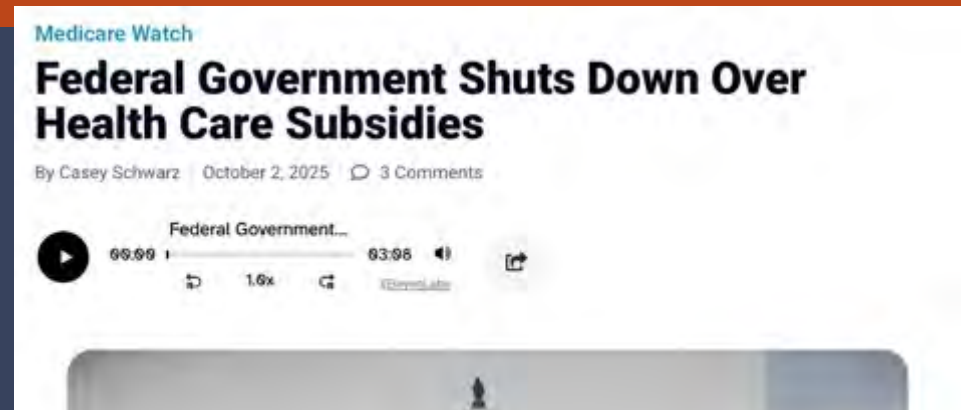
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Pay & Benefits

Employees are receiving renewed furlough notices as shutdown enters second month, this time without back pay guarantees

The shutdown is heading into November, sparking new, altered furlough notices to 650,000 employees.

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ERIC KATZ

Senior Correspondent

The government shutdown is poised to enter its second month on Saturday, meaning agencies across government on Friday once again sent furlough notices to hundreds of thousands of workers.

To maintain clarity between shutdown furloughs and more permanent and planned cost-saving measures, notices are required to go out every 30 days. The current funding lapse entered its 31st day on Friday—and could next week surpass the record-setting, 35-day impasse from 2018-2019—which required a fresh, formal update from agencies letting around 650,000 employees know they should remain at home without working.

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Gift article

Burgum says shutdown proves government can work with less

The Interior secretary also slammed Democrats for how the shutdown affects national parks and their surrounding communities.



BY: HEATHER RICHARDS | 10/24/2025 04:21 PM EDT



Interior Secretary Doug Burgum delivers remarks outside the White House on March 19. | Kevin Dietsch/Getty Images

E&E NEWS PM | Interior Secretary Doug Burgum said Friday the government shutdown is helping the Trump administration make its case that the government can run on less money and with fewer employees.

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Interior Department reveals plans to lay off more than 2,000 employees

The planned RIFs are barred by a court order for now. They have been planned for months, but were first revealed Monday as part of a union lawsuit.



Jared Serbu | @jserbuWFED

October 20, 2025 7:26 pm

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The Interior Department plans to eliminate more than 2,000 positions across its headquarters, agencies and bureaus throughout the country as part of a reduction in force that officials say is not related to the ongoing government shutdown, but happened to coincide with it.

Interior first disclosed the planned cuts Monday in a [court filing](#) as part of a [union lawsuit](#) challenging the Trump administration's efforts to reduce the workforce during the shutdown. At least 2,050 jobs were slated to be eliminated, according to the filing. However, that figure may not represent the full scope of the department's RIF plan, because officials are only disclosing the positions that are, for now, protected by a temporary restraining order a federal judge issued and then expanded last week.

According to the documents, the RIF would involve:

- 474 employees in the Bureau of Land Management
- 12 employees in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
- 30 employees in the Bureau of Reclamation
- 7 employees in the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
- 143 employees in the Fish and Wildlife Service
- 272 employees in the National Park Service
- 7 employees in the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
- 770 Interior headquarters and Interior Business Center employees
- 335 employees in the U.S. Geological Survey

In an earlier filing last week, the department said it had been planning the staff cuts for months, and until they were blocked by a restraining order, officials had planned to abolish the positions "imminently" and issue RIF notices to the staff in those roles.

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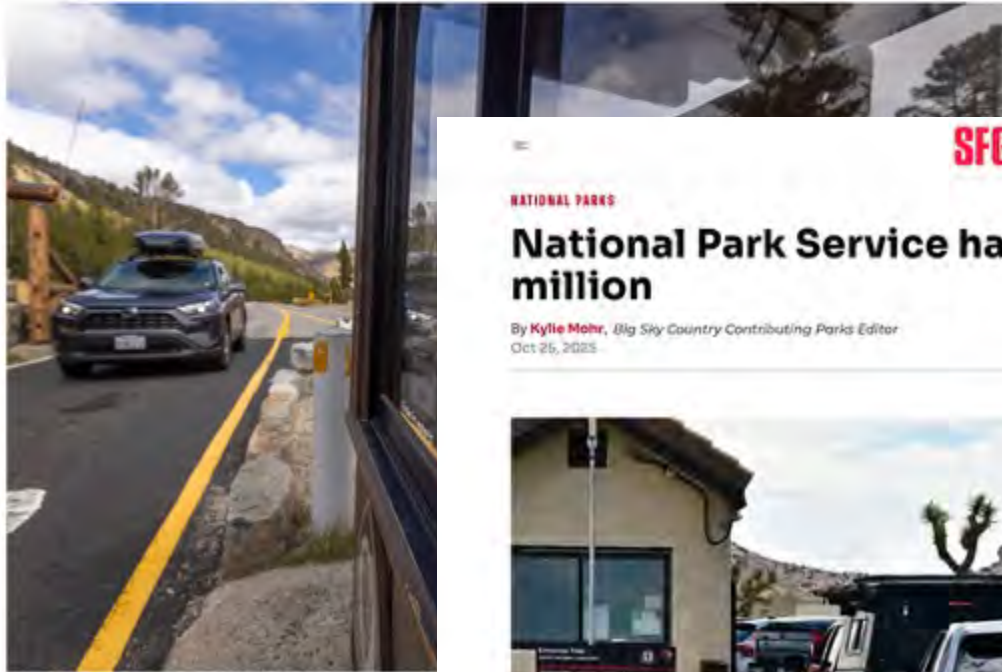
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Shutdown, staffing cuts taking a toll at National Park Service

Concerns are mounting amid reports of damaged resources, reduced maintenance and visitor safety issues



A motorist passes through the eastern entrance to Yosemite National Park. (David McNew/Getty Images)

NATIONAL PARKS

National Park Service has missed out on \$25 million

By **Kylie Mohr**, Big Sky Country Contributing Parks Editor
Oct 26, 2025



Vehicles wait in line to enter Joshua Tree National Park in California, on Oct. 10, 2025, the 10th day of the federal government shutdown. Entrance fees are not being collected by limited staff. (Photo by J. Brown/AP via Getty Images)

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The Government Shutdown is Affecting the PCT

By **Mark Larabee**

October 29, 2025

The federal government shut down on Oct. 1 after Congress could not agree on a Fiscal Year 2026 budget or a resolution to continue funding from the previous fiscal year. **28 days in, the stalemate continues.**



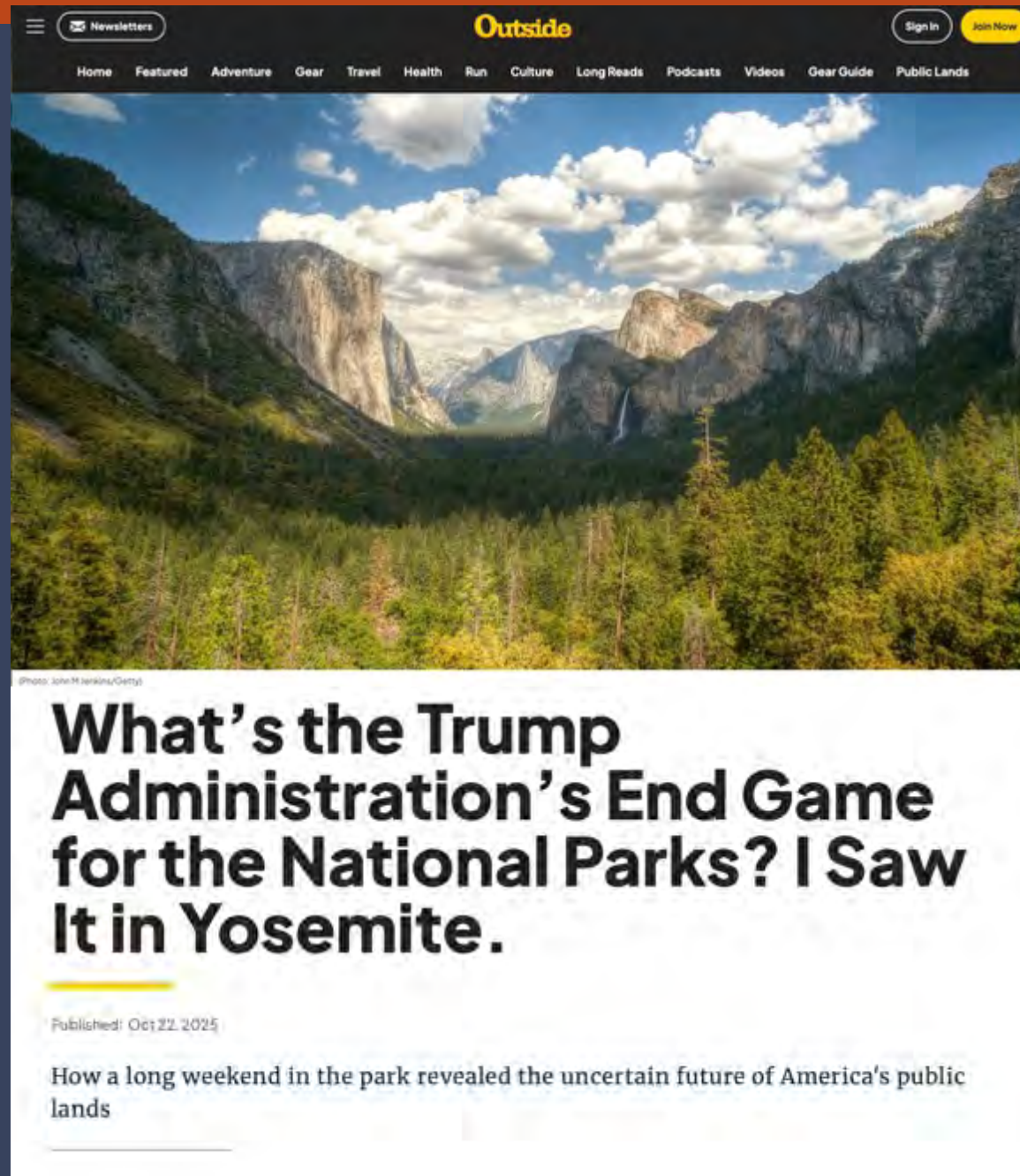
Photo by Royce Conrad

The shutdown is about important and complicated issues like healthcare funding and the downsizing of the federal government. Maneuvering and finger-pointing by both Republicans and Democrats lay bare the ever-increasing political divide the nation faces. Compromise seems as quaint as it does elusive. Yet, while public lands and trails are widely favored and well used by Americans regardless of their political leanings, the shutdown is taking its toll on the Pacific Crest Trail and the public lands it crosses.

Lands and trails across the country are affected as well.

Reduced agency funding and corresponding staff reductions have hindered our ability to do what's best for the trail. Since day one, the administration has moved to reduce the federal workforce. Today, it is aggressively moving forward with layoffs during the shutdown, though the courts have paused some of those plans. Since the beginning of

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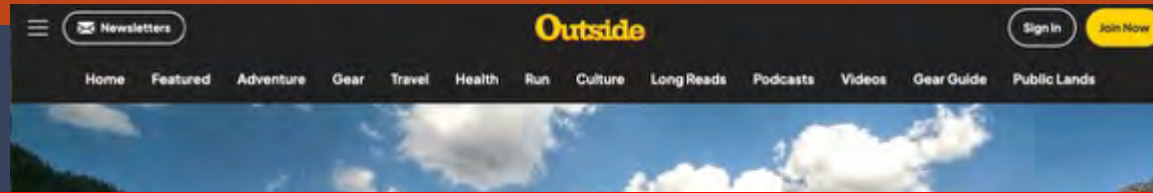
“Both the Senate and the House have rejected Trump’s billion-dollar budget cut. The Senate proposed an Interior appropriations bill that would hold the NPS budget even, and the House proposed a six-plus percent cut to operations. But Trump’s One Big Beautiful Bill Act, passed July 4, has already clawed back an estimated \$267 million of Inflation Reduction Act funding for parks.”

It in Yosemite.

Published: Oct 22, 2025

How a long weekend in the park revealed the uncertain future of America's public lands

Federal Government Shutdown



"The 2024 National Park Visitor Spending Effects...finds that visitors spent \$29 billion in gateway communities last year, a full 10 percent increase from 2023, which held the previous record. That supported over 340,000 jobs, creating \$18.8 billion in labor income. Total spending across visitations to all 433 national park sites along with the subsequent employment and supply chains created \$56.3 billion in total economic output, again a new record."

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POLITICO

1 HOUR AGO

John Thune **says he is 'optimistic'** Senate will move to end shutdown this week

He acknowledged any funding patch will have to be extended past Nov. 21.



JORDAIN CARNEY

11/03/2025, 5:26PM ET





Happenings of Interest for Eastern Sierra Recreation

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Visitation and Spend Forecast (October 2025)

Tourism Economics

Oct. 22, 2025

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Happenings of Interest

- California's visitor volume is projected to rise 0.8% in 2025, adding 2.1 million visits for a total of 271.6 million. Growth is forecast to accelerate to 1.7% in 2026.
- Visitor spending totaled \$157.3 billion in 2024 and is projected to reach \$158.6 billion in 2025.
- International visits increased 10.2% in 2024 but are forecast to decline 0.7% in 2025 due to the impact of higher tariffs on the global economy and negative sentiment towards the US over the administration's trade policies.
- Overseas visits are forecast to decline 3.7% in 2025, and visits from Canada are projected to fall 18.4%. Visits from Mexico, however, are expected to rise 5.9%.

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One year at market: AWE Eastern Sierra dropped Summer and Fall print issues, distributing 50,000+ copies across the region. On Instagram (@awestocal), we published 150 posts, gained 4,000 followers, and hit 3M+ organic views — no ads, no boosts. On sayawe.com, we've published 120 blog posts, with organic search now our #1 traffic source — proof our guides are being found, read, and shared. In just one year, we've become the fastest-growing voice for responsible recreation and tourism in the Eastern Sierra — with a look, feel, and tone that resonates with Gen X, Y, and Z. 🍂

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WHAT WE LEARNED

SHARES IS THE NEW CURRENCY
Sharing content is a key signal that Instagram uses to determine how valuable a post is.

RESOURCE CONTENT WINS
Trail Guides and "Top 5s" carousels are consistent high performers. Simple content performs.

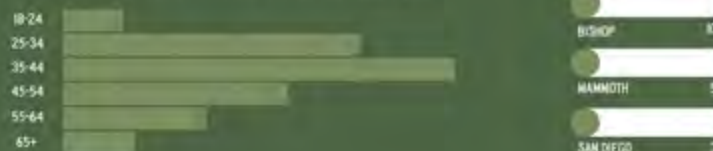
HIKING RULES—DON'T SLEEP ON LONE PINE

Hiking is our highest performing post category, followed by politics, food and lodging. Mt. Whitney is our best performing post by over 100K views while Top 5 Summer Hikes in Lone Pine is our strongest performing solo post.

COLLABORATION IS KEY
Collaboration posts drive higher engagement. Local and like minded businesses should grow together.

AUDIENCE DEMOGRAPHICS

Our gender profile is split 50/50 with 58% of followers in the 25–44 range, prime decision-makers for travel, dining, retail, and lifestyle spend.



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CULTURAL TRENDS

COUNTRY IS HOT 🎸

Becky G and Post Malone are dropping country albums. Yellowstone is the hottest show on TV. Stagecoach is cooler than Coachella. Hipster rodeos are popping up in from Pismo Beach to Palm Springs, while country-surf brands like Sebago and Sendero are taking hold nationally. The Western aesthetic isn't niche anymore — it's mainstream. And the Eastern Sierra, with its ranching roots and pack station heritage, is perfectly positioned to capitalize on this wave in a way that's authentic to us.

CURATED EXPERIENCES ARE IT 🏡

The rise of outdoor collectives and curated experiences is reshaping travel. Gen Y/Z isn't just booking rooms — they're booking experiences. Often sponsored by culturally relevant brands, they want to go somewhere new, learn to fly fish, tie their own flies, and leave with a story rooted in local culture. For this generation, the trip itself is the classroom — and the brand, outfitter, or lodging that delivers those experiences wins their loyalty.



GEN X: 45–60

Born between 1965 and 1980, Gen X are seasoned travelers balancing careers, families, and increasingly empty nests or childless. They grew up on road trips, national parks, and the first wave of ski towns. Today, they want comfort, value, and destinations that feel familiar yet refreshed. They'll pay more for convenience and design that make a trip memorable. Less high-adrenaline adventure, more lowkey escapes, this demo is leading the slow travel wave — get out of town, eat good food, and hang with family or friends.



GEN Y: 29–44

Born between 1981 and 1996, millennials are now in their prime earning and family-building years. They helped kill the all-inclusive package tour and revived the boutique hotel, the craft brewery, and the foodie travel scene. Millennials want balance: affordability, design, and experiences that can be shared both socially and with their kids. Some prioritize status and flash, while others seek authenticity, wellness and destinations that align with their values — whether that's sustainability, community, or local storytelling.



GEN Z: 13–28

Born between 1997 and 2012, Gen Z comprises a diverse range of travelers, from those just entering adulthood to those well into their professional careers. This generation is digitally fluent, values-driven, and intensely curious about the world. It appears that they aren't chasing luxury or ticking off bucket-list landmarks. In mass, they're chasing experiences, purpose, and authenticity — and they expect brands, destinations, and lodging to meet them where they are: online, design-forward, and rooted in culture.

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Six senators join coalition focused on public land access, land management policies and rural communities

BY: MICAH DREW - OCTOBER 28, 2025 3:01 PM



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New Senate public lands caucus charts bipartisan course

The group was formed in the wake of a Republican effort to sell wide swaths of public lands.

BY: GARRETT DOWNS | 10/28/2025 04:26 AM EDT



(From left) Sens. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Tim Sheehy (R-Mont.), Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), and Steve Daines (R-Mont.) during an event in Washington on Monday on the Senate Stewardship Caucus. | @EnergyDemos/X

E&E DAILY | A bipartisan Senate caucus aimed at protecting public lands charted its course at a launch event Monday, just months after a congressional push to sell public lands rallied dozens of lawmakers to kill the proposal.

The group, dubbed the "Senate Stewardship Caucus," will focus on promoting bipartisan legislation to conserve public lands and waters.

"We are at an inflection point with our public lands," co-Chair Tim Sheehy (R-Mont.) said at the launch in Washington's Union Station. "It's time we reinvigorate our focus on stewarding those public lands, how those public lands work together, how they work with their local communities, how they work with industry and make sure that we are actually serving the needs of the American people."

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Mike Lee Is Coming For Your Wilderness

Following his failed attempt to sell off public land, Utah Senator turns to militarizing it instead

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If we had to pick the two issues most responsible for shifting low information voters to the right in last November's election, they'd be cost of living and immigration. Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah) first tried to build support for his failed plan to sell off millions of acres of public land using the easily disproven lie that doing so would create "affordable housing." Now, he's trying to turn immigration into an excuse to destroy the Wilderness Preservation System, which protects nearly 112 million unspoiled acres nationwide, and open those places up to logging and other forms of extraction.

Signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964, the **Wilderness Act** created a mechanism by which pristine tracts of public land could be permanently preserved in their wild state through Congressional designation. Areas protected as part of the Wilderness Preservation System prohibit the use of any motorized vehicle or equipment, and any form of mechanical transportation including bicycles. Road construction and commercial enterprise are entirely banned, and you cannot use aircraft to land within them. You'll often find areas protected by the act referred to as "capital W Wilderness."

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Supreme Court Declines To Take Up Corner-Crossing Case

The high court's denial delivers a final blow to a landowner's quest to block public land users from skirting his property boundaries.



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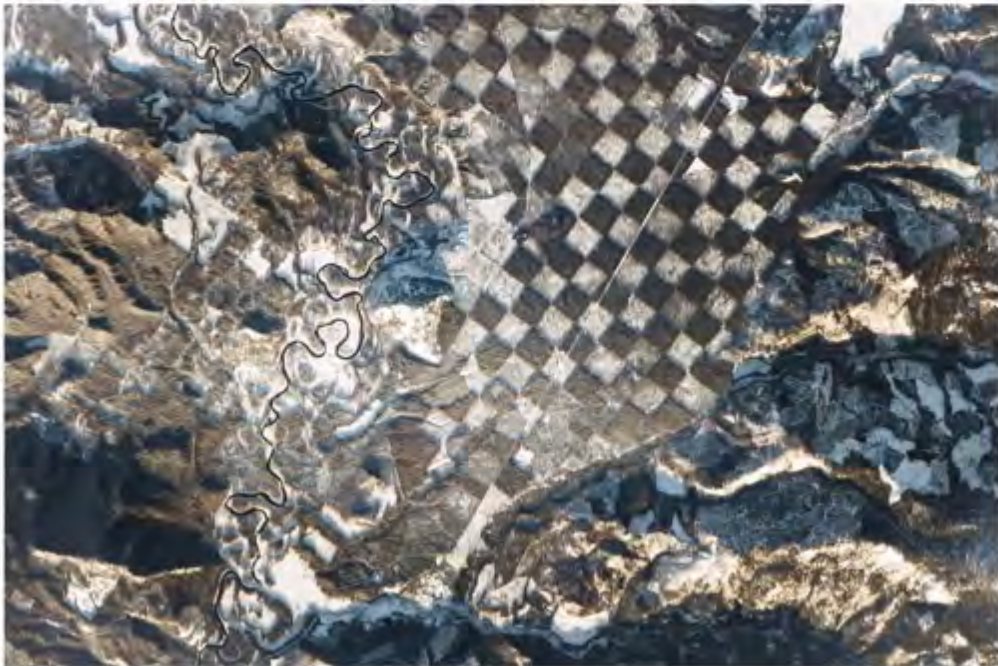


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An image taken by an astronaut aboard the International Space Station, shows a checkerboard pattern of land parcels along the Priest River in northern Idaho. Photo credit: [NASA](#)



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Backcountry Hunters and Anglers picks new leader

Ryan Callaghan takes the helm of the Montana-based group that has raised its profile by opposing Trump administration land policies.



BY SCOTT STREATER | 10/31/2025 01:33 PM EDT



Ryan "Cal" Callaghan has been named the new president and CEO of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. | Courtesy of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

GREENWIRE | Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, one of the nation's largest public lands and outdoors advocacy groups, is getting a new leader just three

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Judge orders Forest Service to redo forest plan over grizzlies

The ruling comes as the Montana federal court will soon get its first judge nominated by President Donald Trump.



BY: MICHAEL DOYLE | 10/28/2025 01:24 PM EDT



A Montana judge ruled against the Forest Service on a logging plan, saying the agency did not adequately consider harm to grizzlies. | L. Hupp/Fish and Wildlife Service/National Park Service

GREENWIRE | A Montana-based federal judge on Monday flunked a Forest Service timber harvest plan in a courthouse that's well-known to environmentalists and is about to change with the arrival of its first Trump administration appointee.



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What will we lose when we lose the “literary outdoorsman”?

By Tyler Austin Harper
Photographs by Pat Martin

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What the government shutdown means for public lands

Many parks will stay open, and oil and gas permitting will continue — even as tens of thousands of staff are furloughed at NPS, BLM and USFS.

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WILDFIRE

Shutdown causes 'confusion' across the Forest Service

Prescribed burns are on hold during shutdown while logging continues.

Kylie Mohr October 2, 2025

Nick Fetsch, Forest Service firefighter, sets a drip torch to light grasses in a prescribed burn at the Rocky Mountain Animal National Wildlife Refuge in Commerce City, Colorado, in 2015.

Helen H. Richardson/The Denver Post via Getty Images

With the federal government in a shutdown, the Forest Service has paused much of the wildfire preparation and prevention work it does on its 193 million acres of national forest.

A Forest Service contingency plan, current as of Sept. 30, calls for continued wildfire response. But the work necessary to reduce the fuels for massive wildfires, including prescribed burns, is on hold. Prescribed burns are an important tool to burn excess vegetation, keep landscapes healthy and reduce the risk of destructive wildfires. But starting last week, some Forest Service staff were told not to conduct burns in preparation for a potential shutdown.

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FS Chunk of USDA Shutdown Guidance in Toto

October 2, 2025 by Sharon

Thanks to Anonymous for sending this! It seems like a key clause is:

"Management and maintenance of National Forest System lands for their sustained safety and use, including agency contract and permitted activities and public activities that do not require consistent employee oversight."

I also liked that they called out pack and saddle stock... "Protection of Federal lands, infrastructure to ensure health and safety of the public such as buildings, waterways, equipment and other property including pack and saddle stock and investments owned by the United States when the suspension of such activities would cause an imminent threat to human life and property."

Although "property" probably covers it. Hopefully seed and seedlings are covered under "property" as well.

Forest Service (FS)

FS Lapse Plan Summary Overview	
Estimated time (for most half day) required to complete shutdown activities:	5
Describe specific shutdown activities that will not be completed within one-half day, if applicable. Specify the time and the number of employees necessary to complete each activity. There may be instances where orderly shutdown activities will last beyond a half day and some will take up to five days. The Agency will be shutting down activities on over 193 million acres of land across 46 states with over 154 national forests and 500 plus ranger districts in some of the most remote places in the country. This includes closing hundreds of remote recreational sites and other facilities, potentially pausing complex operations such as timber sales, and conducting permit or over-the-road restoration projects which will be made on a case-by-case basis. The agency will work as expeditiously as possible but based on the scale of work and capacity there are instances where it could take up to five days.	
Total number of agency employees expected to be on hand before implementation of the plan:	42,990
Total number of agency employees expected to be furloughed under the plan (unpaid and covered):	12,744
Total number of employees to be retained under the plan for each of the following categories (may include duplicated counts):	
(Cat. 1) Compensation is financed by a recovery other than annual appropriations:	3,940
(Cat. 2) Necessary to perform activities expressly authorized by law:	0
(Cat. 3) Necessary to perform activities necessarily implied by law:	418
(Cat. 4) Necessary to the discharge of the President's constitutional duties and powers:	0
(Cat. 5) Necessary to protect life and property:	15,446
Brief summary of significant agency activities that will continue during a lapse. Also include the legal basis for retaining categories of employees who will be carrying out these activities.	
Category 1: Employees already financed from other available funds will continue to work as deemed appropriate to support life and property. This includes employees financed by:	
- Job Corps (transfer funds from Department of Labor). - Permanent and trust fund accounts (mandatory appropriations). - Cost recovery funds (mandatory appropriations and reimbursable funding). - Supplemental and Emergency Supplemental Funding (GADA, BIA, BLM, Fishery).	

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Double the Regions, Double the Fun? Temporary Assignment of Duo-Regional Foresters

October 27, 2025 by Sharon

Several retiree sources told me that some Regional Foresters were going to be assigned to two Regions. The corporate story I heard (granted, a bit like playing "telephone", but hopefully TSW readers can add what they have heard) is that:

1. There will be a reorganization and plans are ongoing, but this isn't it.
2. There are excellent 15s acting in RF roles, but new hires of any ilk are not allowed, and apparently there is some rule that details to SES can only be 180 days (or something like that).
3. Given that many SESers have retired, and the FS can't hire new ones, they need to spread the "qualified leaders" (eligible for SES jobs) around and place them where they are crucially needed.

Given that information, a TSW reader sent me a link from a news source that we don't usually hear from.

[Here's](#) the NOTUS story..



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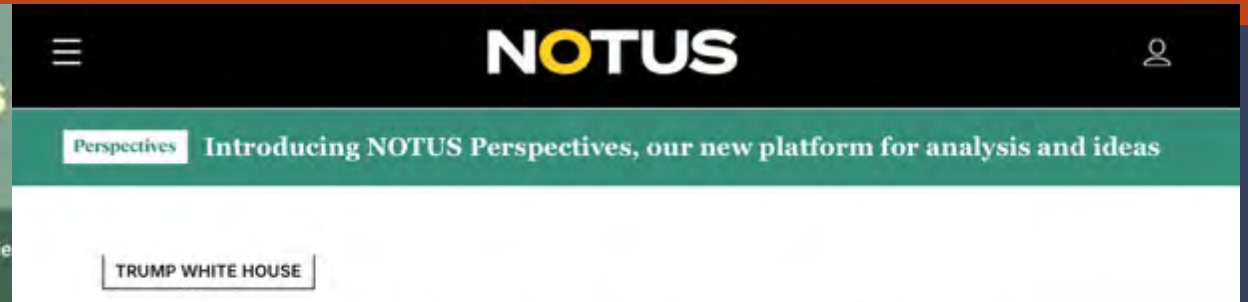
The U.S. Forest Service Is Consolidating Oversight Amid Staffing Shortages

In a letter obtained by NOTUS, the agency cited "significant changes in our workforce" during the second Trump administration.

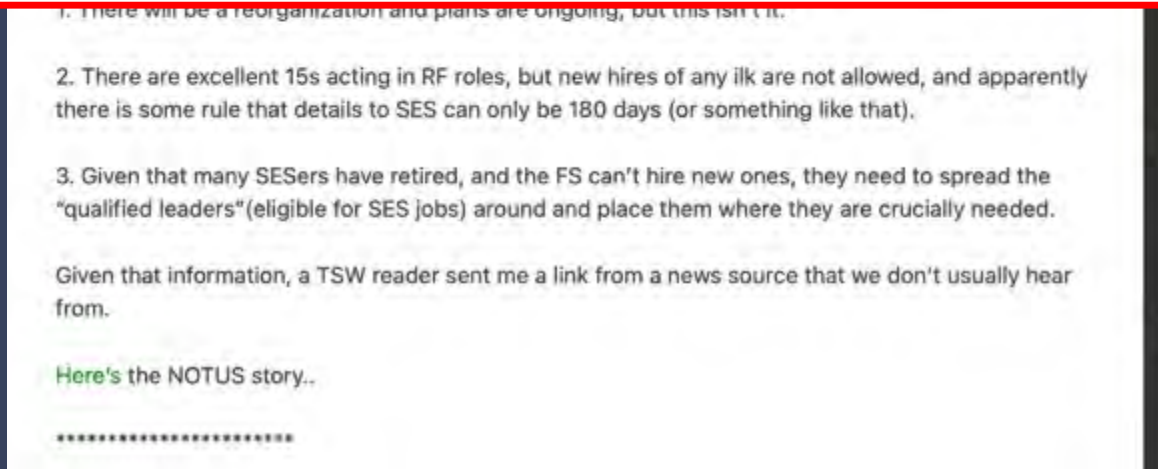


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"Regional foresters in permanent positions will temporarily expand oversight to include additional regions until a permanent structure under the pending reorganization is implemented."



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Fix Our Forests Act divides environmental community

But it's a rare instance of bipartisan lawmaking and the biggest wildfire legislation in recent history.

Christine Peterson October 31, 2025

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A new bill poised to pass the Senate after clearing the House will govern how the federal government thins, burns and otherwise manages nearly 200 million acres of the nation's forests.

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Emergency language in wildfire bill splits environmentalists

The "Fix Our Forests Act" would limit public objections to projects aimed at preventing wildfires.

BY MARC HELLER | 10/31/2025 06:55 AM EDT



A firefighter douses flames during the Eaton Fire in Pasadena, California, on Jan. 8. Some environmentalists are raising the alarm on a bill that seeks to lessen wildfire risks. Josh Edelson/AFP via Getty Images

E&E DAILY | A fast-moving bill to reduce wildfire risks in national forests would give the Agriculture Department a work-around past even the bill's modest environmental safeguards, making the measure tough to swallow for some environmentalists and Hill Democrats.

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EV nonprofit fights its \$5M federal grant cancellation

Plug In America was informed it wouldn't receive the remaining funds "due to a shift in the Department of Energy's priorities."



BY DAVID FERRIS | 10/28/2025 04:40 AM EDT



Left to right: Plug In America Executive Director Joel Levin, then Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, and Environmental Climate adviser Gina McCarthy leaving an electric vehicle and charging infrastructure advisory meeting appointment of Transportation Secretary in Washington on Oct. 20, 2024. Photo: © Getty Images

ENERGYWIRE | A California electric vehicle nonprofit whose \$5 million grant was canceled by the Trump administration became on Monday one of the first such recipients to push back, saying that the move was illegal.

The action by Plug In America comes several weeks after it got a letter from the Department of Energy saying that its remaining funds of about \$3 million "no longer effectuates program goals ... due to a shift in the Department of Energy's priorities."

Joel Levin, Plug In America's executive director, said in a statement, "We are highly skeptical about the legality of this decision and will do everything we can to fight for our contract."

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CLIMATEWIRE

Conservative groups rebuff Whitehouse climate probe

The Environment and Public Works ranking member is trying to find who is pushing the administration against climate action.



BY AMELIA DAVIDSON | 10/31/2025 04:11 AM EDT



Kurtis Roberts, president of the Heritage Foundation, answered a request from Senate Environment and Public Works ranking member Sheldon Whitehouse. (D-R.I.) (J. Scott Applewhite/AP)

CLIMATEWIRE | A push by Environment and Public Works ranking member Sheldon Whitehouse to uncover who is influencing Trump administration climate policy is yielding swift — and personal — pushback from conservative groups.

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Bipartisan bill proposes BLM use drones to herd wild horses, burros

Advocates for the animals said they "have questions" about the legislation.



BY SCOTT STREATER | 10/30/2025 09:42 PM EDT



Rep. Eugene Vindman (D-Va.) representing the "Protecting, Sustaining and Managing Openness (PSMO) Act." (Mark Schizdelsky/AP)

E&E DAILY | A new bipartisan bill proposes to add a unique wrinkle to the ever-evolving problem of managing growing wild horse and burro herds across millions of acres of federal lands.

The bill sponsored by two East Coast lawmakers — Democratic Rep. Eugene Vindman of Virginia and Republican Rep. Vern Buchanan of Florida — proposes using drones to assist the Bureau of Land Management in rounding up and removing wild horses from overcrowded BLM rangelands in the West.

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Ranchers agreed to leave a national park. Then RFK Jr. got involved.

A historic settlement is phasing out most cattle production at Point Reyes National Seashore, but opponents hope the Trump administration will change course.



BY HEATHER RICHARDS | 10/27/2025 01:35 PM EDT | UPDATED 10/27/2025 08:14 PM EDT



A cow stands July 16 in one of Bill Niman's pastures at the Point Reyes National Seashore in Northern California. | Heather Richards/POLITICO's E&E News

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The Mountain Pact

October 2025 Conservation Update

Happy Halloween from [The Mountain Pact](#)! The month of October has been a historic one for our government and our public lands. The government has now been shut down for an entire month. During that time we've seen hundreds of thousands of federal employees furloughed and devastating cuts and closures for our shared public lands that we call home. The impacts of this shutdown on our public lands and the communities that rely on them are wide-ranging. Shuttered visitors centers and understaffed national parks, inaccessible national monuments, and increased illegal activity are just a few ways the shutdown is harming public lands and gateway communities. Millions of dollars have been lost in economic activity that usually supports thousands of good-paying jobs - all on top of budget cuts and reductions-in-force that have made the job of keeping public lands open and accessible more difficult than ever. We urge politicians in Washington, DC to work together and find an end to the shutdown so we can get our country back to work and continue caring for and protecting the public lands and communities that we call home.

As we enter into elections next week, we extend our appreciation to the local elected officials we've worked with over the years who couldn't run for re-election because of term limits. Remember that you can still be a part of The Mountain Pact as a former local elected official and we'd love to stay in touch. Please [let us](#) know if we can update your email address.

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2026-27 California deficit prospects improving

October revenue collections at FTB seem to be going well based on preliminary data

JASON SISNEY

OCT 30, 2025



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As I discussed yesterday at CalChamber's [Public Affairs Conference](#) in Orange County, the "top line" surplus or deficit figures discussed most prominently each year are *single-year calculations* for the California state budget. In the coming months, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) and the Governor's Department of Finance typically can be expected to highlight the projected surplus or deficit for the 2026-27 fiscal year alone—the amount of extra resources available or budget corrections needed for the annual budget that must be passed next June. That top line figure does not necessarily reveal the structural deficit problem for 2027-28 and future fiscal years.

The revenue trends this year are such that previously projected deficits for 2026-27 alone may be significantly less than previously expected. But future deficit projections—and other budget pressures—also seem likely to persist. Let me walk you through my thoughts as of today, keeping in mind there's a long way to go between now and next June. (I might well be proven wrong!)

State Tax Collections Are Quite Strong Now. As [LAO and I have discussed](#), state tax collections have been very strong in recent months, in part due to the apparent investment bubble related to the so-called "artificial intelligence" ("AI") industry. October tax collections at the Franchise Tax Board (which does not generally include withholding) have been strong, including, it seems, delayed Los Angeles tax collections. **The chart below shows that state revenue collections have come in stronger than projected in the June 2025 state budget: by \$2.7 billion through the end of June, by \$3.8 billion between July and September, and an additional \$2.0 billion just at FTB so far in October.** (Refund tallies this week could reduce that \$2.0 billion figure somewhat, and later adjustments in those October preliminary tallies may occur.)



The 2025-26 Budget:

Proposition 4 Spending Plan

GABRIEL PETEK | LEGISLATIVE ANALYST | FEBRUARY 2025

SUMMARY

Governor Proposes Multiyear Spending Plan to Implement Proposition 4. In November 2024, voters approved Proposition 4, a \$10 billion bond measure focused on increasing the state's resilience to the impacts of climate change. The Governor has proposed a multiyear spending plan to implement the bond, including appropriations totaling \$2.7 billion in 2025-26. The Governor also proposes shifting some prior appropriations from the General Fund and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to instead be supported by Proposition 4.

Proposed Plan Has Several Merits but Also Comes With Some Trade-Offs. We find that the proposed spending plan generally strikes a balance between quick distribution of funds and thoughtful implementation of programs. In many cases, it phases in funding to account for program readiness and builds on the significant prior funding provided in recent budgets for similar activities. Adopting a multiyear plan would offer a more coordinated, strategic approach and provide more funding certainty to departments and grantees. Despite these advantages, such an approach would make enacting subsequent changes more difficult for the Legislature if its priorities shift or circumstances—such as new fires or droughts—warrant a possible change in focus and timing. In addition, a multiyear approach may not be suitable for all programs because it would limit opportunities for future legislative deliberation over spending choices—which is particularly concerning for activities that are new or not yet well defined.

Administration Made Some Choices the Legislature Will Want to Review. Within some of the bond categories that have multiple allowable activities, the administration has selected the programs on which to target funding. In addition, the Governor's decision to shift the fund source for some programs to Proposition 4 would reduce the total amount of spending on climate-related activities, although this approach would free up funds for other priorities. The Legislature will want to ensure that the administration's choices align with its priorities.

Recommend Legislature Adjust Proposed Plan as Needed to Ensure It Aligns With Legislative Priorities. We offer several suggestions to ensure Proposition 4 spending reflects the Legislature's intent. First, we recommend the Legislature consider approving multiyear spending plans for existing and well-defined programs, but also consider requiring the administration to submit new budget requests in future years for programs that are new and less well-defined. Second, we recommend the Legislature consider clarifying spending guidance in statute for programs where bond language grants discretion around specific spending decisions. Third, we recommend considering requiring enhanced reporting to track how Proposition 4 spending is helping the state make progress toward its most important climate goals. Finally, we recommend the Legislature weigh fund shifts in the context of the overall budget and its highest priorities—if the budget condition requires General Fund reductions, such shifts may become important tools.

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Monday, September 29, 2025

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State leaders just allocated \$3.3 billion in Climate Bond funding for the coming year, which is the first phase of a historic investment to protect our communities and natural resources in the face of worsening climate change. This funding was made possible by California voters approving a \$10 billion bond through Proposition 4 in 2024. Join us to learn more about how the climate bond will be implemented in coming months. We'll hear from agency leaders, learn actions underway to ensure funds are allocated efficiently and effectively, and chart out next steps for bond funding programs.

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Secretary Crowfoot hosts monthly discussions with leaders and big thinkers from across California to discuss emerging natural resources issues. This open forum allows for new and different perspectives about how we best steward California's resources.

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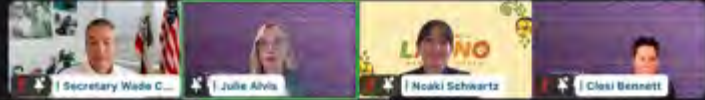
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What's In the \$10 Billion Climate Bond?



\$3.8 Billion for Water Quality, Drinking Water, Flood Protection, Drought and Water Resilience



\$1.2 Billion for Biodiversity and Nature-Based Solutions



\$1.5 Billion for Wildfire Protection and Forest Resilience



\$300 million for Climate Smart Agriculture



\$1.2 Billion for Coastal Protection and Resilience



\$700 Million for Park Creation and Outdoor Access

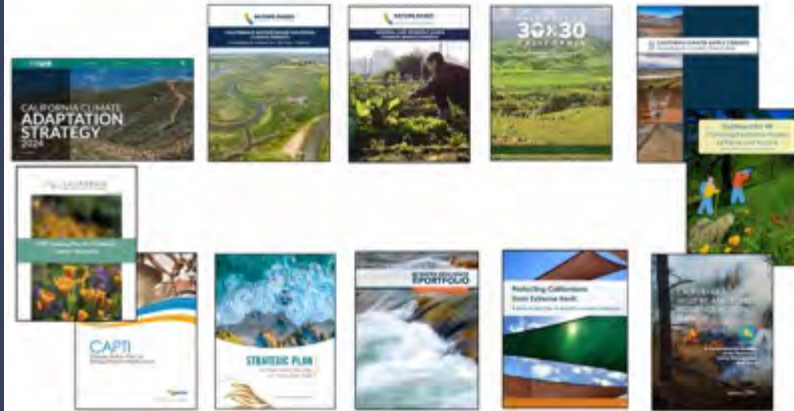


\$450 Million for Extreme Heat Mitigation



\$850 Million for Clean Air and Energy

For more information: [Proposition 4 - CNRA Bond Accountability](#)



Ensuring Funds Flow to Communities That Need it Most

PROP 4 REQUIREMENT: "At least 40 percent of the total bond funding "shall be allocated for projects that provide meaningful and direct benefits to vulnerable populations or disadvantaged communities."

Step-by-Step Process

- What benefits will the project provide?
- Who will the project benefit?
- Are the anticipated benefits "meaningful and direct"?
- How will the project count toward the 40 percent requirement?



\$3.3 Billion is Now Authorized to Rollout



~\$1.2 Billion for Water Quality, Drinking Water, Flood Protection, Drought and Water Resilience



~\$390 Million for Biodiversity and Nature-Based Solutions



~\$415 Million for Wildfire Protection and Forest Resilience + \$181 Million in Early Action



~\$153 Million for Climate Smart Agriculture



~\$279 Million for Coastal Protection and Resilience



~\$466 Million for Park Creation and Outdoor Access



~\$110 Million for Extreme Heat Mitigation



~\$275 Million for Clean Air and Energy



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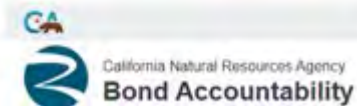
- Grants programs are managed by many different state departments.
- Programs run according to approved **guidelines** that give authorities for the program requirements for receiving a grant, and evaluation criteria to make decisions about grant awards.
- Bond statute defines what type of applicants can apply for bond funds



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and resilience, and reduce the risk of wildfire spreading into populated areas from wildlands pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 91520 of the Public Resources Code.

SEC. 135. Item 3855-101-6093 is added to Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2025, to read:

3855-101-6093—For local assistance, **Sierra Nevada** Conservancy, payable from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Fund 45,000,000

Schedule:

(1) 3220-Sierra Nevada Conservancy..... 45,000,000

Provisions:

1. The funds appropriated in this item shall be available for regional projects to improve local fire prevention capacity, improve forest health and resilience, and reduce the risk of wildfire spreading into populated areas from wildlands pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 91520 of the Public Resources Code and shall be available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2028, and for liquidation until June 30, 2031.

SEC. 136. Item 3855-103-6093 is added to Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2025, to read:

3855-103-6093—For local assistance, **Sierra Nevada** Conservancy, payable from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Fund 9,925,000

Schedule:

(1) 3220-Sierra Nevada Conservancy..... 9,925,000

Provisions:

1. The funds appropriated in this item shall be available to reduce the risks of climate change impacts upon communities, fish and wildlife, and natural resources, and increase public access, and shall be available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2028.

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AB 518: Low-impact camping areas.

Session Year: 2025-2026 House: Assembly

Current Status: IN PROGRESS (2025-09-02: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.)

Introduced First Committee Review First Chamber Second Chamber Review

Summary Bill Text Status Votes Supporters & Opponents Analysis

Version: Amended Senate (8/29/2025)

Existing law, the Special Occupancy Parks Act, establishes requirements for the construction, maintenance, occupancy, use, and design of special occupancy parks. Existing law defines special occupancy park to mean any area of private property that provides for the transient occupancy of a recreational vehicle park, temporary recreational vehicle park, incidental camping area, or tent campsite.

This bill would specify that, for purposes of that act, a special occupancy park does not include a low-impact camping area, as specified, that is located in a county that has enacted an ordinance, as specified, authorizing low-impact camping and meeting specified requirements. The bill would impose specified requirements on private property offering low-impact camping area sites and on online hosting platforms. The bill would specify that a low-impact camping area to mean any area of private property that provides for the transient occupancy of a temporary sleeping accommodation, as defined, for recreational purposes that is not a commercial occupancy. The bill would specify that a low-impact camping area is not a special occupancy park if, among other things, it meets certain requirements, including compliance with applicable local requirements relating to waste disposal, quiet hours, as specified. The bill would require that a county that has authorized low-impact camping areas take specified actions, including, among others, to establish a registry of low-impact camping areas, as specified, and to notify the Department of Housing and Community Development of the county's choices of low-impact camping areas. The bill would also require all state and local eviction processes applicable to a special occupancy park to apply to a low-impact camping area.

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Governor Gavin Newsom expands outdoor access across California



AB 518 expands low-impact camping, signed into law.



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Big news! @CAGovernor Gavin Newsom has signed AB 518 into law — a historic step to expand camping access across California. This law will open more affordable places to camp, support farmers & ranchers, and rural economies.
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As Trump cuts fire response, Governor Newsom expands the state's fire prevention strategy using proven beneficial fire techniques

What you need to know: Governor Newsom signed an **executive order** doubling down on California's commitment to fire prevention by expanding the state's use of beneficial fire — also known as prescribed burns and cultural fire — as a tool to reduce catastrophic wildfire risk.

SACRAMENTO – Building on recent progress to implement beneficial fire as a wildfire risk reduction tool, Governor Gavin Newsom today signed an executive order directing state agencies to reduce red tape and expand tools to safely deploy prescribed fire. While the Trump administration put the nation in harm's way by cutting critical funding for wildfire risk reduction efforts, California continues to lead the way. The Governor's action helps ensure that California does not miss the critical fall weather window to conduct prescribed burns.

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California to create first public wildfire model for insurance

Legislation approved Saturday aims to help property owners assess their rate hikes amid a statewide insurance crisis and rising costs.



BY SAGIB RAHIM | 09/15/2025 04:14 AM EDT



California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara supported state legislation that was passed Saturday and will lead to the creation of the nation's first public wildfire model to help property owners assess their rate hikes. (Rick Pridemore/AP)

CLIMATEWIRE | California lawmakers passed a bill meant to address consumer complaints about a new method that property insurers in the state are using to set premiums and address an insurance crisis.

Legislation approved Saturday was applauded by consumer groups that have criticized California's new rate-setting method, which lets insurers use computer models to project future wildfire losses.

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Insurers flee wildfire-prone California despite state assistance

Regulations to enable large rate increases contrast with other state efforts to stabilize insurance markets.



BY SAGIB RAHIM | 10/24/2025 04:11 AM EDT



Wildfires such as this blaze in Los Angeles in January have forced property insurers to flee California. Now again they show the insurance market continues to struggle despite state efforts to help companies become profitable. (The County/AP)

CLIMATEWIRE | California's battered property insurance market, which has been a leading symbol of financial destabilization due to climate change, is continuing to weaken despite state efforts to revive a sector that has lost billions in recent years.

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Elk are again roaming on lands that California has returned to the Tule River Indian Tribe



Tule elk are released onto the Tule River Indian Reservation in Tulare County on Oct. 22. (Travis VanZant / California Department of Fish and Wildlife)

Tule River Indian Tribe of California reclaims over 17,000 acres and reintroduces tule elk on ancestral land

What you need to know: The largest ancestral land return in the Sierra Nevada foothills and the Central Valley, and the reintroduction of tule elk, restores cultural connections, strengthens sovereignty, and advances California's 30x30 goals.

SACRAMENTO – In a historic milestone, Governor Gavin Newsom today announced the return of 17,030 acres of ancestral land to the Tule River Indian Tribe. This is the largest ancestral land return in the Sierra Nevada foothills and Central Valley region, and a milestone in California's efforts to address historical wrongs against California Native American tribes, as well as in the state's work to restore and protect critical ecosystems. A land return and tule elk reintroduction ceremony will be held today with tribal leaders, state partners, and community members in attendance.

The historical wrongs committed by the state against the Native people of this land echo through the natural worlds of California — ecosystems that lost their first and best stewards. Today marks a critical step in deepening the relationship between the state and the Tule River Indian Tribe, and works towards restoring the deep relationship between the Tribe and their ancestral lands.

Governor Gavin Newsom

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Caltrans Commitment to Safety Highlighted in Completion of the Olancho-Cartago 4-Lane Expressway Project

INYO COUNTY — There are safer travels ahead on U.S. 395 in the Owens Valley with the end of major construction on the Olancho-Cartago 4-Lane Expressway Project. This project constructed 12.5 miles of new pavement, replacing the previous two-lane highway with a split 4-lane expressway designed to eliminate cross-centerline crashes. This is the final stretch of U.S. 395 to be converted into a 4-lane expressway in most of Inyo County.

"The Olancho Cartago 4-Lane Expressway Project underscores Caltrans' safety and people-first philosophy," said Acting District 9 Director Brandon Fitt. "Enhancing safety along this vital roadway improves the quality of life for residents of Olancho and Cartago and provides a better and more efficient travel experience for drivers."

The new lanes on U.S. 395 closed the gap between existing four-lane sections to the north and south. The upgraded facility will meet future transportation demands as vehicle and freight traffic through the region continues to increase.

The project was initiated in the District 9 Planning branch in 1998, and studies of possible bypasses in the area go as far back as the 1960s. Fisher Sand & Gravel started construction on the project in January 2022, and its crews moved approximately 1.6 million yards of earth and laid 290,000 tons (approximately the weight of a Boeing 747) of fresh asphalt.

One of the notable project features was the use of a temporary rock crusher and asphalt production plant on-site. It utilized crushed granite harvested from the ground within the project area to produce roadway base and asphalt. This method reduced trucking costs associated with transporting material from long distances, saving time and taxpayer money.

Some of the project features include:

- 10' shoulders
- New highway access points at Lake Street, Crystal Geyser Road, and the State



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California reconsidering 2035 electric vehicle sales mandate

California Air Resources Board Chair Lauren Sanchez said the timeline is an open area of discussion.



BY ALEX NIEVES | 10/30/2025 11:45 AM EDT



California air quality regulators say the state's 2035 ban on gas car sales is open for discussion. | Richard Vogel/AP

GREENWIRE | California regulators are reconsidering the state's 2035 deadline for phasing out new gas car sales, the state's top air quality official confirmed Wednesday.

What happened: California Air Resources Board Chair Lauren Sanchez said the agency will "rethink" the state's goal for transitioning to electric vehicle and plug-in hybrid sales as part of its [rulemaking on new emissions standards](#) for light-duty vehicles that launched last week.

The 2035 target "remains a very ambitious goal" that will be a "very active area of discussion going forward," Sanchez said in a wide-ranging interview with POLITICO.

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New CEQA Exemption for Parks and Trails Funded by Proposition 4

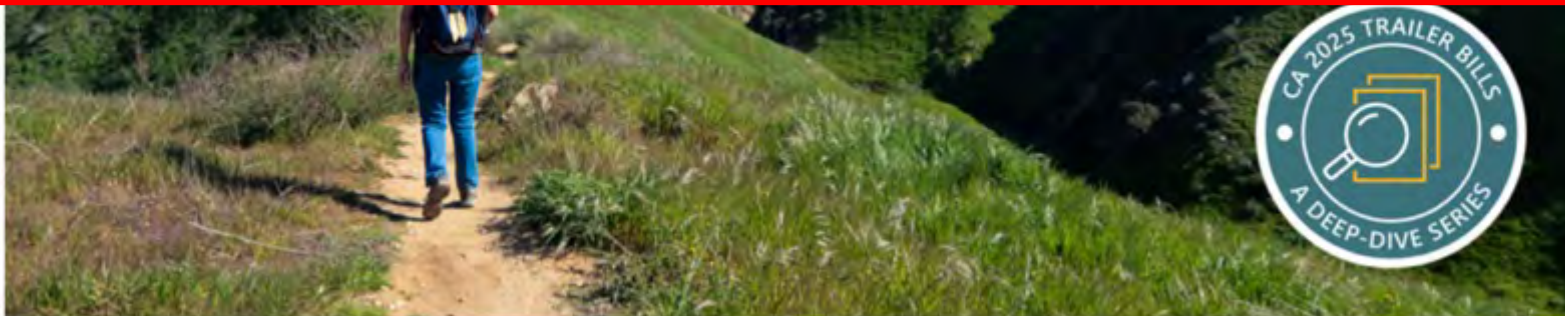


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New CEQA Exemption for Parks and Trails Funded by

"Senate Bill (SB) 131 of 2025 includes a new California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption for public parks and nonmotorized recreational trail projects funded by the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (i.e., Proposition 4)."



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New CEQA Exemption for Parks and Trails Funded by

"This exemption specifically applies to public park or nonmotorized recreational trail facilities funded in whole or in part by Proposition 4, a \$10 billion bond measure focused on increasing California's resilience to the impacts of climate change."



Happenings of Interest

- \$200 million to the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) for the Statewide Park Program
- \$200 million to the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for reducing climate impacts on disadvantaged communities and expanding outdoor recreation
- \$100 million to the CNRA and other yet-to-be-determined agencies for enhancing natural resource value and expanding trail access
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- \$25 million to CNRA for nature education facilities

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CEQA Reform Webinar: Understanding What AB 130 and SB 131 Mean for Your Community



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by Erik de Kok, AICP; Chad Beckstrom, AICP; and Greta Brownlow, PhD

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Gwen and Mike Niccoli are the new owners of Caples Lake Resort in Alpine County.

By [Lisa Gavon](#)

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Tahoe-Douglas Area Plan workshop Nov. 13



The Tahoe Douglas Area Plan covers all of Tahoe Township outside of the Stateline casino core.

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Chris Benchetler's Latest Grateful Dead Opus 'Mountains of the Moon' Has Finally Arrived

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Chris Benchetler, the art-world's favorite pro skier and the ski-world's favorite Deadhead, is back with *Mountains of the Moon*. His new film, which he calls his "opus", shows how the Grateful Dead's ethos is so much more than just music—it's an entire way of seeing the universe.

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Will California embrace forest power? | Noah Berger/AP

GET THE WOOD OUT: The state of California has spent millions of dollars to remove brush from its fire-prone forests and turn it into electricity instead.

Then high energy costs became a political lightning rod.

State wildfire officials have increasingly touted energy made from the state's abundant wood and other organic waste, which has otherwise struggled to take hold in California because of local concerns about air pollution and a high cost compared to solar energy, as a key part of their strategy to bring catastrophic wildfires into check.



The Hoover Dam on the Colorado River in Aug. 20, 2024. 2024 Boulder City, Nevada. | John Demaree/Nikshon/AP

GREENWIRE | With state negotiators in the Colorado River Basin still at odds ahead of a key deadline, the Trump administration could soon be tasked with deciding where to cut water use across the West and appears to be weighing options like draining reservoirs or curbing senior water rights.

Less than two weeks before a mid-November deadline for negotiators to reach consensus on a plan for managing the drought-ravaged Colorado River, the seven states that share the waterway — Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming in the Upper Basin and Arizona, California and Nevada in the Lower Basin — have yet to coalesce around a strategy. Despite nearly two years of talks, state officials have remained divided even as flows in the 1,450-mile-long river continue to shrink from decades of persistent drought. The water in the river has decreased by as much as 20 percent in recent decades, forcing emergency actions by states to conserve or forgo water they would normally rely on.

Without a deal, the Interior Department and its Bureau of Reclamation have threatened to step in to wield federal authority — a largely untested power — and potentially tap reservoirs in the Upper Basin and reduce flows to the Lower

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U.S. EPA Issues Policy Guidance to Remove Barriers for Prescribed Fires



Senate Advances Bipartisan Fix Our Forests Act



U.S. Forest Service Invests Nearly \$32 Million to Protect California Communities from Wildfire



USDA California Climate Hub and Partners Release New Reforestation Planning Resources



Governor Newsom Signs Executive Order to Address Economic Consequences of the State's Climate and Wildfire Crisis



CNRA and Partners Install First Ever Redwood Forest Observatory

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Task Force Work Group leads,

A working draft of the 2026 Wildfire and Landscape Resilience Action Plan is available for Work Group lead review. This email describes how to access the documents, provide feedback, and specific areas where we're hoping for your contribution.

Accessing the Documents

Box Directory with full Action Plan Draft – this is the **only** place to **access** and **download** the draft content. We have added a new directory – File number 0

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Providing Feedback (Requested by 11/17)

You can share your feedback, edits, and comments.

1. **Submit comments and/or markups.** You can use the [2026 Action Plan: Working Draft Feedback Form](#).
2. **Meet with us.** You can contact Sean or I for a meeting time for us to meet. Also feel free to call or text. This is copied on this email if there are any.

Specific Requests

- Please review the “Shared Strategy” that we incorporated some, but not necessarily all, of the suggestions. We still need impactful infographics. You can email them to me or drop them in the Box directory.

P.S. Please check the distribution list as there are some missing federal leads. If you notice someone missing from the list – please send me a note so that I can add them. A web page is also warranted, but that's for another time.



Thank you for providing input on this preliminary working draft of the 2026 Action Plan

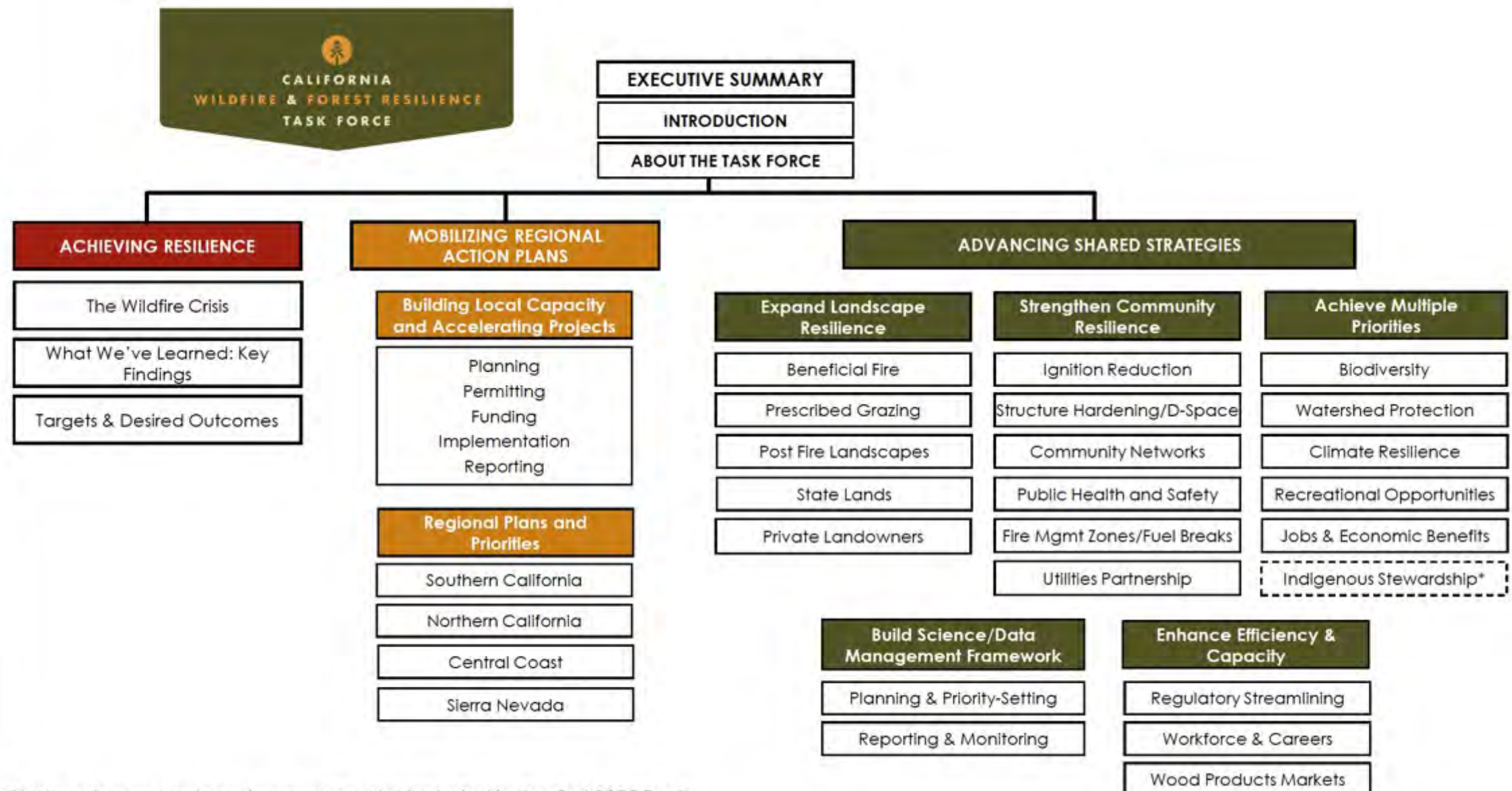
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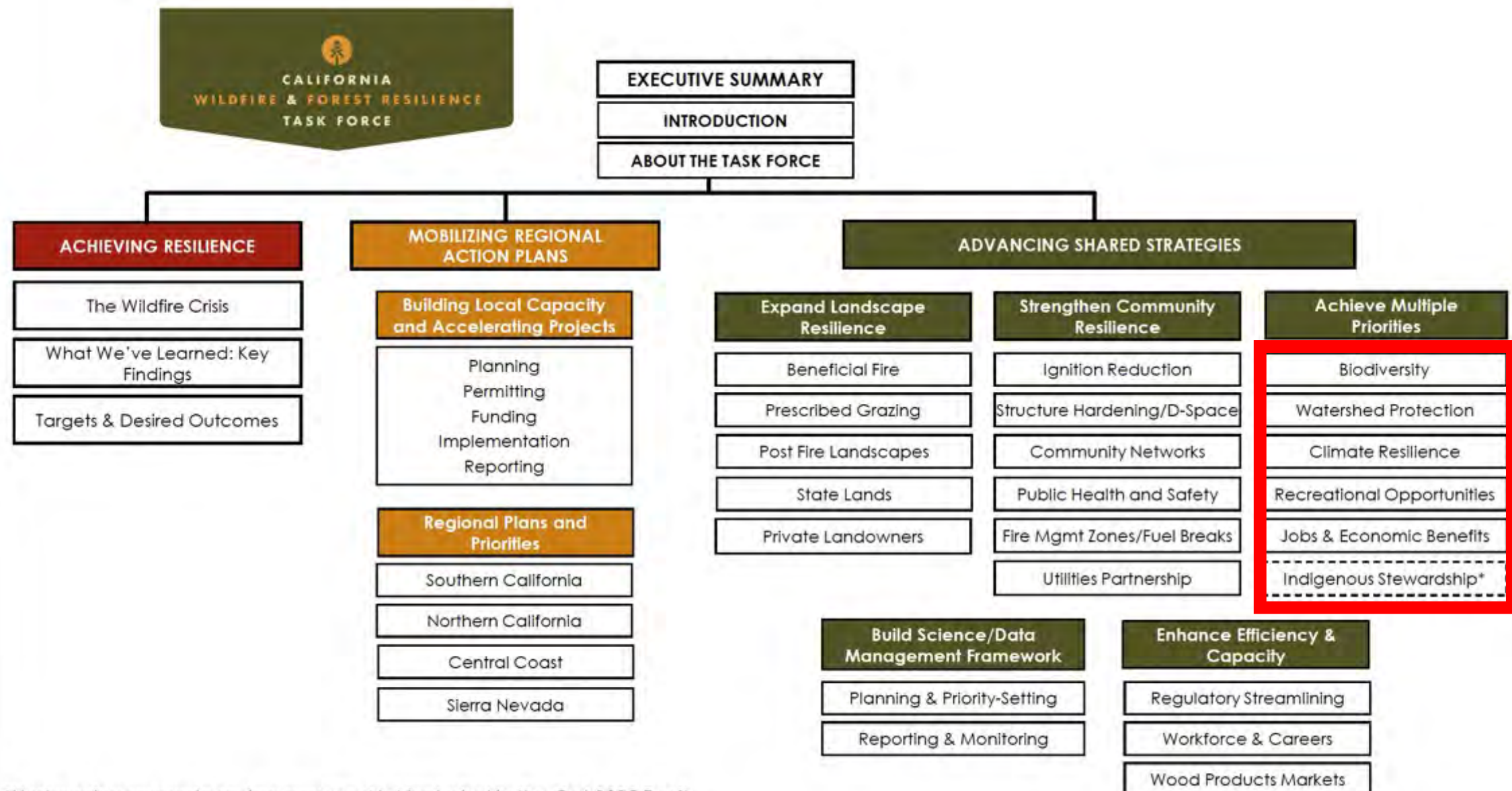
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Internal State Working Draft Review Period (7/28-9/18)

Develop Internal Partner Review Draft (8/15-10/16)

Internal Partner Review Window (10/16-11/17)

Develop External Partner Materials (9/29-10/24)

External Partner Briefing Sprint (10/27-12/12)

Develop Executive Review Package (11/1-12/9)

Executive Review Window (12/10-1-10)

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Publish Action Plan (1/26-2/5)

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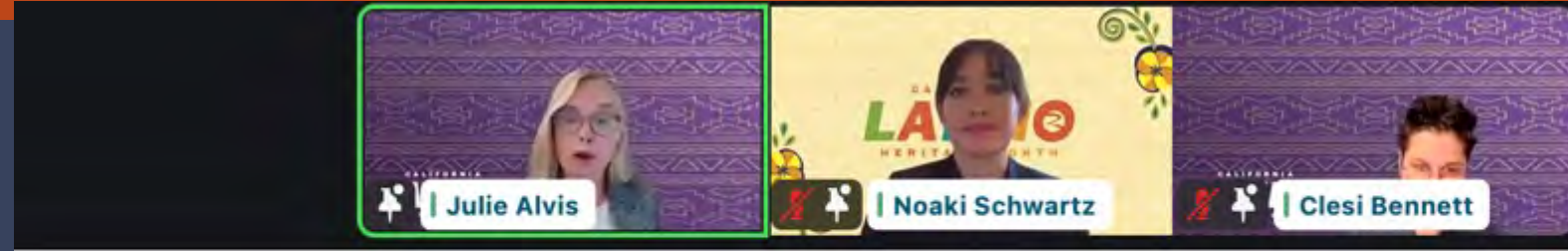
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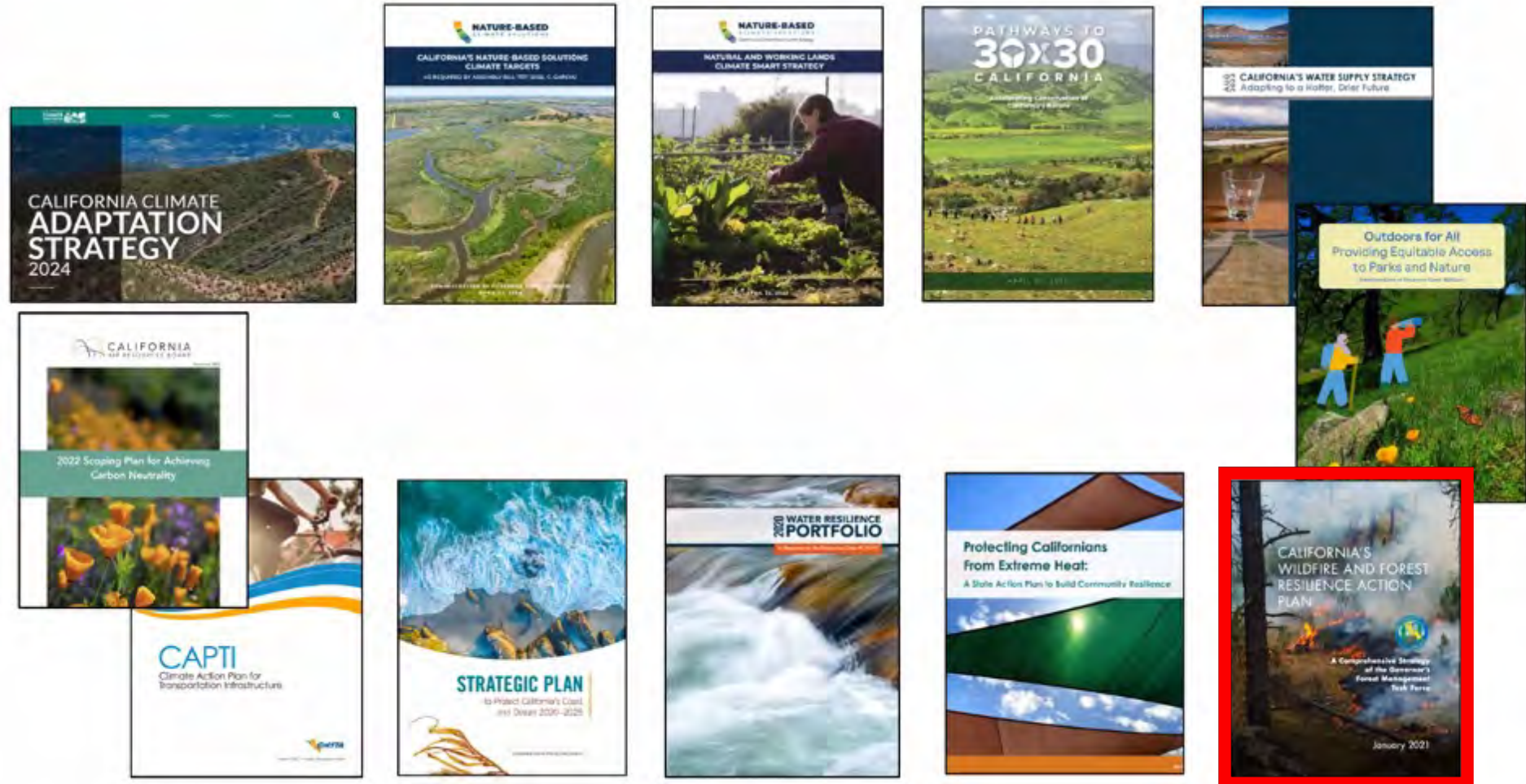
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- Motherlode Bicycle Coalition – Sustainable Mobility Partnership Program contract executed
- 11 Recreation & Tourism projects under contract
- Detailed project pages becoming available on SierraJobsFirst.org

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- Agnew::Beck Consulting conducting interviews with regional stakeholders
- 1st meeting with Transition Advisory Committee on October 31
- Notes posted:
<https://sierrajobsfirst.org/transition-planning/>
- Survey launching in November
- Presenting findings at the December 12 Governing Council meeting (virtual)



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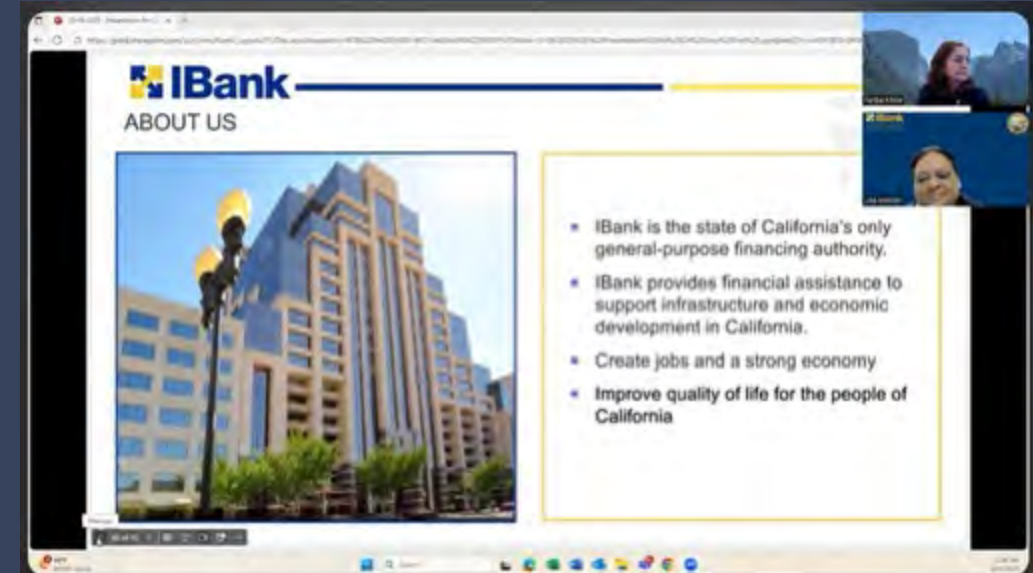
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- State Financing Tools

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- Nov 13, 2025 @ 11 am
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TRANSITION & FUTURE PLANNING

Shaping the Future, Together

Sierra Jobs First: Transition & Future Planning

Transition & Future Planning Overview

Updated September 30, 2025



Background

Since June 2023, the Sierra Jobs First Collaborative, with funding from California Jobs First and administrative support from Sierra Business Council, has brought diverse leaders together to discuss, plan, and fund community-led, climate-forward, and economically resilient initiatives. With state funding for the Sierra Jobs First Collaborative scheduled to sunset in September 2026, now is the time to work on what comes next. In service of this, Sierra Business Council, with support from Agnew::Beck Consulting, is facilitating a planning process to define the Collaborative's future. The 10-month process centers on you, our partners and leaders across the seven-county region. Through interviews, conversations, and shared discussions, we will gather your input on how the Sierra Jobs First Collaborative should continue: whether in its current form, an evolved structure, or something entirely new.

Planning Process Elements

We will blend listening and research into a structured, transparent 10-month process that includes the following elements:

- Formation of a Transition Advisory Committee comprised of Industry Sector Leads, Regional Convenor Partners, and the Sierra Jobs First Tribal Coordinator (see details on page 4)
- Research other Jobs First collaboratives and national models
- Conduct interviews with dozens of Sierra leaders
- Host focus groups
- Distribute a survey
- Gather input from the Sierra Jobs First Governing Council
- Development of future models for consideration
- Development of a Transition Plan and an Implementation Plan based on preferred model

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Transition Advisory Committee Overview (TAC)

The Transition Advisory Committee (TAC) is vital to helping us shape the future of Sierra Jobs First Collaborative planning process. The TAC will provide guidance and feedback to the Core Team, comprised of Sierra Business Council staff and the consulting team at



- Dr. Jen Burrows, Ed.D, MSN, PHN, RN, Burrows Consulting Community Healthcare
- Alex Bloom, Mother Lode Job Training Sustainable Agriculture, Natural & Working Lands, Community Healthcare, Regional Convenor Partner
- Elaine Kabala, Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Regional Convenor Partner
- John Wentworth, MLTPA Foundation Recreation & Tourism
- Matthew Galvan, Sierra Focus Media Recreation & Tourism
- Travis Nabahe, Nabahe Global Group Tribal Coordinator

- Survey and key findings
- Research on collaborative governance models and structures
- Final deliverables, including governance model options and the transition & implementation plans

- Overall commitment: approximately 20–25 hours across the 10-month.

Sierra Jobs First: Transition & Future Planning

Prepared for: Sierra Business Council

October 29, 2025

Transition Advisory Committee Meeting

SIERRA JOBS FIRST TRANSITION & FUTURE PLANNING PROCESS

Seana Doherty, Senior Manager



Sierra Jobs First Transition & Future Planning Process

Transition Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting #1

SUMMARY NOTES

October 29, 2025 | 2-3pm

TAC Members

Tribal: Travis Nabahe, Nabahe Global Group (not present)

ESCOG: Elaine Kabala, ESCOG

Rec & Tourism: Mat Galvan, Sierra Focus Media

Healthcare: Dr. Jen Burrows, Jen Burrows Consulting

Rec & Tourism: John Wentworth, MLTPA Foundation

Agriculture, Natural & Working Lands, Healthcare: Alex Bloom, Mother Lode Job Training (not present)

Facilitation: Seana Doherty, Agnew::Beck

Notes: Kaela Frank and Heather Hawkins, Sierra Business Council

SUMMARY NOTES

TAC Roles

- Intentional naming of "Transition and Future Planning," because it may not be a transition, added the word "future," because we may decide to memorialize the work we did together, or there may be something that emerges, yet to be determined
- Role of Governing Council: Technically the decision making body for Sierra Jobs First, will have stamp of approval on outcomes of this process but recommendations from TAC will be critical.
- Industry Coordinators: Critical leaders in this process right now, your recommendations will be going to the Governing Council for stamp of approval.
- Agnew::Beck started interviewing TAC members

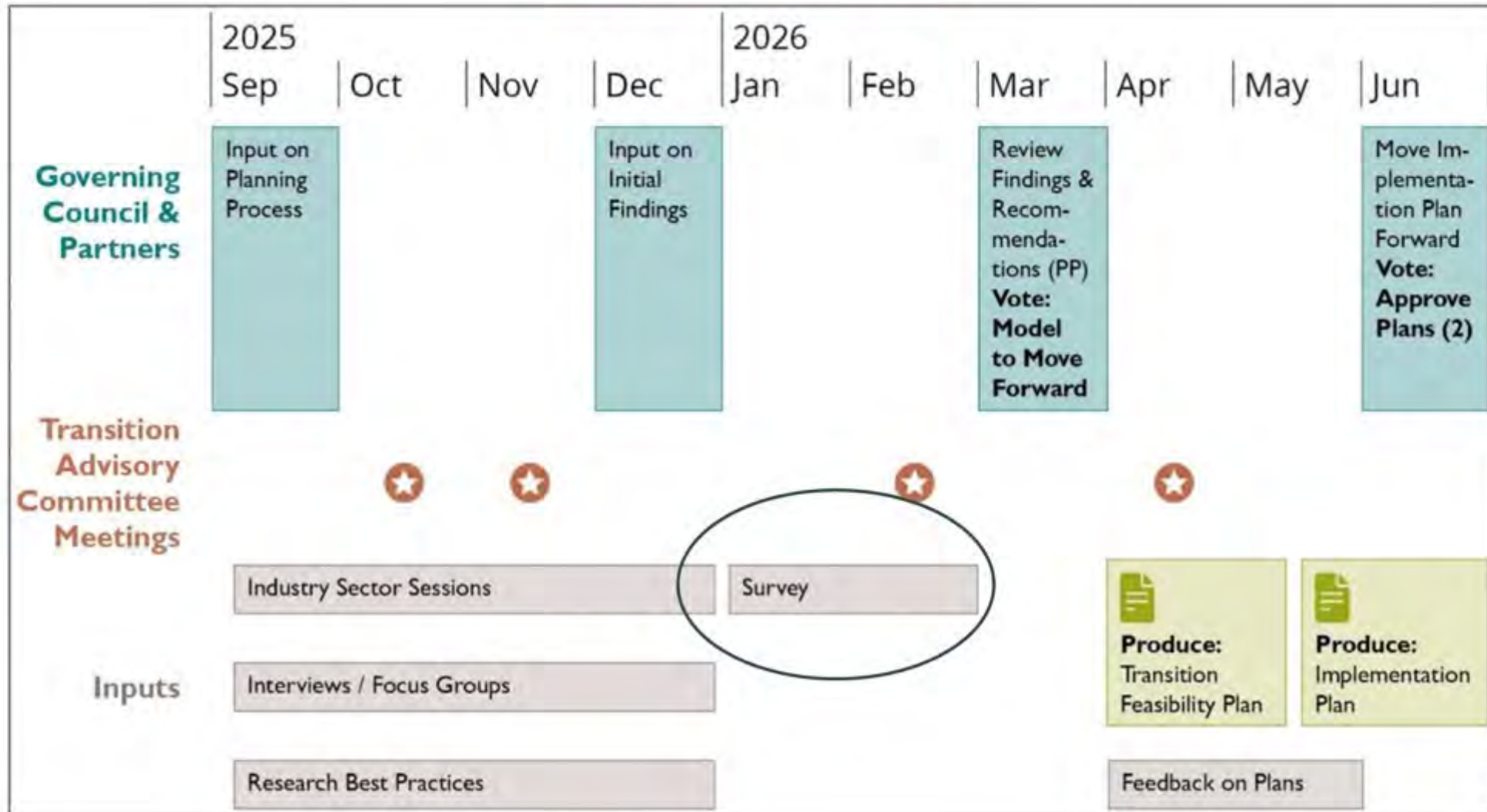
Agenda for Today (1 hour)

- Welcome
- Review Process Timeline
- TAC Roles & Responsibilities
 - Discussion & Feedback
- Input Updates
- Survey Question Feedback
- Close & Next Steps



SJF Transition & Future Planning Process Timeline

(Sept 2025 - June 2026)



Survey Feedback

- Timing (Nov 2025 or Jan/Feb 2026?)
- Distribution: SBC to distribute to full SJF list (wide)

Phase I Outreach Update



Input Updates So Far

- Completed 8 interviews
- 10 more scheduled
- Goal is to complete by first week in Dec
- Timing comments
- Mixed opinions on need for maintaining formal regional collaboration
- Funding a regional collaboration in the future will be challenging

Draft Survey Questions

Collaboration and Regional Value

- What does regional collaboration mean to you?
 - What geography defines this for you?
- Where do you see strong regional collaboration happening that you think has a really good chance of continuing forward, with or without a formal regional collaborative structure?
- Do you feel like a formal regional collaborative structure is needed or very helpful for moving your work forward?
 - What about for others you work with?

Draft Survey Questions

Reflections on Sierra Jobs First (SJF) Over the Past 5 Years (SWOT)

- What has been positive about the SJF process?
- What have been the challenges with SJF?
- What are the opportunities that have emerged as a result of this work for you? Give examples.
- What are the threats or risks to the current work happening under SJF (and other work) if the formal regional collaborative structure and capacity goes away?

Update from CA Economic Summit



- Position of CA FWD
 - Unify economic development efforts under one agency (building off GO-Biz) to align funding across state programs and articulate clear, statewide strategy
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What is a “Collaborative”-?

California's 13 Jobs First Regions

California's **regions** are the driving force behind a resilient and inclusive economy. Empowered to maximize collaboration, innovation, and job creation, each **region** has developed thoughtful solutions to address its respective needs.





2. Redwood



3. Capital



4. Sierra



5. Bay Area



6. Northern San Joaquin



7. Central San Joaquin



8. Central Coast



9. Kern County



10. Los Angeles County



11. Inland SoCal



Regional Investment Initiatives



\$80M

Awarded to **11** projects across
7 regions supporting **23,000**
jobs in the following sectors:



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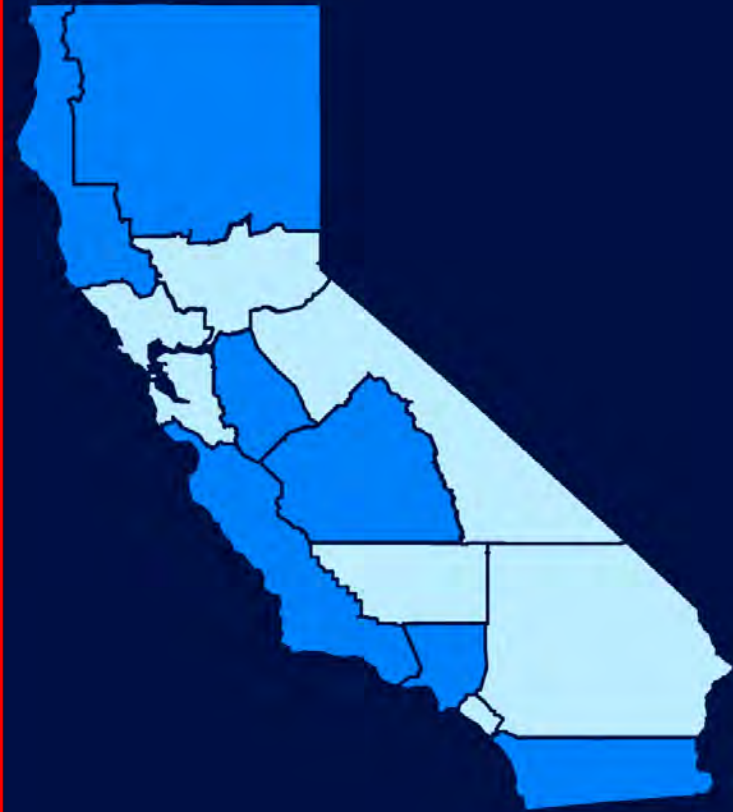
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Bioeconomy



Life Sciences



California's Diverse and Dynamic Economy is Reflected in its Strategic Sectors

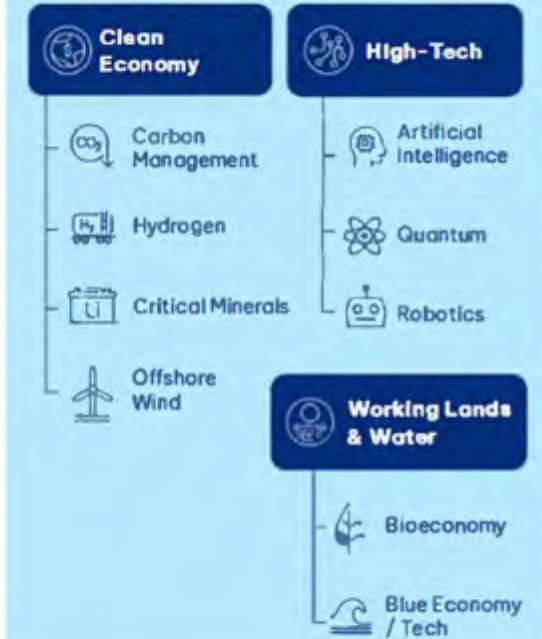
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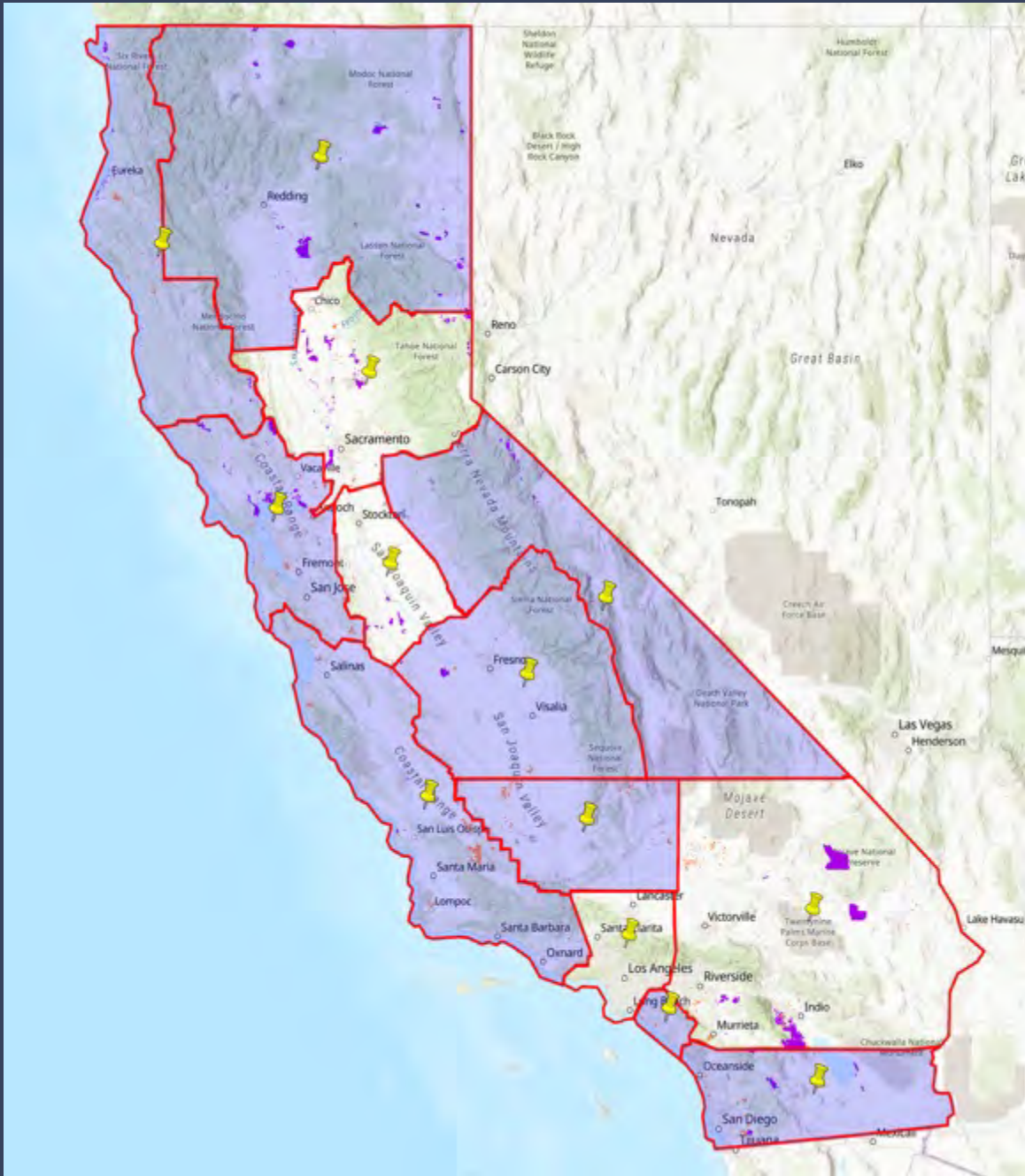


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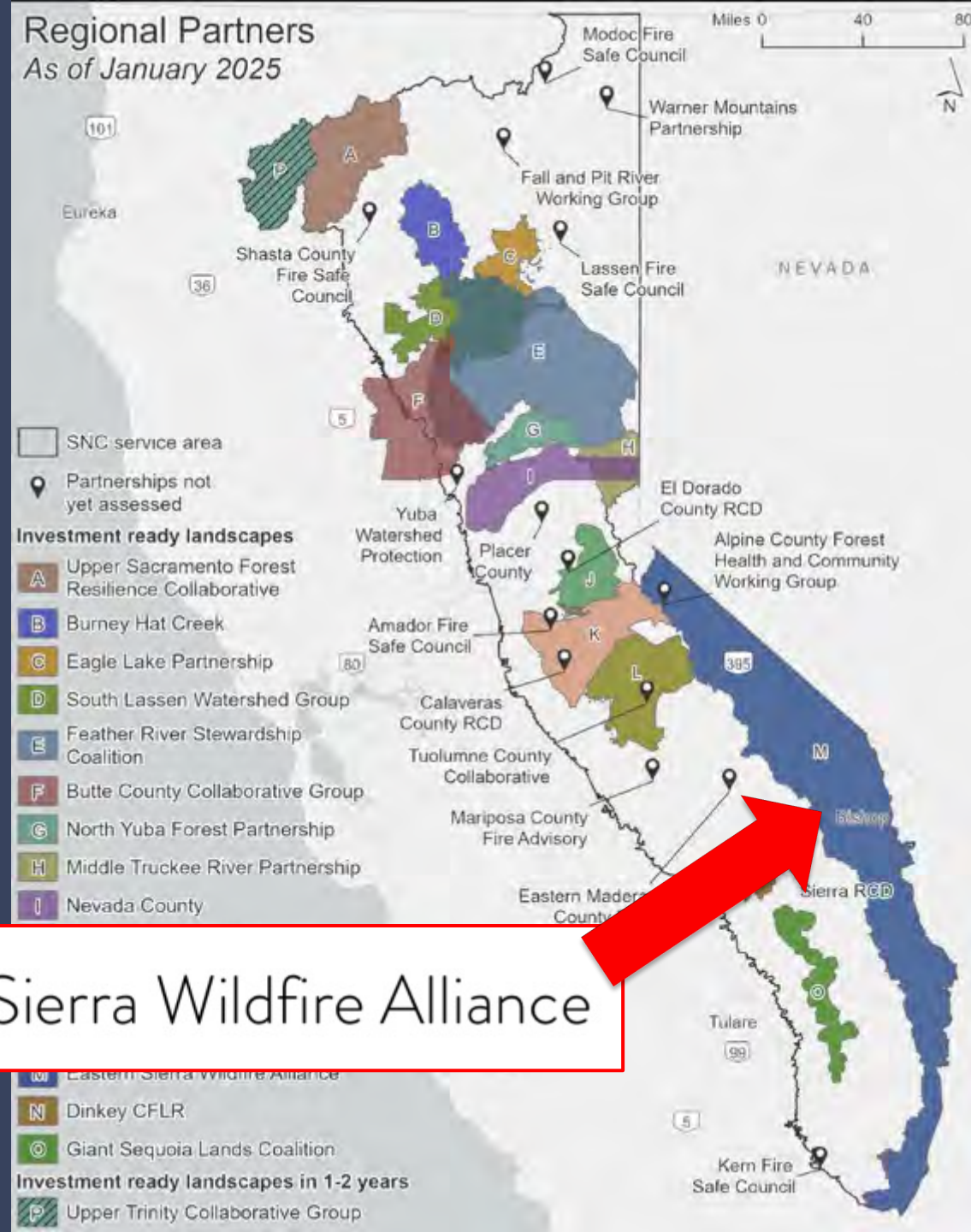


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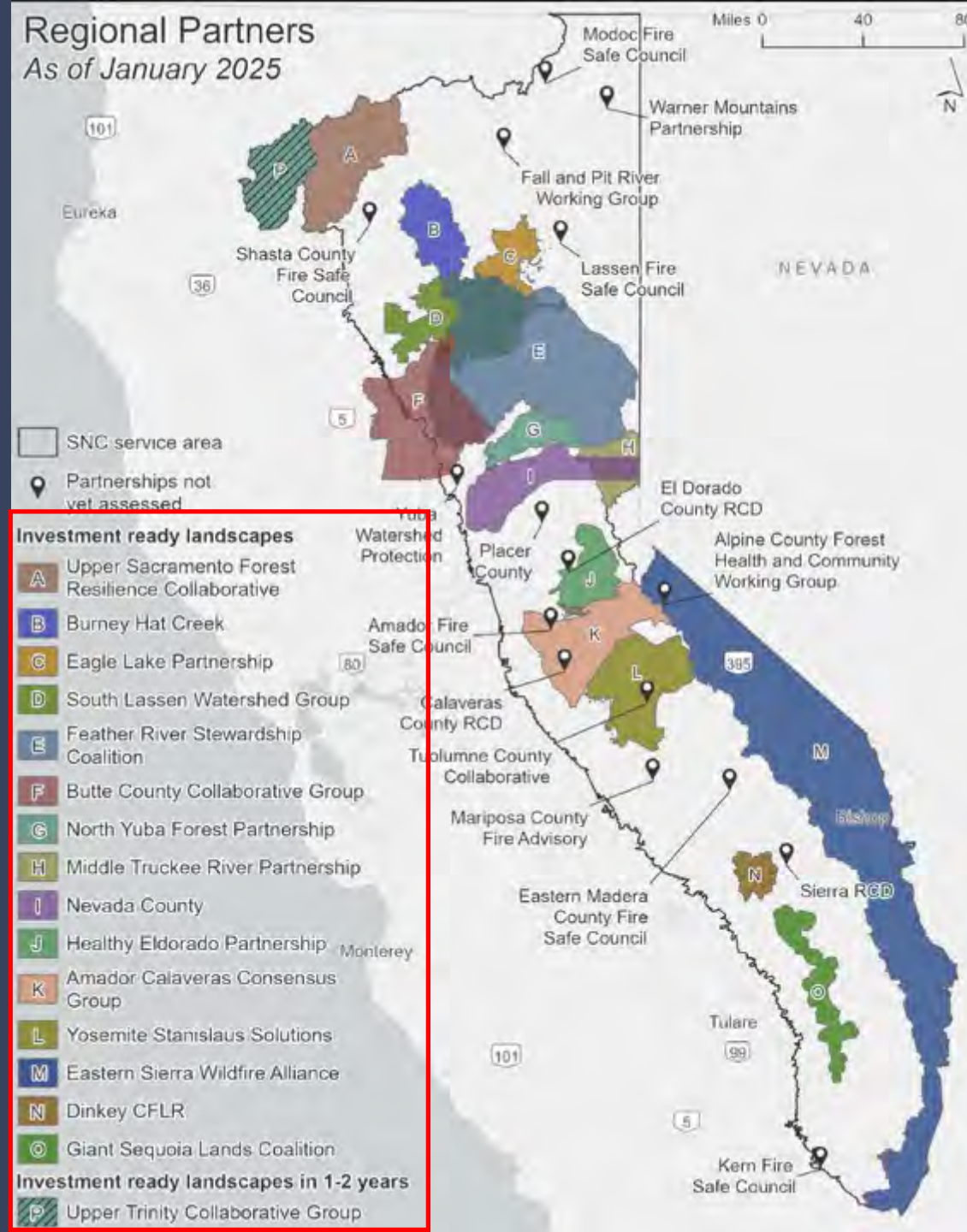
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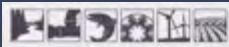
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- Upper Sacramento Forest Resilience Collaborative
- Burney Hat Creek
- Eagle Lake Partnership
- South Lassen Watershed Group
- Feather River Stewardship Coalition
- Butte County Collaborative Group
- North Yuba Forest Partnership
- Middle Truckee River Partnership
- Nevada County
- Healthy Eldorado Partnership
- Amador Calaveras Consensus Group
- Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions
- Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance
- Dinkey CFLR
- Giant Sequoia Lands Coalition

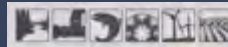
Regional Partners As of January 2025





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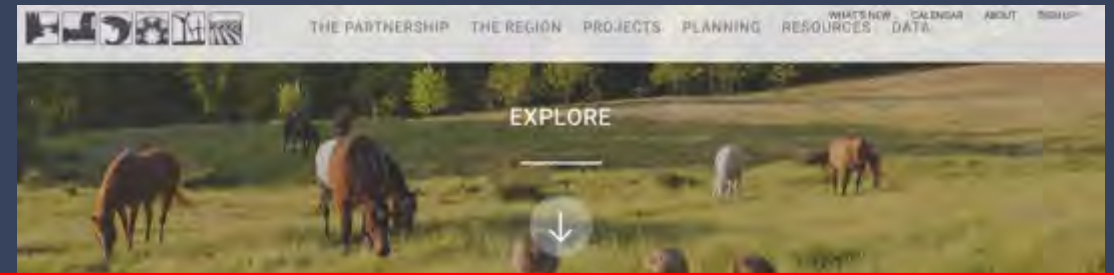
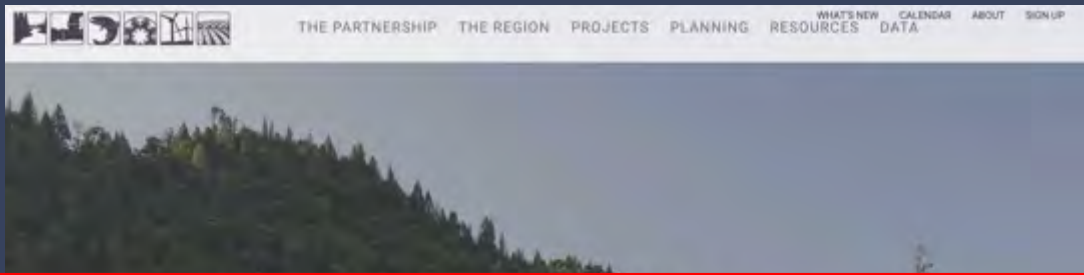
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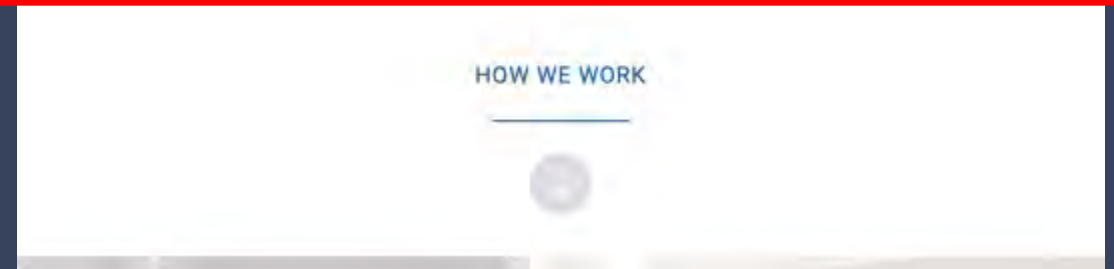
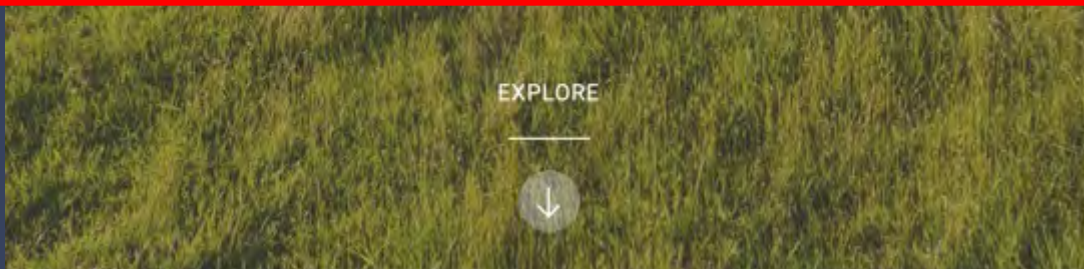


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The North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) is a long term, innovative and successful collaboration among Northern California Tribes, counties, and diverse stakeholders. The NCRP region covers over 19,000 square miles – 12% of the California landscape – and includes the Tribal lands and the counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Modoc, Siskiyou, Sonoma and Trinity.





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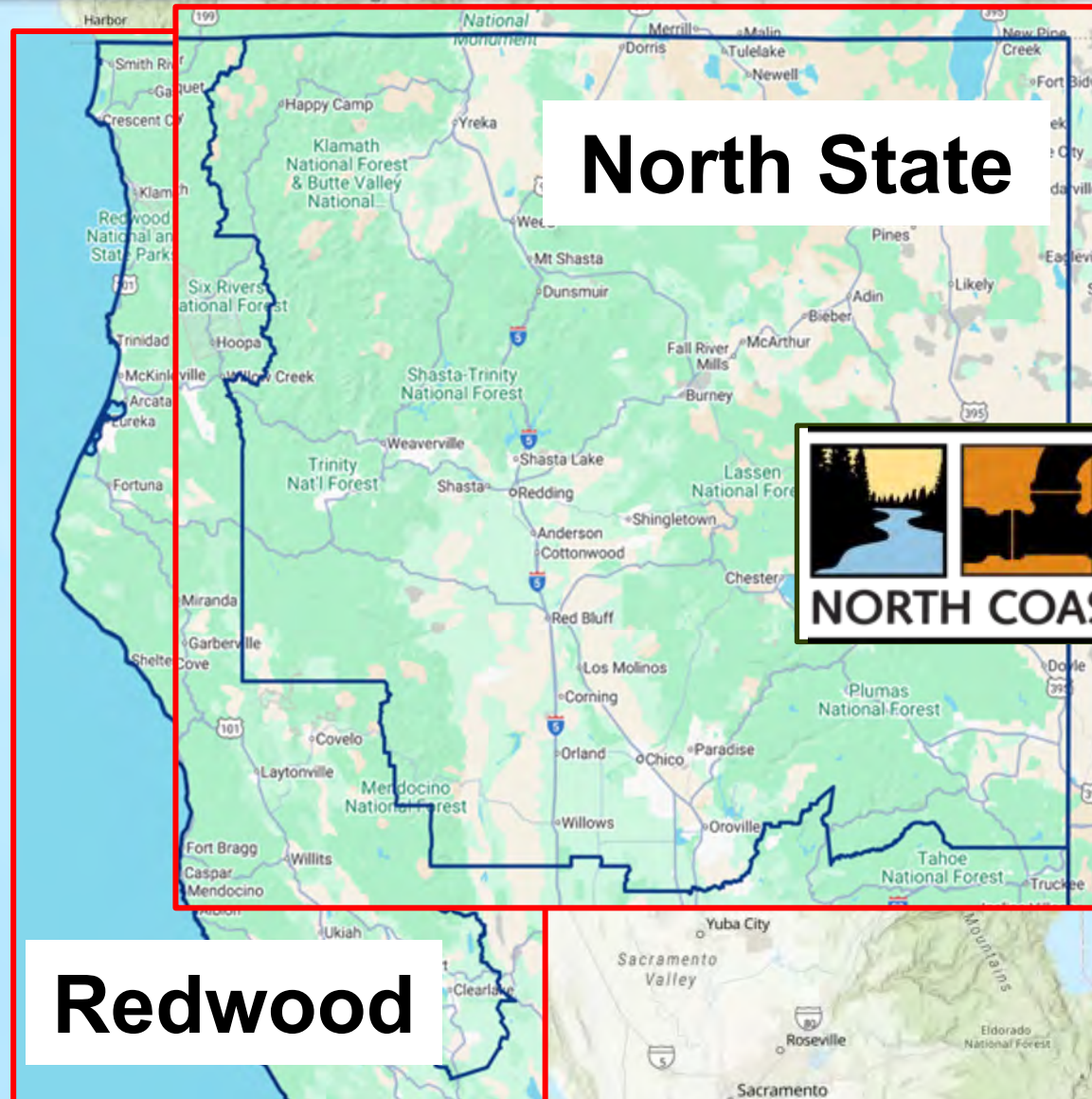
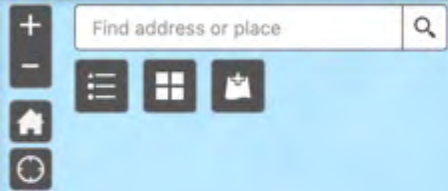
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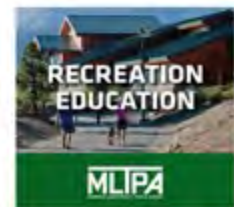
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PROJECT INFORMATION, NEWS & UPDATES

Tri-County Economic Impact Analysis of Recreation in Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties



Project Description

This project aims to conduct a comprehensive Economic Impact Study to guide sustainable recreation management and development in Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties. The study will analyze recreational patterns, assess cost-benefit impacts, and provide actionable recommendations to optimize resource use while balancing economic, ecological, and community benefits.

Amount	Lead Organization	Partners	Counties of Impact	Foundational Elements & Industries
\$204,050	Alpine County	Alpine County Mono County Inyo County Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG)	Alpine Mono Inyo	Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Land Use & Tenure Physical Infrastructure Small Business & Entrepreneurship Workforce Development & Education

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects - Recreation & Tourism



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Recreation & Tourism Catalyst Projects



CHIPMUNK CANYON EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS
The project will develop an existing conditions analysis of the unauthorized trail network to inform required environmental review, determine feasibility of a formal trails network, identify and plan for recreation amenities, and engage Tribes and interested communities to in a conceptual rec plan.



CREATIVE REUSE OF CREATIVE ARTS CENTER TUOLUMNE COUNTY
This project will collect donated materials from businesses to divert from landfills and offer maker workshops focused on STEAM/STEM education. It includes leasing a larger site, hiring educators for underserved communities, and a manager to structure the business.



EASTERN SIERRA REGIONAL CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS & JOBS CREATION
This project aims to collect donated materials from local businesses otherwise to go to landfill; utilize maker workshops to provide access to resources for STEM and STEAM focused learning and exploration for all ages; and hire necessary professional capacity.



SIERRA JOBS FIRST - RECREATION AND TOURISM - CATALYST PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Information for this Sierra Jobs First Recreation and Tourism Project is current as of August 20, 2025 and will be updated as additional information becomes available.

To view the complete list of Catalyst projects approved by the Sierra Jobs First Governing Council on March 24, 2025, [please click here](#).

PROJECT NAME

- Eastern Sierra Regional Trail System & Jobs Creation

LEAD PROJECT APPLICANT

- MLTPA

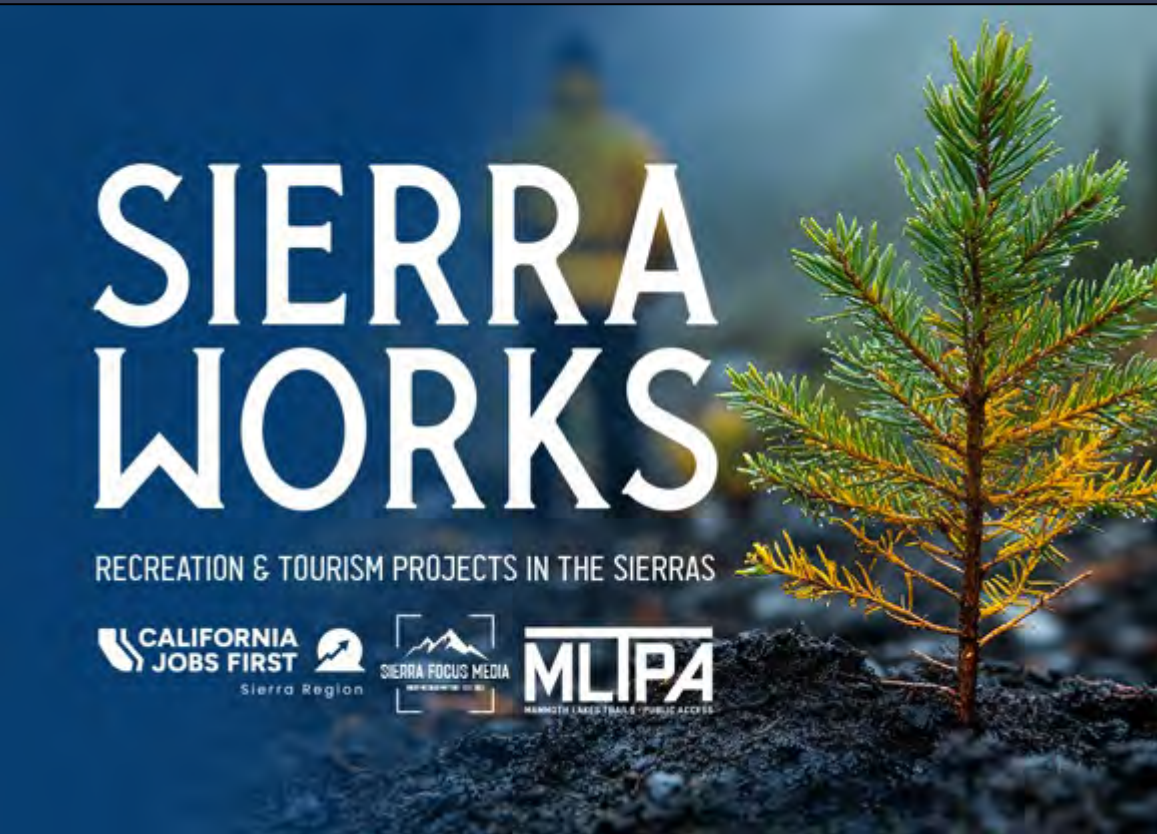
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- MLTPA is developing the Westside Towns to Trails Plan as a key component of a future Eastern Sierra regional trail system. This plan will complement the Eastside Towns to Trails Plan as finalized by the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG), which together, may one day form a cross-Sierra trail network linking gateway communities to public lands and each other through outdoor recreation. The Westside Trails Plan focuses on four counties in the California Jobs First Sierra Region, identifying opportunities for trail and infrastructure connectivity between communities, adjacent public lands, and ultimately to three eastside counties via northern Alpine County. Using the same methodology as the Eastside Towns to Trails plan, the Westside Towns to Trails Plan evaluates existing inventoried trail and system road infrastructure, maps potential alignments, works with community stakeholders, and identifies environmental planning needs. The plan also explores opportunities to extend the network into the Central San Joaquin Valley Jobs First Region, including Tulare, Fresno, and Madera counties, as well as Yosemite National Park. This work enhances regional recreation access, supports sustainable tourism, and promotes economic development by improving connectivity across diverse California landscapes, and all through the renewed utilization of existing infrastructure.

Sierra Jobs First: "Catalyst Projects" - Recreation & Tourism

Projects

- Contracted Catalyst Projects
- Contracted via "Other" sectors
- "Walk-On" Projects
 - Projects that did not apply for Catalyst funding, but qualify for Technical Assistance



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CHELSEA TAYLOR, COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM MANAGER

Chelsea (she/they) is a seasoned strategist with a decade of experience in outdoor recreation and environmental conservation programs, policy, and fieldwork. They specialize in facilitating cross-jurisdictional collaboration, community engagement, and equity initiatives advancing holistic visions of health inclusive of environment, economy, and community. In addition to working with MLTPA, they have been involved in projects with the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks, California

Conservation Corps Backcountry Trails Program, the Eastern Sierra Conservation Corps, and the Oregon Trails Coalition. When not working they enjoy spending time outside, playing board games, and learning new skills, currently focused on woodworking!

Contact: chelseataylor@mltpa.org

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects - Recreation & Tourism

“As we prepare for the Tourism and Recreation Working Group and the future of the Rec and Tourism Sector in the Sierra Region, we want to highlight projects so you not only have a deeper understanding about the work happening, but also to get you inspired. We can’t get together as often as we’d like, and these projects can often feel like words on a page. By offering these highlight we hope to bring this work to life and set our region up to build off of our efforts, share wisdom gained through the process, and make the most of the unique opportunity that is Sierra Jobs First.”

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects - Recreation & Tourism

Sierra Jobs First Collaborative: Recreation and Tourism Projects

Sustainable Mobility Partnership Program

- Motherlode Bicycle Coalition (MLBC) will fund an Executive Director and Program Manager. Efforts will include nurturing partnerships with local governments and state agencies, advocating for bicycling at multiple levels, developing implementable bicycle infrastructure projects, securing project funding, growing membership, and hosting events to promote bike culture.

Pathways to Prosperity: A Regional Multimodal Safety and Recreation Initiative

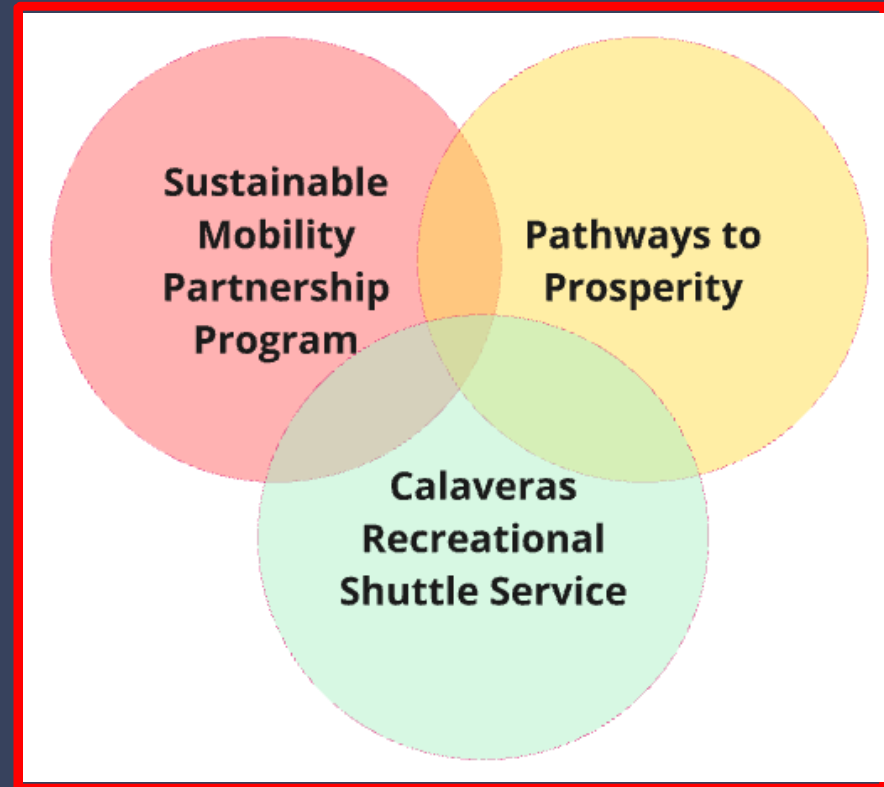
- The Pathways to Prosperity initiative seeks to enhance multimodal safety and recreational infrastructure across Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, and Tuolumne counties. The project will identify recreational enhancements, conduct public outreach, identify potential funding sources, and outline agency or partnership roles to help realize these improvements.

Calaveras Recreational Shuttle Service

- Calaveras County is exploring a year-round regional shuttle connecting Valley Springs, San Andreas, Angels Camp, Murphys, Arnold, Calaveras Big Trees State Park, and Bear Valley. The service aims to boost recreation and tourism, create jobs, reduce traffic and emissions, and support local businesses.

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects - Recreation & Tourism

Sierra Jobs First Collaborative: Recreation and Tourism Projects



- Sustainable Mobility Partnership Program
- Pathways to Prosperity: A Regional Multimodal Safety and Recreation Initiative
- Calaveras Recreational Shuttle Service

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects - Recreation & Tourism

Sierra Jobs First Collaborative: Arts and Culture Projects

Sierra Regional Arts Organization Collaborative Network

- Creation of a Sierra Regional Arts Organization Collaborative Network with participating arts organizations in each of the Sierra Region's seven-county cluster to formalize and solidify communication and collaboration between these individual organizations which share the significant challenges of thriving as rural arts organizations in the current economic landscape.

Sierra Jobs First Industrial Arts Training Program

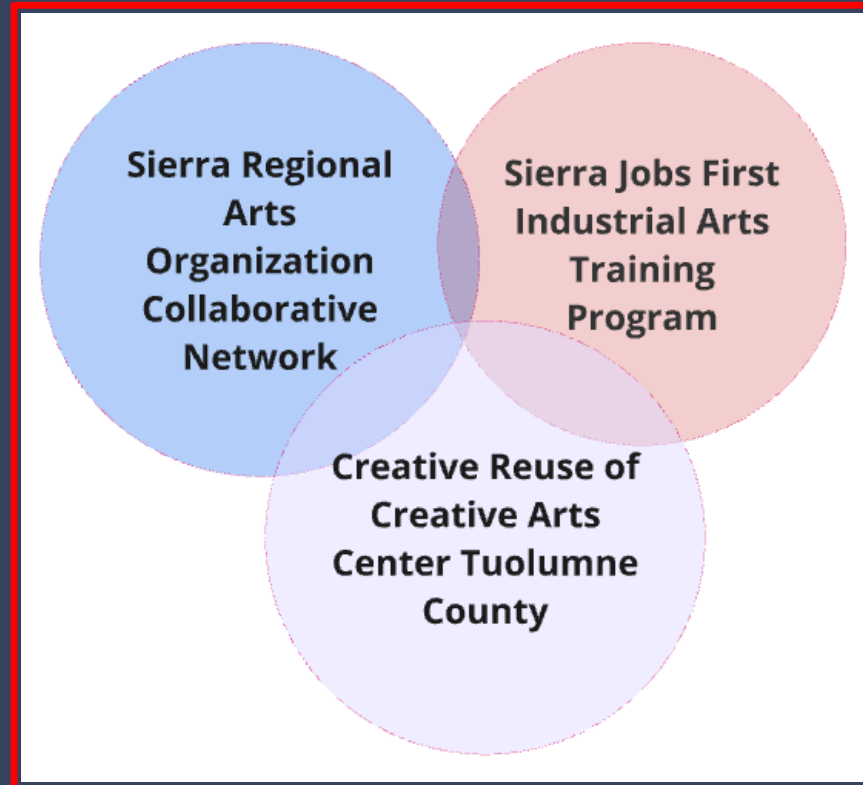
- RCRC and Amador College Connect will administer the project to create a comprehensive framework for a locally accessible training program to equip students with in-demand skills for middle-skill jobs. Key objectives include collaborating with Columbia College to develop industry-aligned curricula that address workforce needs in industrial arts.

Creative Reuse of Creative Arts Center Tuolumne County

- This project involves piloting a creative reuse business model. Donated materials from local businesses that otherwise would go to the landfill, will be screened for acceptability and potential to be recycled and sold, and/or provide materials for creative reuse classes/job training (revenue), and opportunities for community engagement.

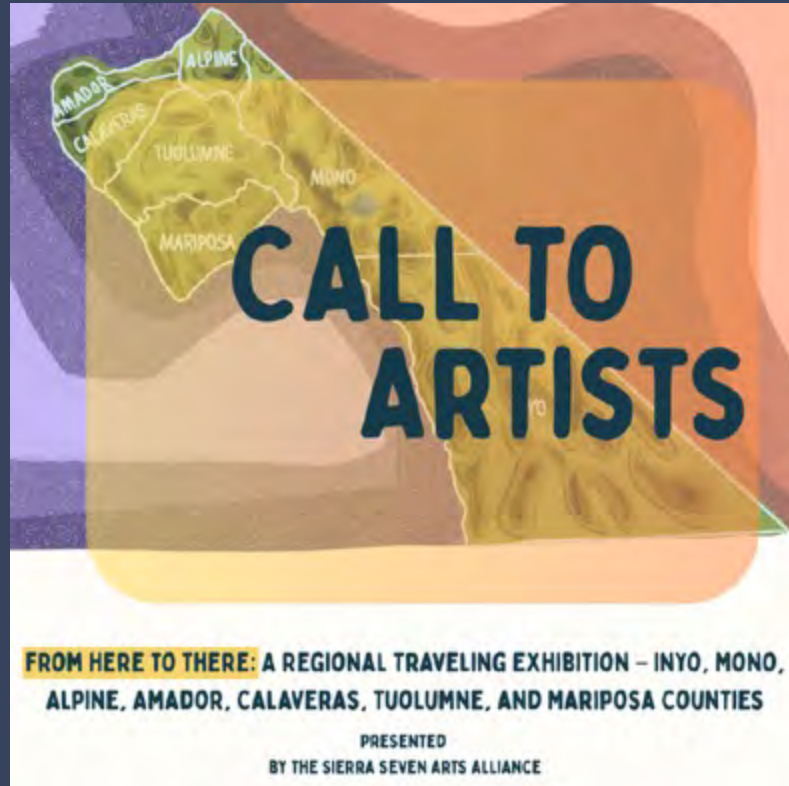
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Sierra Jobs First Collaborative: Arts and Culture Projects



- Sierra Regional Arts Organization Collaborative Network
- Sierra Jobs First Industrial Arts Training Program
- Creative Reuse of Creative Arts Center Tuolumne County

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **CALL OPENS: OCTOBER 10, 2025**
- **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 28, 2025**
- **ADJUDICATION: DECEMBER 3-4, 2025**
- **ARTWORK DELIVERY TO RESPECTIVE ARTS ORGANIZATION: TBD BY ORGANIZATION**



EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

SPECIFIC DATES AND VENUES WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION AFTER ARTWORK HAS BEEN ADJUDICATED AND WILL BE DETERMINED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF ART PIECES INCLUDED IN THE SHOW. THE EXHIBITION MAY BE MULTI-SITED IN MANY COUNTIES.

- **FEB 20 – MAR 2026: INYO COUNTY, PRESENTED BY C5 STUDIOS AND INYO COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS.**
- **MAR – APR 2026: MONO COUNTY, PRESENTED BY MONO ARTS COUNCIL**
- **APR – MAY 2026: MARIPOSA COUNTY, PRESENTED BY MARIPOSA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL**
- **MAY – JUN 2026: AMADOR/CALAVERAS COUNTIES, PRESENTED BY AMADOR COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL AND CALAVERAS COUNTY**
- **JUN – JUL 2026: ALPINE COUNTY, PRESENTED BY ARTS AND CULTURE ALPINE COUNTY**
- **JUL – AUG 2026: TUOLUMNE COUNTY, PRESENTED BY TUOLUMNE COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE**



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ELIGIBILITY

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QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT THE CORRECT ORGANIZATION FOR YOUR COUNTY FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

THIS PROJECT IS PRESENTED BY THE SIERRA SEVEN ARTS ALLIANCE COLLABORATIVE NETWORK AND FUNDED BY THE SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL'S JOBS FIRST CATALYST GRANT PROGRAM.

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Sierra Jobs First: Funding and Technical Assistance

Funding Support



Project Description: As the Industry Sector Coordinator for Sustainable Recreation & Tourism projects, MLTPA is committed to providing funding and policy support to help bring your project to life. To assist you, we have developed a comprehensive database featuring:

- [Funding Opportunities](#) – A curated list of grants and financial resources available in the sustainable recreation and tourism sectors.
- [Policy Documents & Data Resources](#) – A collection of relevant policies, regulations, and data to help inform and guide your project's development.

Beyond these resources, MLTPA offers personalized support to ensure your project aligns with available funding opportunities and meets current policy requirements. MLTPA is here to assist in the grant

application process, helping you navigate funding requirements and maximize your chances of success. We are also here to provide one-on-one policy consultation, offering expert guidance on how to develop your project within the existing regulatory framework.

For more information or to discuss how we can support your project, contact us at sjfadmin@mltpa.org. We look forward to helping you turn your vision into reality.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

MLTPA has assembled a database of funding opportunities for sustainable recreation and tourism projects for Sierra Jobs First. This database is a snapshot of opportunities that may align with projects submitted by stakeholders consistent with the Sierra Jobs First Regional Strategy.



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Sierra Jobs First - Andie Stewart, Technical Assistance Update

Happenings of Interest

- Working Group, November 17th, 3:30pm-5:00pm
- Recommendations for Implementation & Collaborative Action Document (RICA)
- Email sjadmin@mltpa.org with any questions



Sierra Jobs First - Andie Stewart, Technical Assistance Update

Funding Corner:

- Max & Victoria Dreyfus Foundation Grant, due November 10th
- SNC's Wildfire & Forest Resilience Directed Grant Program, due November 17th
- Sustainable Transportation Planning, CalTrans, due November 21st
- SNC's Sustainable Rec, Tourism, & Equitable Outdoor Access, due December 1st
- WCB's Public Access Grant Program, Rolling Deadline





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Strengthening “Tourism and Recreation”

California Outdoor Recreation Partnership

October 23, 2025





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implement, and
grow an Office of
Outdoor Recreation
with guest,

Jason Curry,
Utah Division of
Outdoor Recreation

Wednesday, November 12

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The Playbook

13 Regions

- 13 Regional Economic Development Strategies
 - All 13 Cite Recreation
 - Activation Plans
- 4 Strategic “Pilot” Industry Sectors - State Targeted
 - *Strengthen, Accelerate, Bet, Anchor*
- Tourism & Recreation lives in “Strengthen”

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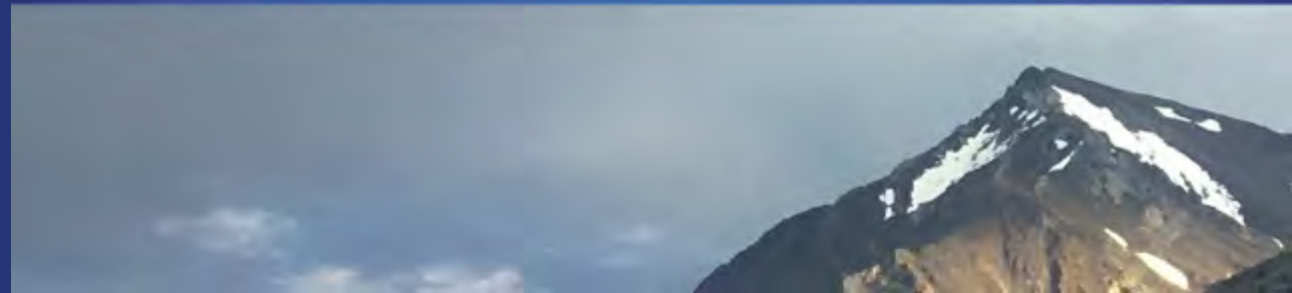


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- Visit California Regional Strategies



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- **Town of Mammoth Lakes** - January 15, 2025
- **Eastern Sierra Council of Governments** - February 26, 2025
- **Inyo County** - March 25, 2025
- **Mono County** - April 8, 2025
- **Madera County** - June 10, 2025
- **Nevada County** - August 12, 2025

Is your community adopting the Joint Strategy? **Contact us** to be added to this list.

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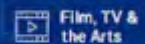
California's Strategic Sectors



Strengthen



Creative Economy



Film, TV & the Arts



Manufacturing



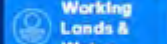
Financial & Professional Services



Transport & Logistics



Tourism & Outdoor Recreation



Working Lands & Water



Agricultural Production



Food Processing

Accelerate



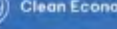
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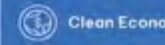
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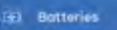
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Space, Defense, & Satellites



Clean Economy



Batteries



Onshore Wind



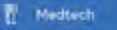
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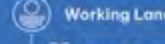
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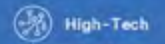
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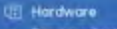
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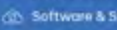
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High-Tech



Hardware



Semiconductors & Microelectronics

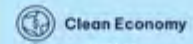


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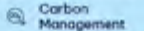


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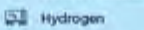
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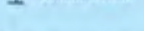
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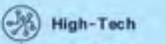
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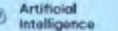
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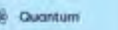
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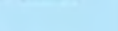
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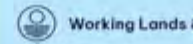
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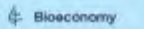
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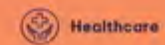
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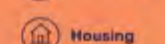
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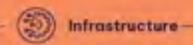
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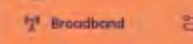
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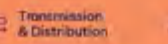
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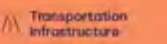
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Broadband



Transmission & Distribution



Transportation Infrastructure

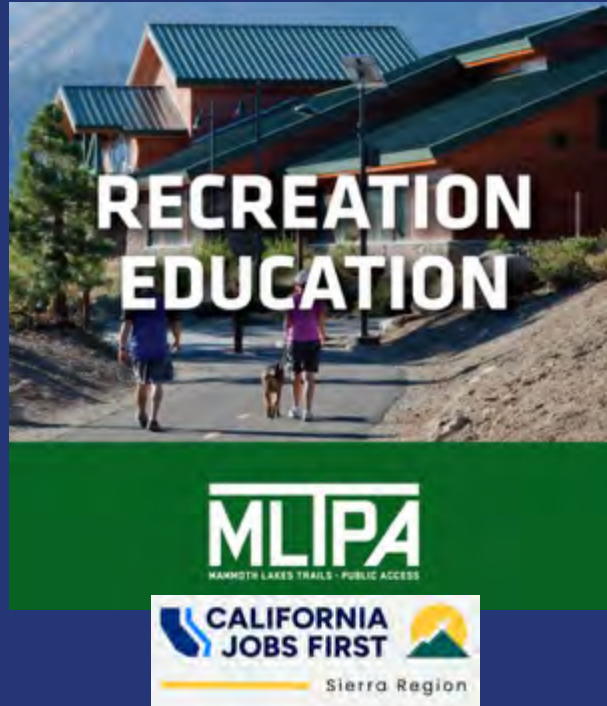


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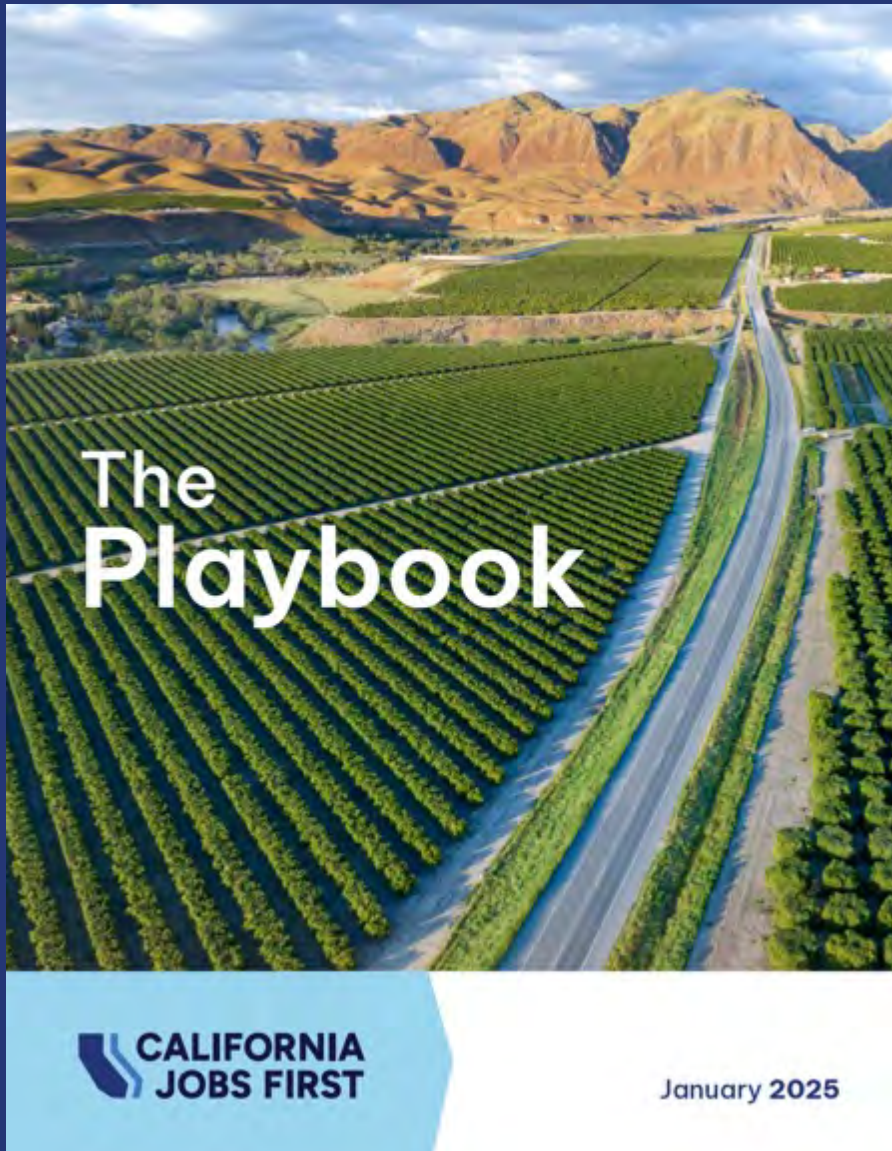
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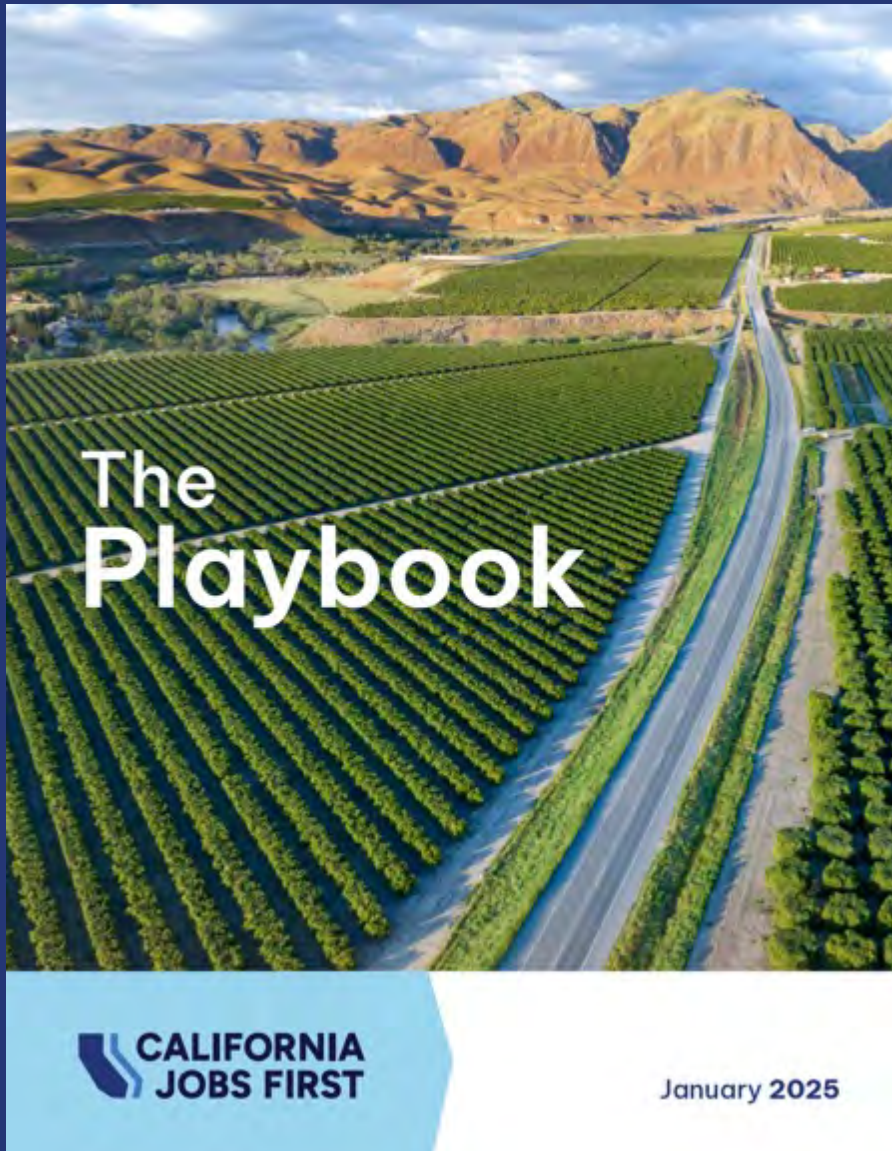
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Keeping Parks Open Amid Uncertainty

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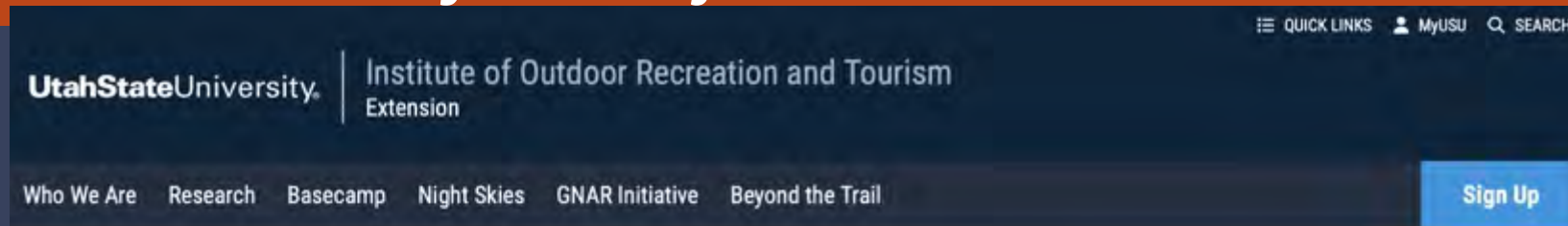
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Tourism Grants as Tools for Community Identity in Utah

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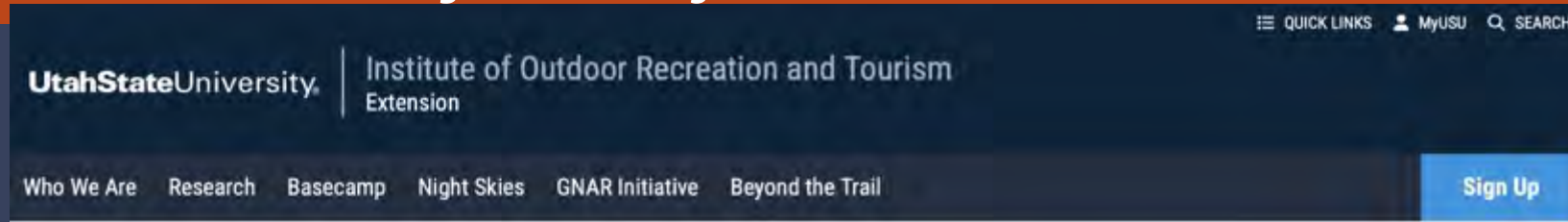
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A Small Grant with Local Impact

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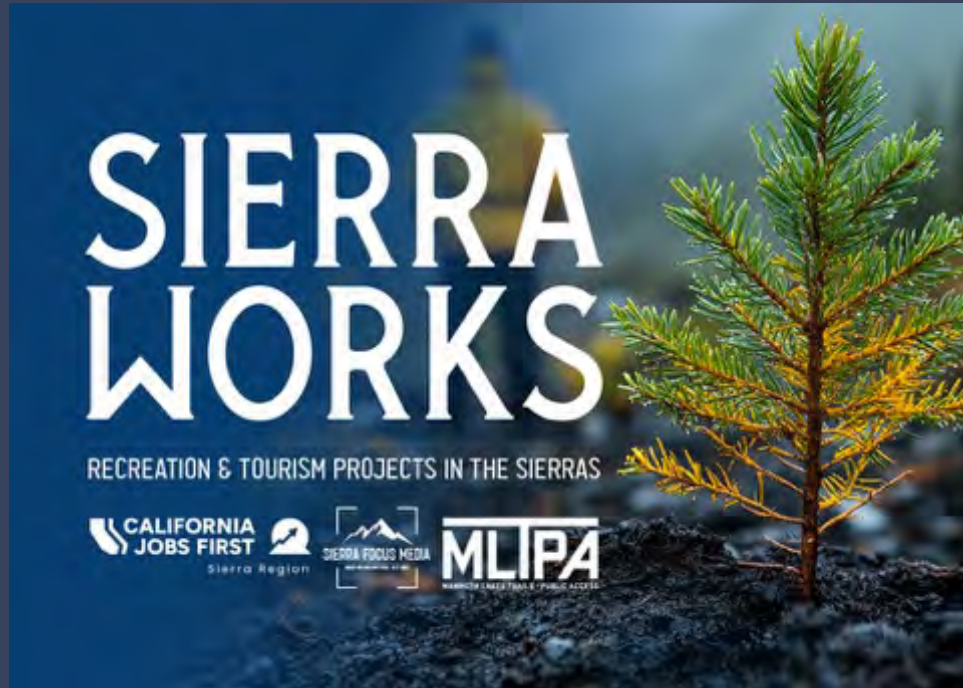


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Recreation and Tourism Working Group

WORKING GROUP SIGN-UPS

Join a Working Group! We are convening a collaborative **Working Group** to bring together partners, industry leaders, and community stakeholders to exchange ideas, align projects with resources, and drive impactful solutions for recreation and tourism in the Sierra region.

This is an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions, share expertise, and help shape the future of our local economy. **Sign up today to get involved and be part of the conversation!**

Sign-up Today!

[Join Our Working Groups](#)

Sierra Jobs First: Recreation & Tourism Working Group

Working Group Leadership Team

- Kicking off the first Rec & Tourism Working Group on Nov. 17th.



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Owner & Marketing Strategist
Sierra Focus Media



Travis Nabahe
Nabahe Global Group



Bill Keene
President/CEO
Climate Equity Solutions



Austin McInerny
Senior Facilitator
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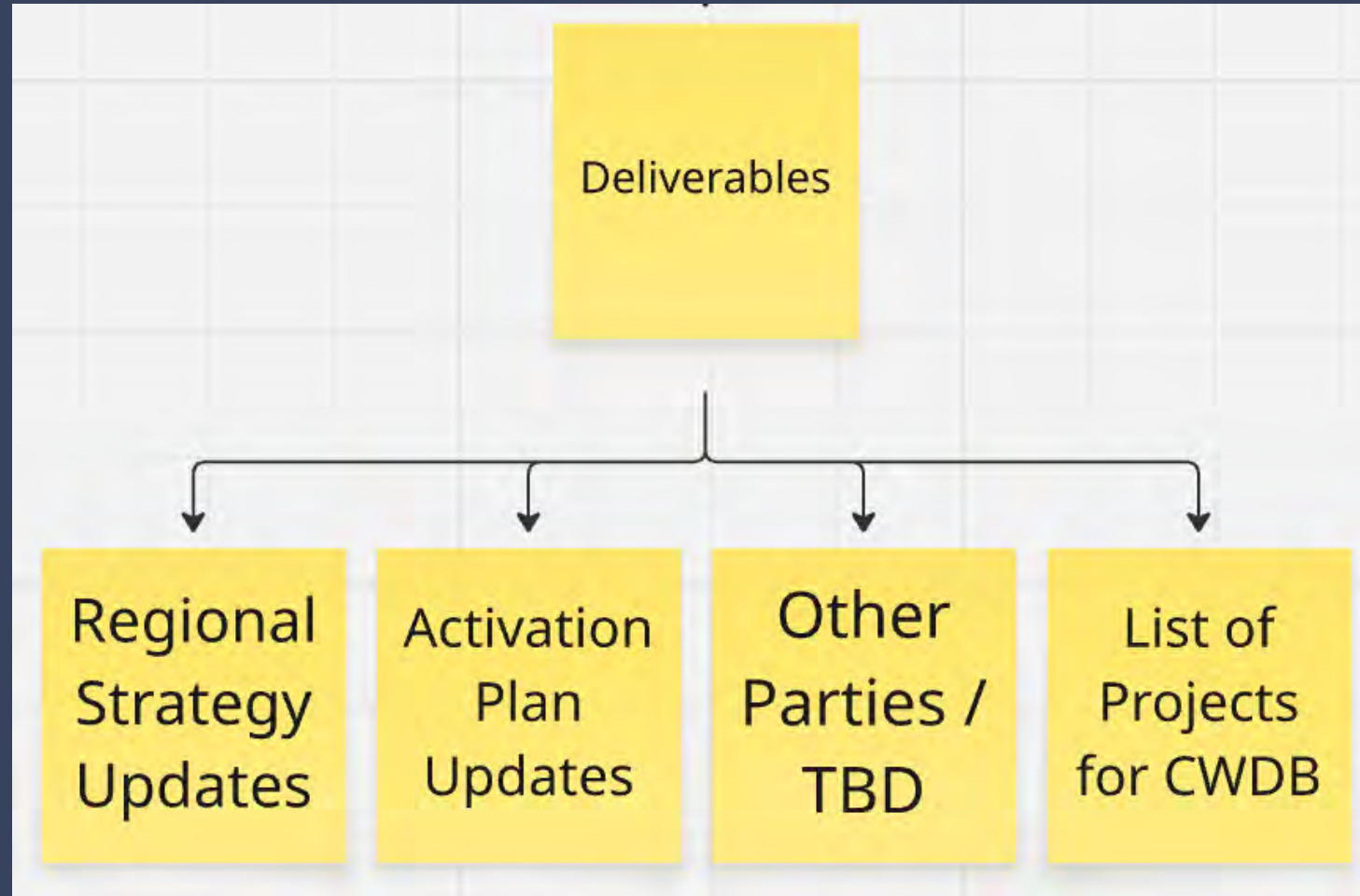
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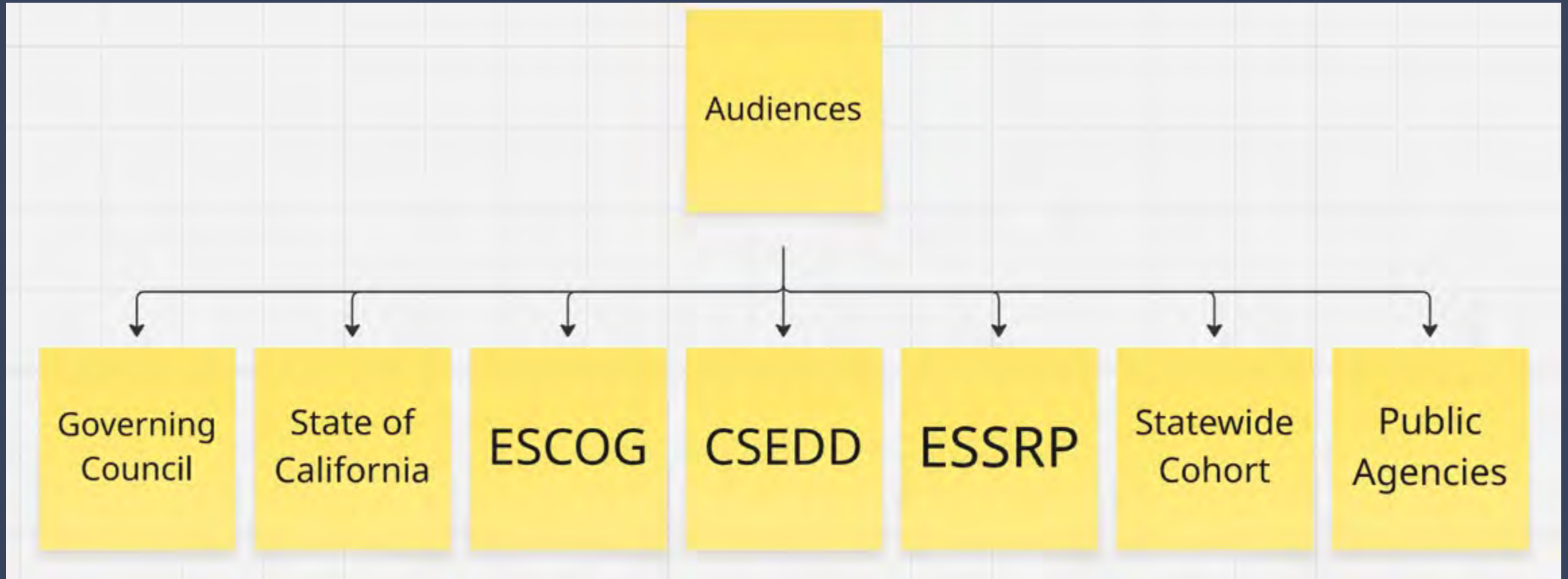
**"Recommendations for
Implementation and Collaborative
Action" (RICA)**

Recommendations for how we build on the work done so far and carry it forward to align with the funding opportunities that currently exist and those that will exist in the future.

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Sierra Jobs First: Recreation & Tourism Working Group

Working Group Dates & Topics

- Nov. 17th – Regional Governance
- Jan. 20th – Inventory Mapping
- Feb. 16th – Policy Barriers
- March 16th – Regional Branding & Financing
- April 20th – Climate Resiliency
- May 18th – Arts & Culture
- June 15th – Workforce Capacity
- July 20th – Final Meeting and Review of RICA Updates

Sierra Jobs First: Recreation & Tourism Working Group

Working Group Dates & Topics

- Nov. 17th – Regional Governance
- Jan. 20th – Inventory Mapping
- Feb. 16th – Policy Barriers
- March 16th – Regional Branding & Financing
- April 20th – Climate Resiliency
- May 18th – Arts & Culture
- June 15th – Workforce Capacity
- July 20th – Final Meeting and Review of RICA Updates

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"Regional Governance" Meeting

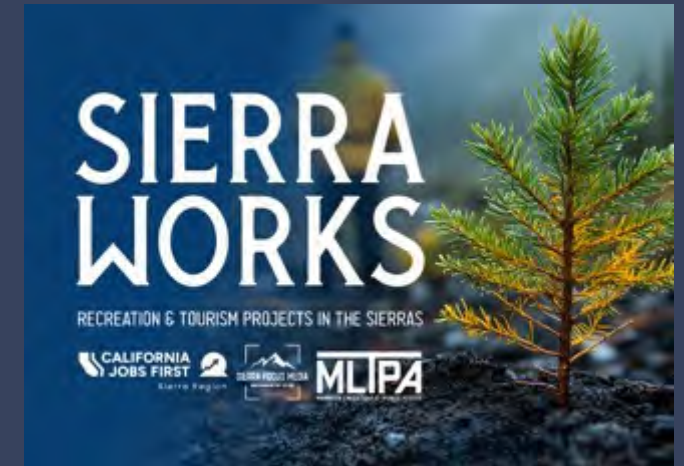
- Nov. 17th – Regional Governance
 - Updates from two Jobs First Catalyst Projects
 - Practitioner & Stakeholder review of "Regional Governance"



John Wentworth
MLTPA & ESSRP



Elaine Kabala
Regional Collaborative



Practitioners &
Stakeholders

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"Regional Governance" Meeting

- Nov. 17th – Regional Governance
- We will review and discuss the following questions with the presenting projects:
 1. *What major challenges or unforeseen hurdles has your project faced since it began?*
 2. *Does your project aim to benefit residents and visitors across all seven counties in the Sierra Jobs First region?*
 3. *Describe one success and one disappointment in recent interactions with federal, state, county, local, Tribal, or nonprofit partners.*
 4. *How could your organization or project contribute to a regional governance process?*
 5. *How could a regional governance entity help advance or implement your project*

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"Regional Governance" Meeting

- Nov. 17th – Regional Governance
- Our team will then facilitate breakout rooms to have a dialogue and a goal of reporting out on the following:
 1. *Whether to draft a mission statement for a regional recreation governance*
 2. *Identify strategies for effective engagement with all levels of government.*
 3. *Ideas for building, maintaining, and strengthening relationships with Tribes, NGOs/Nonprofits, and Local Government in the region.*

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"Regional Governance" Meeting

- Nov. 17th – Regional Governance
 - 30 people have registered
 - Email sjfadmin@mltpa.org for more information.

EASTERN SIERRA CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

SRTI PROJECT

Lead Agency:
Eastern Sierra
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LEE VINING AND INDEPENDENCE CAMPGROUNDS

INYO NATIONAL FOREST

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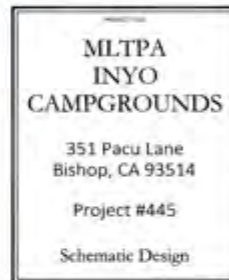
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LOCATION MAPS



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04/01/25	FINAL SD	
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DATE	PROJECT NUMBER
AS NOTED	445



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USDA Forest Service U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE		FS-1500-19 (VER. 05/24) OMB No. 0596-0217 EXP: 05/31/2027	
MODIFICATION OF GRANT OR AGREEMENT		PAGE 1 OF 8	
1. U.S. FOREST SERVICE GRANT/AGREEMENT NUMBER: 24-CS-11050400-006		2. RECIPIENT/COOPERATOR GRANT/AGREEMENT NUMBER, IF ANY:	
3. MODIFICATION NUMBER: 001		4. NAME/ADDRESS OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE UNIT ADMINISTERING GRANT/AGREEMENT (omit name, street, city, state, and zip - if): Pacific Southwest Region, Grants and Agreements 1323 Club Dr Vallejo, CA 94592-1111	
5. NAME/ADDRESS OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE UNIT ADMINISTERING PROJECT/ACTIVITY (omit name, street, city, state, and zip - if): Inyo National Forest 351 Pacu Lane Bishop, CA 93514		6. NAME/ADDRESS OF RECIPIENT/COOPERATOR (omit city, state, and zip - if known): MLTPA Foundation PO Box 100 Pmb #432 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546-6324	
7. RECIPIENT/COOPERATOR'S IRS 501(c)(3) ACCOUNT NUMBER (for their payment(s) only):			
8. PURPOSE OF MODIFICATION			
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:	This modification is issued pursuant to the modification provision in the grant/agreement referenced in item no. 1, above.		
☒	CHANGE IN PERFORMANCE PERIOD: extend to June 30, 2027		
☒	CHANGE IN FUNDING: add \$435,000		
☐	ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES:		
☒	OTHER (Specify type of modification): additional scope items		
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the Grant/Agreement referenced in 1, above, remain unchanged and in full force and effect.			
9. ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR DESCRIPTION OF MODIFICATION (add additional pages as needed): see attached			
10. ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION (Check all that apply):			
☒	Revised Scope of Work		
☒	Revised Financial Plan		
☒	Other justification for modification		
11. SIGNATURES			
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: By signature below, the signatory certifies that they are the official representatives of their respective parties and authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to the above-referenced grant/agreement.			
11.A. MLTPA FOUNDATION SIGNATURE: John Wentworth		11.B. DATE SIGNED: 11/1/2024	
11.C. U.S. FOREST SERVICE SIGNATURE: Lesley Yen		11.D. DATE SIGNED: 11/1/2024	
11.E. NAME (type or print): JOHN WENTWORTH		11.F. NAME (type or print): LESLEY YEN	
11.G. TITLE (type or print): CEO/Board President		11.H. TITLE (type or print): Forest Supervisor	
12. G&A REVIEW			
12.A. The authority and format of this modification have been reviewed and approved for signature by: HUGO MARTINEZ-ROACHO HUGO MARTINEZ-ROACHO U.S. Forest Service Grants & Agreements Specialist			
12.B. DATE REVIEWED:			

U.S. Forest Service

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Attachment:

USFS Agreement No.: 24-CS-11050400-006

Mod. No.: 1

Cooperator Agreement No.:

Note: This Financial Plan may be used when:
(1) No program income is expected and
(2) The Cooperator is not giving cash to the FS and
(3) There is no other Federal funding

Agreements Financial Plan (Short Form)

Financial Plan Matrix:

Note: All columns may not be used. Use depends on source and type of contribution(s).

COST ELEMENTS	FOREST SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS		COOPERATOR CONTRIBUTIONS		(e) Total
	(a) Noncash	(b) Cash to Cooperator	(c) Noncash	(d) In-Kind	
Direct Costs					
Salaries/Labor	\$6,290.00	\$392,875.50	\$100,000.00	\$12,844.80	\$512,010.30
Travel	\$0.00	\$2,579.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,579.04
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies/Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$6,290.00	\$395,454.54	\$100,000.00	\$12,844.80	\$514,589.34
Coop indirect Costs		\$39,545.45	\$0.00		\$39,545.45
FS Overhead Costs	\$0.00				\$0.00
Total	\$6,290.00	\$434,999.99	\$100,000.00	\$12,844.80	\$554,134.79
Total Project Value:					\$554,134.79

Matching Costs Determination

Total Forest Service Share = (a+b) - (c) = (f)	(f) 79.64%
Total Cooperator Share (c+d) - (e) = (g)	(g) 20.36%
Total (f+g) = (h)	(h) 100.00%

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- Amador County
- Butte County
- Calaveras County
- City of Bishop
- City of Richmond
- City of Truckee
- East Bay Regional Park District
- East Bay Wildfire Coalition
- Humboldt County
- Marin County
- Mariposa County
- Napa County
- Nevada County
- Placer County
- Plumas County
- Sierra County
- Tuolumne County



The screenshot shows the homepage of the CALREC Vision website. The header includes the CALREC Vision logo and a navigation menu with links: White Paper, CA Joint Strategy, Adoption, Data Map, Support, About, and Sign Up. The main content area features a large background image of a person mountain biking. The headline reads "STAND UP FOR CALIFORNIA. ADOPT THE JOINT STRATEGY." Below this, a sub-headline states: "With wildfire risk rising and federal priorities shifting, there's a bold strategy available that transforms recreation infrastructure into community defense." Two prominent red buttons are displayed: "DOWNLOAD THE FACT BOOKLET" with a download icon, and "WATCH THE OVERVIEW VIDEO" with a play button icon. At the bottom, a section titled "TOOLKIT FOR ADOPTING THE JOINT STRATEGY" is shown, with the text: "Everything your community needs to adopt California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience."

CALREC Vision

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Other Events & Important Dates

Under the Redwoods: Sempervirens Fund Webinar Series

In this webinar series, Sempervirens invites experts and thinkers to join them to explore our magnificent redwood forests, what makes redwoods so special, why they thrive here and nowhere else in the world, and what they mean to us in our lives. **Webinars are the last Tuesday of each month (January - October) from 1 - 2 PM PT.**

- [Register for the July 26th Webinar:](#) Researching Redwoods, Michael Jones, Ph.D., Univ. of California
- [Learn more >>](#)

Winter Wildlands Alliance Grassroots Advocacy Conference

September 11-14th, 2025

With climate disruption, agency underfunding, and mounting pressure on our public lands, this year's conference will explore how we can build more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable systems for the future. Expect dynamic workshops, engaging panel discussions, shared meals, and plenty of time for music and outdoor fun in the spirit of "summer camp for winter advocates."

- [Learn more and register here.](#)

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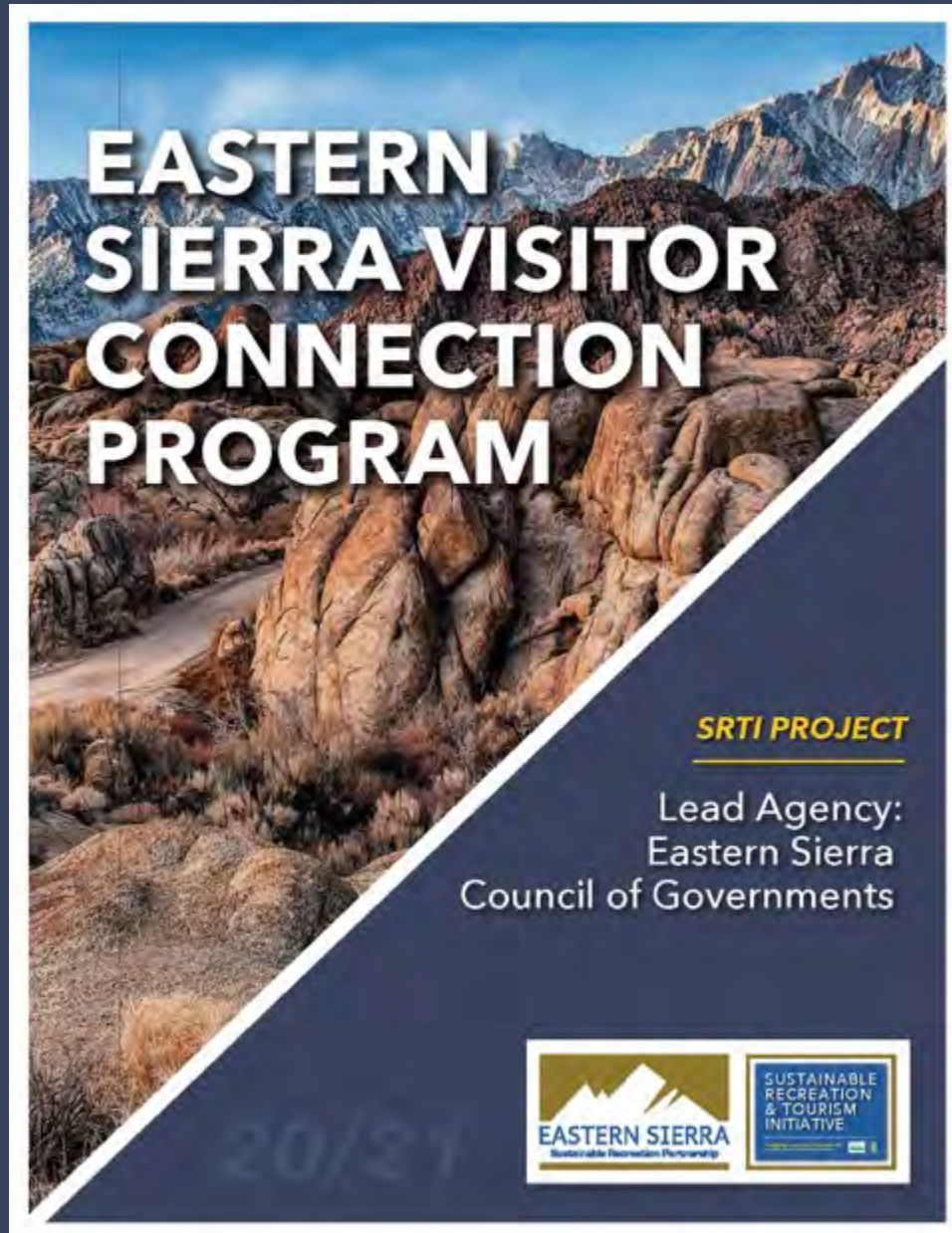


Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA) is providing these communication services.

MLTPA Foundation, P.O Box 100 PMB #432, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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MARKETING CONTENT STRATEGY



VCP FIRE - SEASON 2

MAY - OCTOBER 2025



Date: Mar 25, 2025

Goals and objectives: “Ignite Awareness”

Create objectives that align with broader business goals. Separating them into primary, secondary, and long-term will provide focus and strategic direction. Here’s an example:

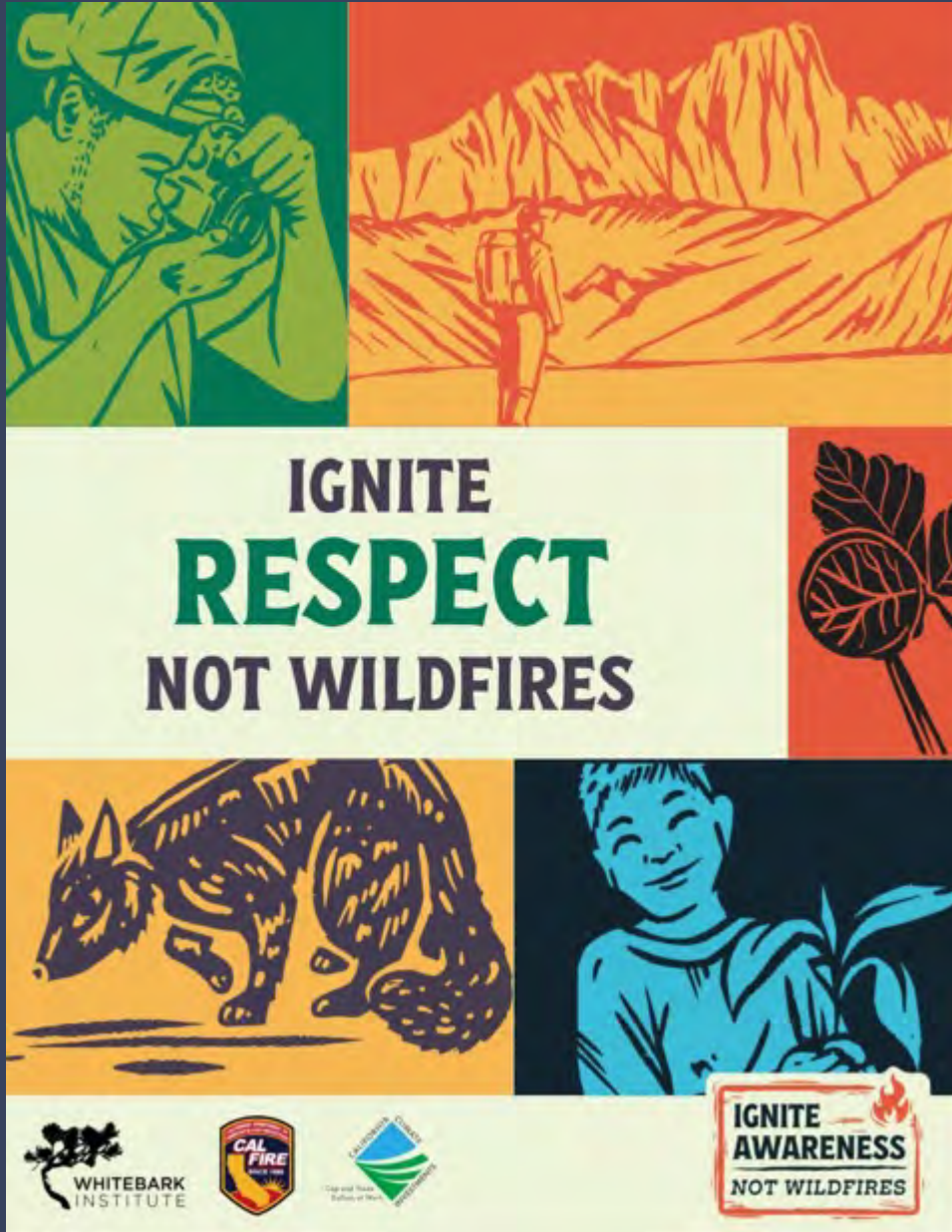
- Primary objective: Increase Impressions over the targeted time frame: **May 2025 - OCT 2025**
- Secondary objective: Increase web traffic conversations to the [Whitebark institute homepage](#).
- Long-term goal: Establish the agency as an trusted force for environmental conservation and wildfire resilience

Demographic analysis of the target audience

Geo-fencing should be a primary focus of this campaign due to the regional nature of our audience. Therefore, we should target areas and demographics most affected by wildfires. This data is based off overall metrics from Whitebark’s Meta business Suite

Geographic location of the target audience

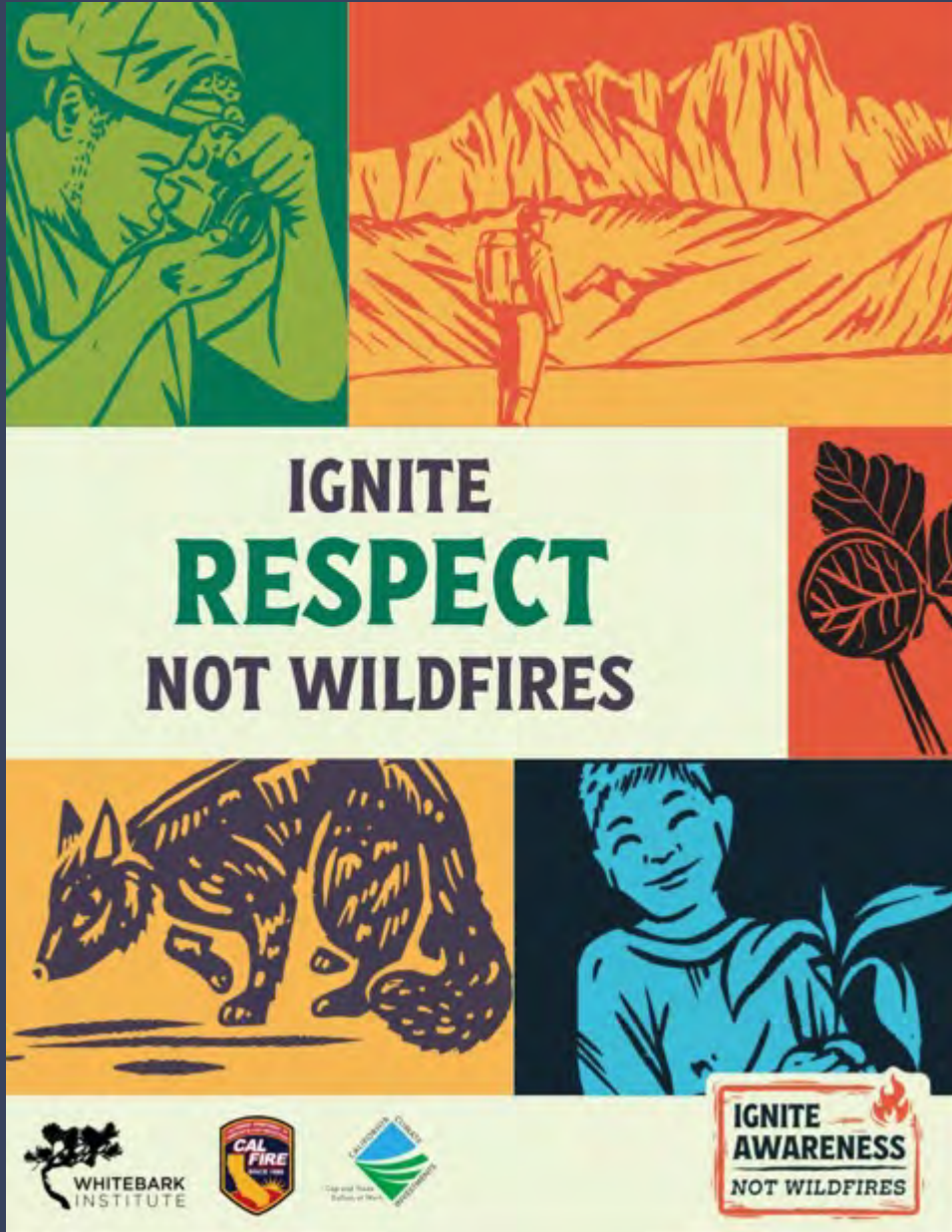
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October Results

- Instagram
 - Views: 65.7K (up 22.6% from Sept.)
 - Reach: 22.4K (up 35.2% from Sept.)
 - Interactions: 2K (up 42.5% from Sept.)
- Facebook
 - Views: 37.9K (86.6% from Sept.)
 - Interactions: 448 (down 49.3% from Sept.)
 - Visits 129 (down 25% from Sept.)

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Year to Date Results

- Instagram
 - Views: 220,000
 - Reach: 56,800
 - Content interactions: 3,600
 - Link clicks: 1,100
 - Visits: 1.400
- Facebook
 - Views: 101,900
 - Content interactions: 1,500
 - Visits: 456

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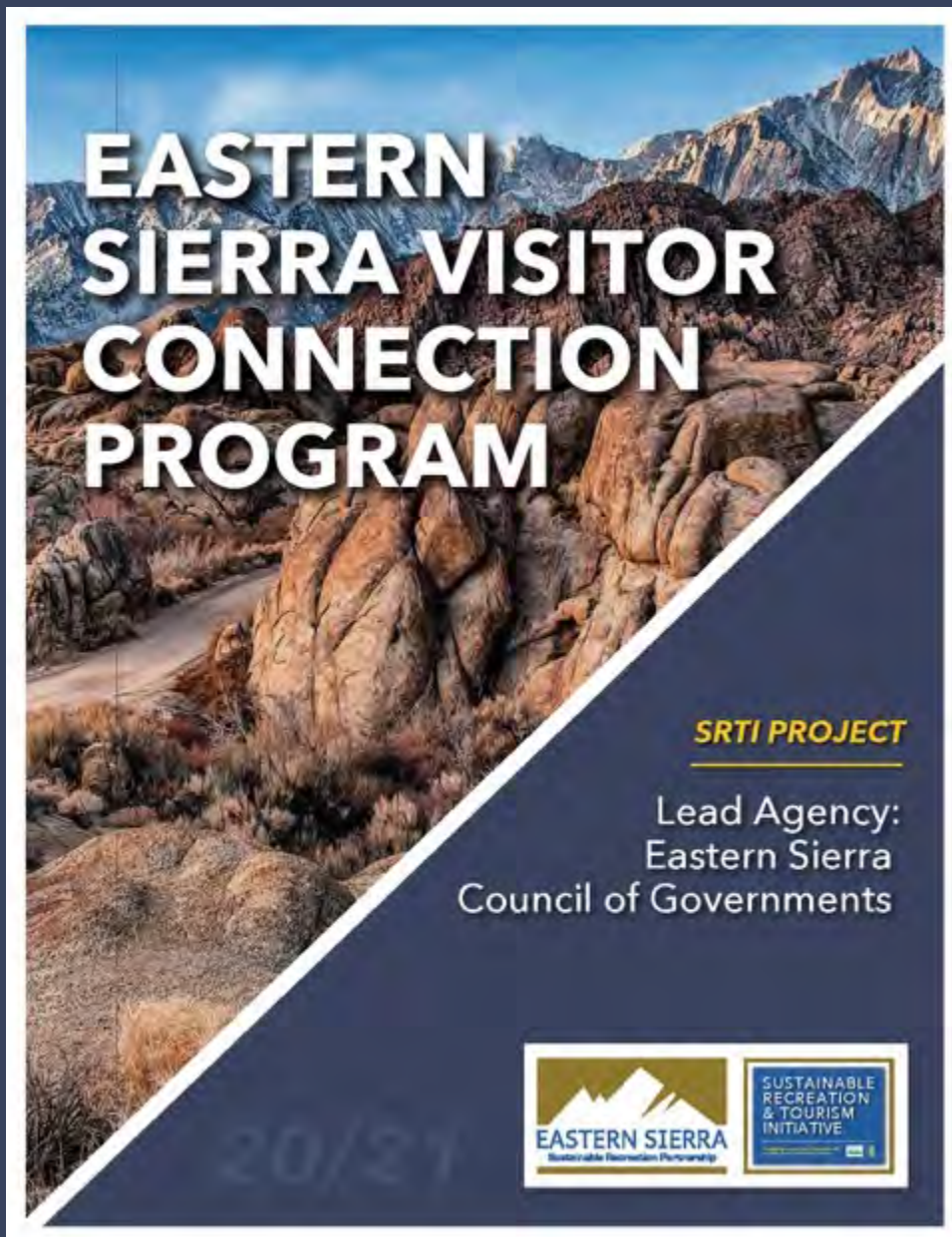


Collaborations & Campaigns

- September: \$200 boosted posts in partnership with Visit Bishop and Mono County Tourism each respectively (\$400 in total)
- Current collaborations underway with Mammoth Mountain, PCTA, and Friends of the Inyo.
- A full analytics report covering the year's campaign is in development.

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Partial Partner List (33 total)



Alabama Hills Stewardship Group
Alpine County / Watershed Group / Chamber / Fire Safe Council
Bishop Climbers Coalition & Climbing Rangers
Bishop Visitor Bureau & Chamber of Commerce
Bureau of Land Management
California State Parks
Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra
Eastern Sierra Conservation Corps
Eastern Sierra Four Wheel Drive Club
Sierra Forever (formerly ESIA)
Friends of the Inyo
High Sierra Energy Foundation
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
Inyo County & Inyo National Forest
LA Department of Water & Power
Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce
Mammoth Lakes Recreation & Tourism
Mammoth Resorts (Mammoth Mountain)
Mono County
Mono Lake Committee
National Park Service

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Golden Mussel Threat

Stewardship Group
Fire Safe Council
Climbing Rangers
Board of Commerce
Land Management
California State Parks
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SUSTAINABLE RECREATION AND ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



Sustainable Recreation + Ecosystem Management Program

- Eastern Sierra Golden Mussel Prevention Program – *Update*
- October 22 ESCOG Board Meeting Updates
- Whitebark Institute
 - Eastern Sierra Climate and Community Resilience (ESCCRP)- Update
 - Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance - Updates

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Eastern Sierra Golden Mussel Prevention Program

Eastern Sierra Mussel Prevention informational handout



Background:

The golden mussel (*Limnodynastes*) is an invasive freshwater species native to Southeast Asia. It was first introduced to South America in the 1950s through ballast water from ships and has since caused catastrophic ecological and economic damage in the infested regions.

On October 17, 2024, several golden mussels were detected in the Port of Stockton (San Joaquin County). **Less than one year later, golden mussels have spread over 250 miles south to Silverwood Reservoir (San Bernardino County).** The rapid spread of this species poses a serious risk to California's freshwater infrastructure and biodiversity.

Unlike other invasive aquatic species, golden mussels can persist in low-calcium environments, posing a greater threat to the lakes of California's Eastern Sierra Region. In addition to a broader tolerance of water quality conditions, golden mussels can colonize nearly any submerged surface, creating dense biofouling that clogs research equipment, recreational infrastructure, and water conveyance systems.

Problem:

California's Eastern Sierra lakes represent ecologically sensitive and relatively pristine environments that are highly vulnerable to golden mussel. If introduced, golden mussels would have profound impacts on water management as well as our lake and stream ecosystems. These mussels rapidly clog water diversion canals and pipes in areas where they are established. This dramatically increases the cost to maintain critical infrastructure—doubling and tripling water and power costs. In addition, golden mussels outcompete native species, deplete plankton populations, and change water chemistry through their filter-feeding behavior. The introduction of golden mussels would result in increased costs to residents, threaten tourism and recreational fishing, as well as rare and endangered fish and amphibian species.

The primary vector for golden mussel introduction to these areas is the unintentional transport on boats, trailers, or gear. This region is extremely popular with boaters from across California, and the result is a convergence of boaters that may have mussels

operated in lakes infested with golden mussels. Unlike previous invasive species (like Quagga Mussels and New Zealand Mudsnails), Golden Mussels are capable of surviving and thriving in almost all Eastern Sierra lakes and streams. This presents a dire threat to Eastern Sierra waters, and eradication is nearly impossible once mussels are introduced.

Proposed Approach:

Urgent action is recommended due to the rapid spread of the golden mussel. Watercraft inspection and decontamination (WID) stations serve as the first and most effective line of defense against aquatic invasive species like the golden mussel. These programs intercept and decontaminate high-risk vessels before they launch into sensitive waterbodies, particularly those at higher elevations. Investment in inspection infrastructure, staffing, and public outreach is critical to prevent a golden mussel invasion and to protect California's Eastern Sierra lakes. Prevention is critical to preserving biodiversity, as well as recreation, water management, and scientific research.

The Eastern Sierra Golden Mussel Collective (ESGMC) is a newly formed working group comprised of partnering landowners, tribes, water operators, non-profits, and state agencies. Collectively, these groups are working to establish a watershed-based approach to mussel prevention. This approach includes three components:

1. Outreach to boaters, marinas, and business owners.
2. Establishing WID stations along highways entering Inyo and Mono Counties; collaborate with Agricultural Inspection stations on US 395 and HWY 6.
3. Seeking support from the counties for local legislation supporting these inspection programs (additional info on page 3).

Progress to date

- CDFW, LADWP, and Mono County conducted an outreach campaign prior to opening day.
- LADWP, CDFW, and SCE have initiated expanded monitoring programs at 12 lakes across Inyo and Mono County.
- The USFS and LADWP funded regional inspections over Labor Day weekend. These were supported by Inyo and Mono Counties and CDFW.
- ESGMC members, led by CalTrinity, have applied for additional money to improve infrastructure and outreach.

Proposed structure of the ESGMC



October 22 ESCOG Board Meeting Recreation Updates

- Introduce Ken Etzel, ESCOG Regional Recreation Coordinator
- Receive a Presentation on the Sierra Jobs First Collaborative Post-California Jobs First Transition Process
- Authorization to Execute Documents and Agreements to Accept and Implement the \$4.6 M Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG)

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USDA Invests in 58 Community Projects to Reduce Wildfire Risk

USDA Press Release

Washington, D.C., September 23, 2025 - Today, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced the USDA Forest Service is investing \$200 million in 58 projects through the Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program. These investments, thanks to Congressionally mandated funding, help at-risk communities plan for and reduce wildfire risk, protecting homes, businesses, and infrastructure.

"These grants are about putting real resources directly in the hands of the people who know their lands and communities best – America's foresters. By empowering them, we are protecting homes, businesses, and infrastructure while securing the future of our great American landscape," said **Secretary Brooke Rollins**. "Keeping forests healthy, resilient, and productive doesn't come from Washington. It comes from us standing alongside the people and communities we serve, and supporting practical, science-based management that ensures the future of the forests and rural prosperity. This is how we safeguard our heritage, protect future generations, and ensure that America's land remains the envy of the world."

"No single organization can address the severe wildfire threats we face today. It is imperative that we work together to protect our forests and communities," said **Forest Service Chief Tom Schultz**. "For those communities that already have plans in place, these investments will enable immediate, collaborative action to reduce wildfire risk."

The selected projects span 22 states and two tribes, supporting efforts to develop or update their community wildfire protection plans (PDF, 5.4 MB) and carry out projects to remove hazardous or overgrown vegetation that can fuel fires that threaten lives, livelihoods and resources.

In total, the program is investing \$1 billion over five years to assist at-risk communities, including tribal communities, nonprofit organizations, state forestry agencies and Alaska Native Corporations with planning for and mitigating wildfire risks on lands not managed by federal agencies.

The Forest Service will announce a fourth funding opportunity later this year:

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Application Round
No category selected

Select a State
CA



List of Projects
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Bricel and Volunteer Fire Department Hazard Reduction Project
State: CA
Grant Type: Project
Awarded: \$186,592
CWDG Round

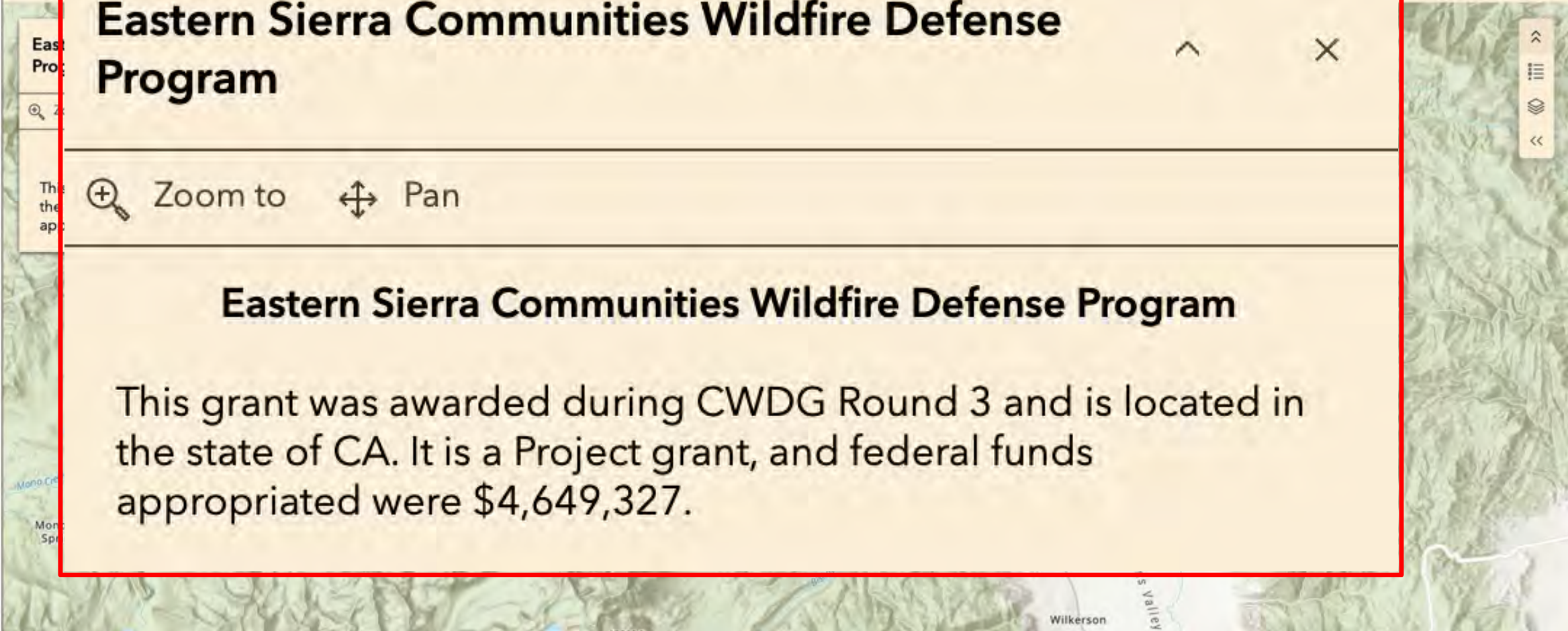
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Eastern Sierra Communities Wildfire Defense Program

This grant was awarded during CWDG Round 3 and is located in the state of CA. It is a Project grant, and federal funds appropriated were \$4,649,327.





October 22 ESCOG Board Meeting Recreation Updates

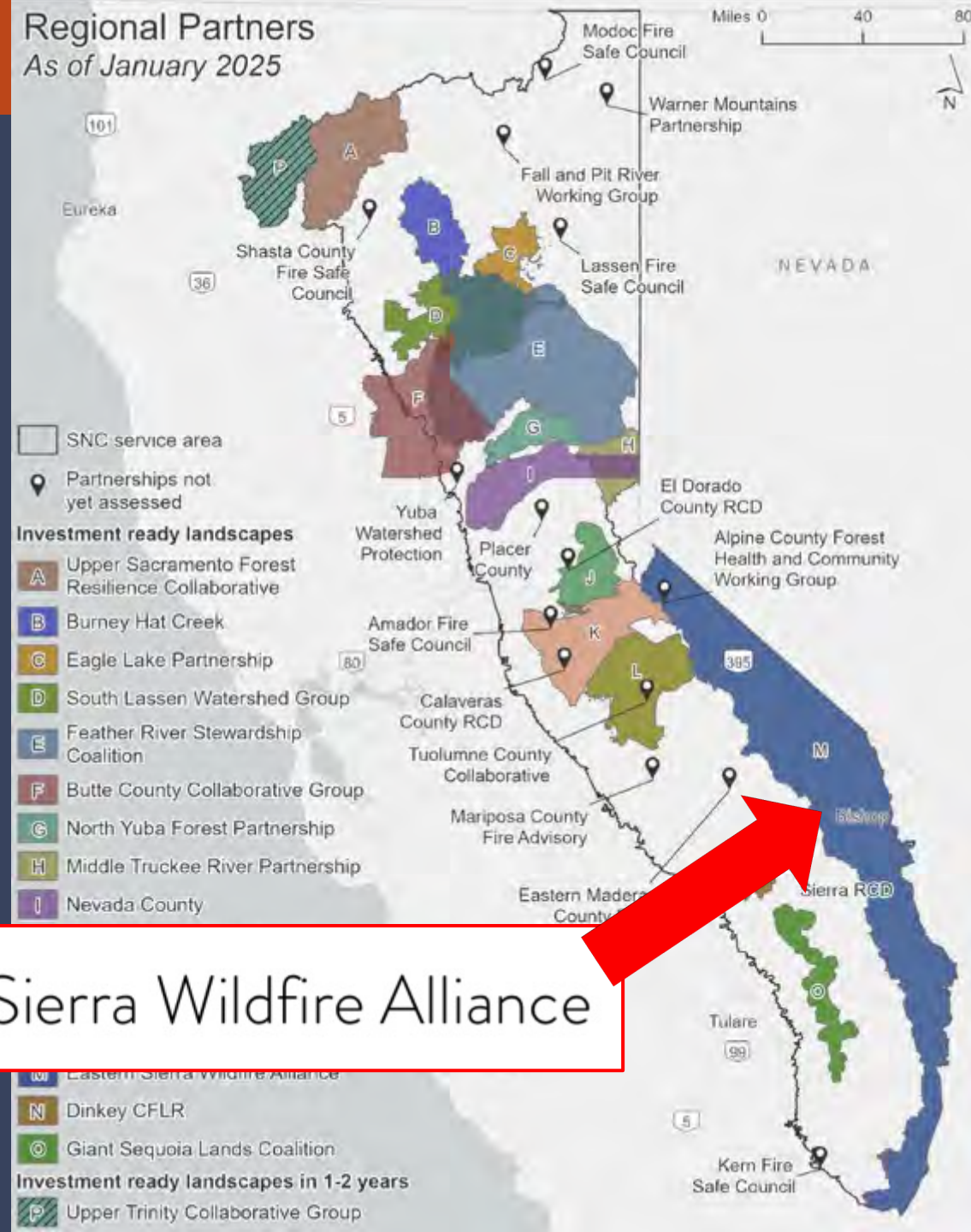
- Authorize Executive Director to Submit Application for Sierra Nevada Conservancy Sustainable Recreation, Tourism, and Equitable Outdoor Access Funds



PINE CREEK VAULT TOILET

With the Access Fund and ESCOG, the BACC is working with partners to install a permanent pit toilet in Pine Creek Canyon. With USFS approval secured, BACC will raise funds for installation and maintenance, with Jobs First support helping identify sustainable funding sources.

California Wildfire and Recreation



Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance

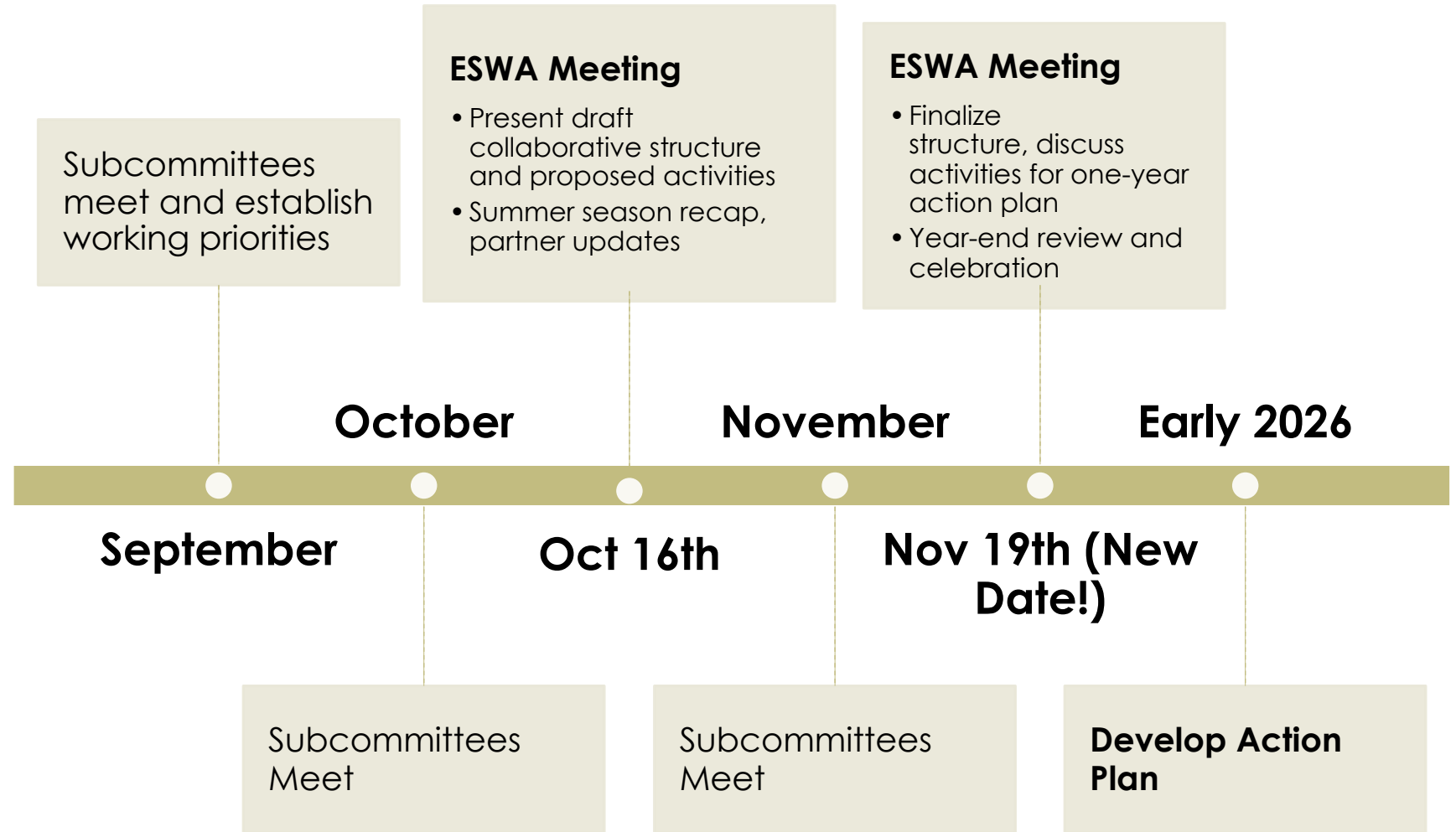


Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance

- Collaboration of agencies, communities, non-profits, utilities, Tribes, and others working to advance regional resilience
- 2025 effort to refine collaborative structure & decision-making
- Focus on communities & landscapes throughout region
- Strong collaborative approach that includes diverse partners is essential to demonstrate funding readiness
- Next Meeting: November 19th – Bishop



ESWA 2025 Timeline



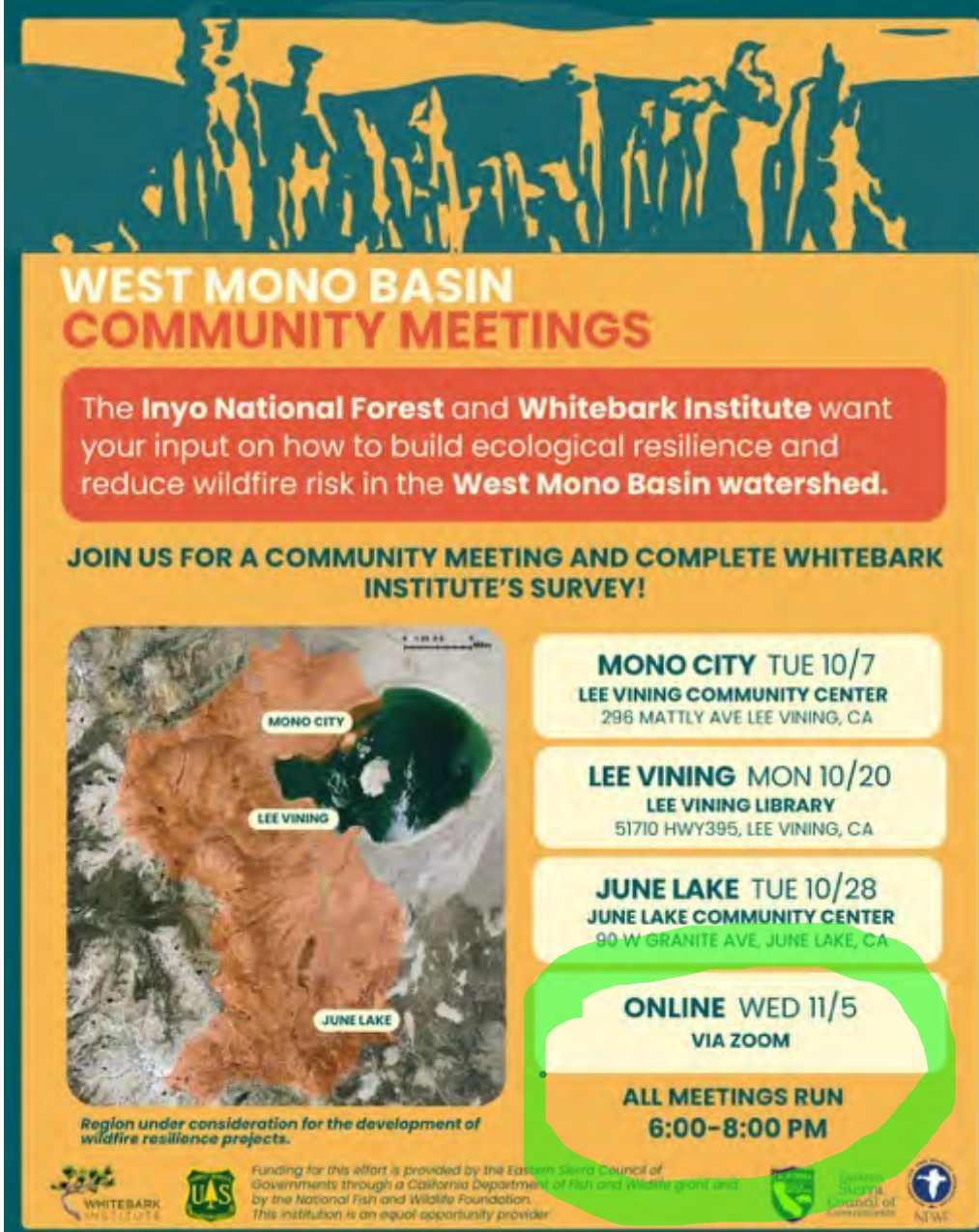
West Mono Basin Project Concept

OBJECTIVES:

- Reduce the likelihood of severe wildfires
- Improve community resilience
- Improve ecosystem resilience
- Reduce risk to natural and cultural resources
- Reduce risk to infrastructure
- Allow for maintenance of fuels reduction work by introducing fire back onto the landscape



SCAN QR CODE
to learn more & complete
Whitebark's survey



**WEST MONO BASIN
COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

The **Inyo National Forest** and **Whitebark Institute** want your input on how to build ecological resilience and reduce wildfire risk in the **West Mono Basin watershed**.

JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY MEETING AND COMPLETE WHITEBARK INSTITUTE'S SURVEY!



A map of the West Mono Basin watershed, showing the locations of Mono City, Lee Vining, and June Lake. The watershed is outlined in orange, and the locations are marked with white labels.

MONO CITY TUE 10/7
LEE VINING COMMUNITY CENTER
296 MATTLY AVE LEE VINING, CA

LEE VINING MON 10/20
LEE VINING LIBRARY
51710 HWY395, LEE VINING, CA

JUNE LAKE TUE 10/28
JUNE LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER
90 W GRANITE AVE, JUNE LAKE, CA

ONLINE WED 11/5
VIA ZOOM

**ALL MEETINGS RUN
6:00-8:00 PM**

Region under consideration for the development of wildfire resilience projects.

Funding for this effort is provided by the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments through a California Department of Fish and Wildlife grant and by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Logos for Whitebark Institute, U.S. Forest Service, Inyo National Forest, Eastern Sierra Council of Governments, and NFWF.

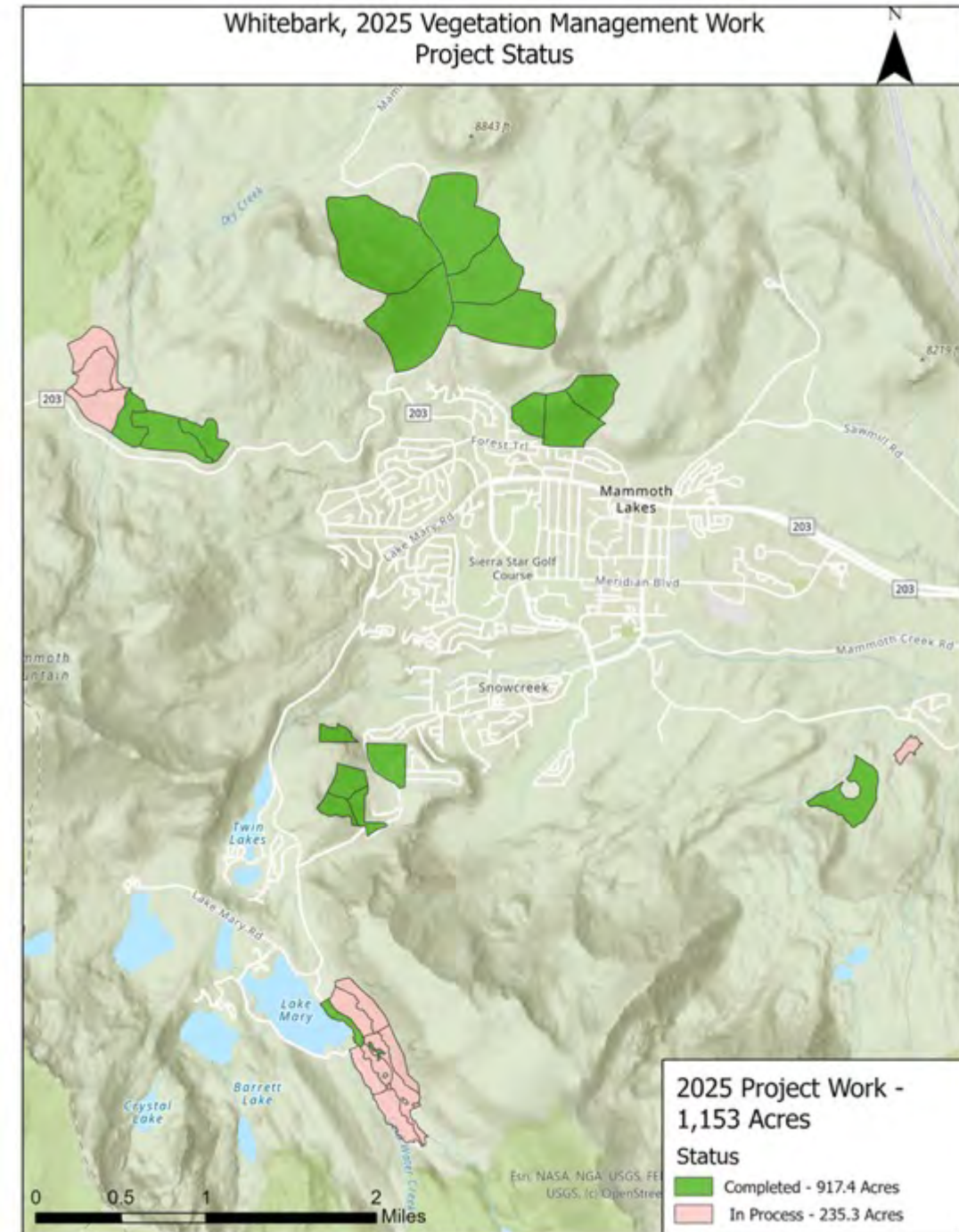
Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project

- 299 Acres of mechanized treatments
- 853 Acres of hand thinning

Work is ongoing through November 2025

Forest Order Closures Still in Place!

- Impacts to recreation:
 - Coldwater Area through November 15
 - Mountain View Trail – November 3 to 10
- Heavy equipment operations in progress
- Please respect closure order to give contractors room to work



Partner Updates – In REVERSE Alphabetical Order

- Town of Mammoth Lakes
- National Park Service
- Mono County
- Inyo National Forest, USFS
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- HT National Forest, USFS
- ESCOG
- City of Bishop
- CALTRANS
- BLM
- Alpine County

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

Thank You - !

Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting
Monday, December 1, 2025 @ 3:30