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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.



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



Bureau of Land Management

- Philip Gross - *Assistant Field Manager, Bishop Field Office*

Tribal Consultation Sub Committee

- **Lesley Yen, Inyo National Forest**
- **Jeff Griffiths, Inyo County**
- **New Members / Next Steps**

ESSRP: 2023

- **Antelope Valley Indian Community** (Jerome Fredericks, Chair)
- **Bishop Paiute Indian Tribe** (Tilford P. Denver, Chair + Gloriana Bailey, Tribal Administrator)
- **Bridgeport Indian Colony** (John Glazier, Chair + Debbie Painter, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer)
- **Fort Independence Tribe of Paiute Indians** (Carl Dahlberg, Chair + Alisa Lee, Vice Chair)
- **Kawaiisu Tribe of the Tejon Indian Reservation** (David Laughing Horse Robinson, Chairperson)
- **Kern Valley Indian Community** (Robert Robinson, Chairman + Julie Turner, Secretary)
- **Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone** (Richard Button, Chair + Mary Wuester, Vice Chair + Katherine Bancroft, Cultural Resource Officer)
- **Timbi-sha Shoshone** (George Gholson, Chairman)
- **Tubatulabals of Kern Valley** (Robert Gomez, Chairman + Darrell Garcia, Vice Chair)
- **Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe Benton Paiute Reservation** (Shane Saulque, Chair)
- **Walker River Paiute** (Amber Torres, Chairwoman)
- **Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California** (Serrell Smokey, Chair)
- **North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California** (Fred Beihn, Tribal Chairperson)

DRAFT 7.28.2022

ESSRP MOU

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is made and entered into by and between the PARTIES who have executed this MOU. Each entity who executes this MOU as shown in Attachment A is a "PARTY" to this MOU and all such entities are considered "PARTIES" to this MOU.

RECITALS

- A. The Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP) is a unique partnership formed to encourage collaboration among local Eastern Sierra governments, state agencies, federal agencies, other public entities and sovereign tribes. Current and potential future participants in the ESSRP include but are not limited to: the City of Bishop and the Town of Mammoth Lakes, California municipal corporations; the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, a municipal utility; the Counties of Alpine, Inyo, and Mono, political subdivisions of the State of California; the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the California Department of Parks and Recreation, departments within the State of California, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG), a California joint powers authority; and the National Park Service (NPS) at Death Valley National Park, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, Yosemite National Park, Devils Postpile National Monument, Manzanar National Historic Site, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the United States Forest Service (USFS) at Inyo National Forest and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, federal agencies.
- B. On July 18, 2017, the Mono County Board of Supervisors and the Mammoth Lakes Town Council held a joint meeting to initiate the ESSRP.
- C. On July 19, 2018, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, USFS Inyo National Forest, and USFS Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest entered into a Non-Funded Challenge Cost Share Agreement (Cost Sharing Agreement). The Cost Sharing Agreement sets forth the ESSRP goals, including the creation of healthy forests and watersheds, fire-safe communities, and sustainable local economies. The Cost Sharing Agreement intends to reduce duplication of efforts and harness the expertise of employees of all parties thereto, as well as maximize cash and non-cash contributions leading to joint accomplishment of work. This MOU intends to extend the understanding between the four parties to the Cost Sharing Agreement to all of the ESSRP PARTIES.
- D. On August 20, 2019, Alpine County voted to join the ESSRP, on September 9, 2019, the City of Bishop voted to join the ESSRP, and on October 8, 2019, Inyo County voted to join the ESSRP.
- E. The BLM, Caltrans, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and the National Park Service have also been actively engaged in the ESSRP partnership.
- F. The ESSRP has formed an ESSRP subcommittee to conduct tribal outreach and coordination.
- G. PARTIES intend to memorialize their agreement and intentions with this MOU.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and other good and valuable consideration, the PARTIES agree as follows:

Circulation Draft: Agency Review

- ☐ Bureau of Land Management
- ☐ CALTRANS
- ☐ National Park Service
- ☐ U.S. Forest Service
- ☐ Alpine County
- ☐ ESCOG - February 10
- ☐ Current Agreement expires 6/2023
- ☐ Aggregate Agency Technical Concerns
- ☐ Prepare Draft for Partner Review

ESSRP Hot Links

ESSRP 230501

- Welcome
 - What is the ESSRP
 - <https://www.essrp.org>
 - Review the critical documents of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership
 - <https://mitoa.org/essrp/eastern-sierra-sustainable-recreation-partnership>
 - Introductions / New Faces
 - Philip Gross - Assistant Field Manager, BLM - Bishop Field Office
 - pgross@blm.gov
- Snow / Flood / Roads / Fire: Climate Change
 - Snow
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 - [Central Sierra Snow Laboratory is a research field station of UC Berkeley](#)
 - [This obscure Tahoe cabin holds one of the longest sets of data on snowfall in the world, going back to 1878](#)
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 - [California got all the snow and rain it needed. Now those could threaten a disaster.](#)
 - [California's first heat wave could trigger floods from melting Sierra Nevada snow](#)
 - [California's 'big melt' has begun and could bring perilous flooding with it](#)
 - [California Braces for More Flooding When Record Snowpack Melts](#)
 - Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program
 - [Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program \(LTCAP\)](#)
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 - [Visit California: Reimagining California's Brand for a New Era](#)
 - [California Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force: Central Coast Regional Meeting](#)
 - [Recreate Responsibly California](#)
- Regional Updates
 - Our Regional Economic Prosperity
 - The CERF Process Starting in 2023
 - [RCRC](#)
 - [CA Forward](#)
 - [CA Governor's Office of Planning and Research \(OPR\)](#)
 - The CEDS Process Starting in 2023
 - [U.S. Economic Development Administration's \(EDA\)](#)
 - ESCOG Joint Powers Authority
 - [The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments](#)
 - [Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreation Planning Initiative \(BIRPI\)](#)
 - [Towns to Trails](#)
 - [Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project](#)

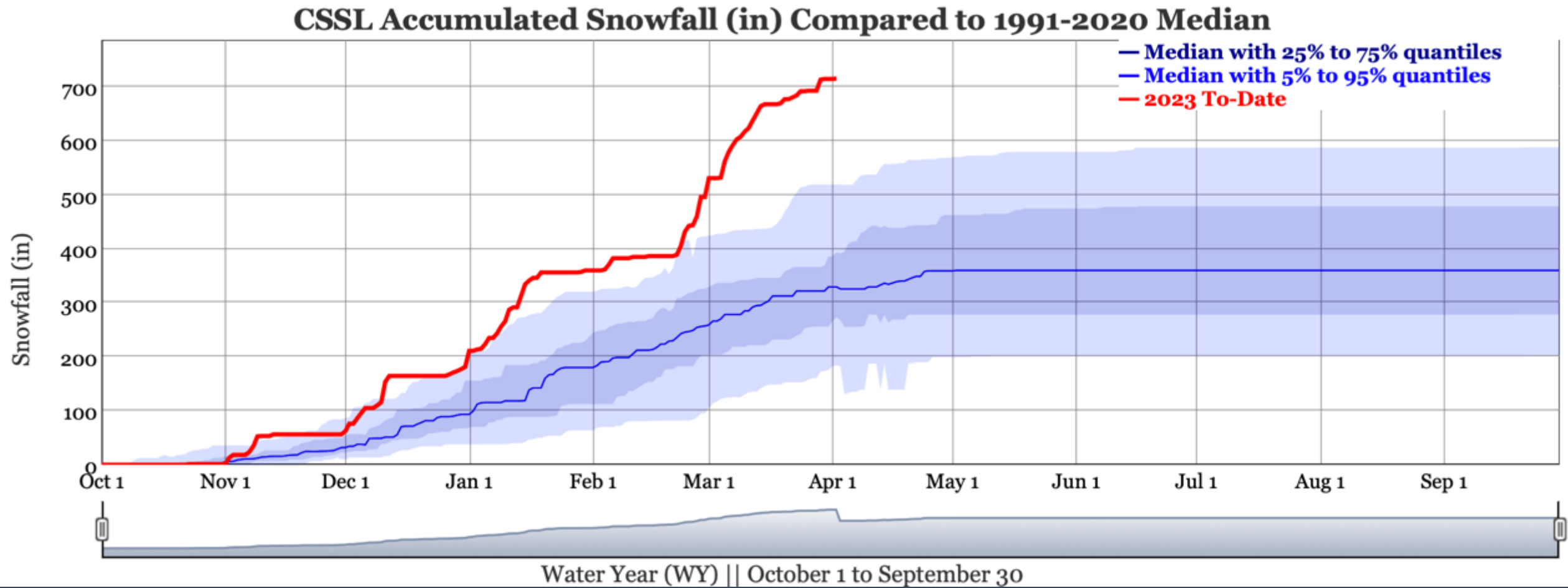
Los Angeles Times

Photos: Opening day of trout season in the Eastern Sierra

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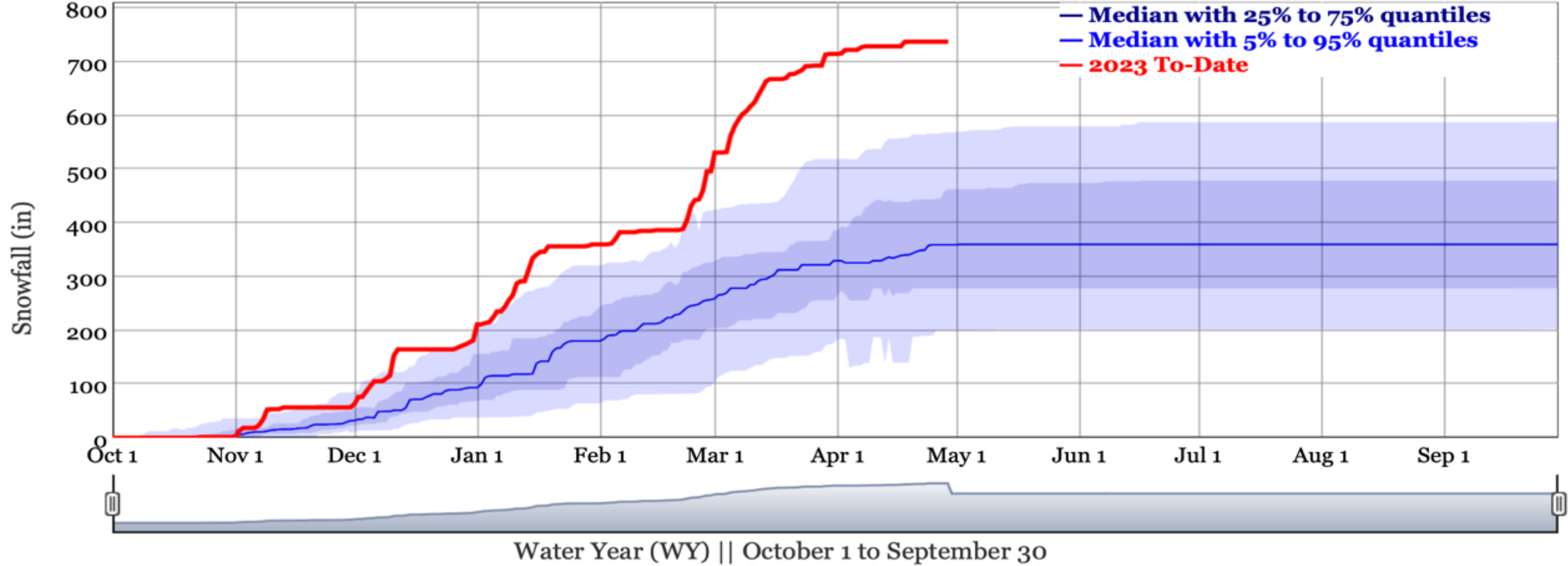


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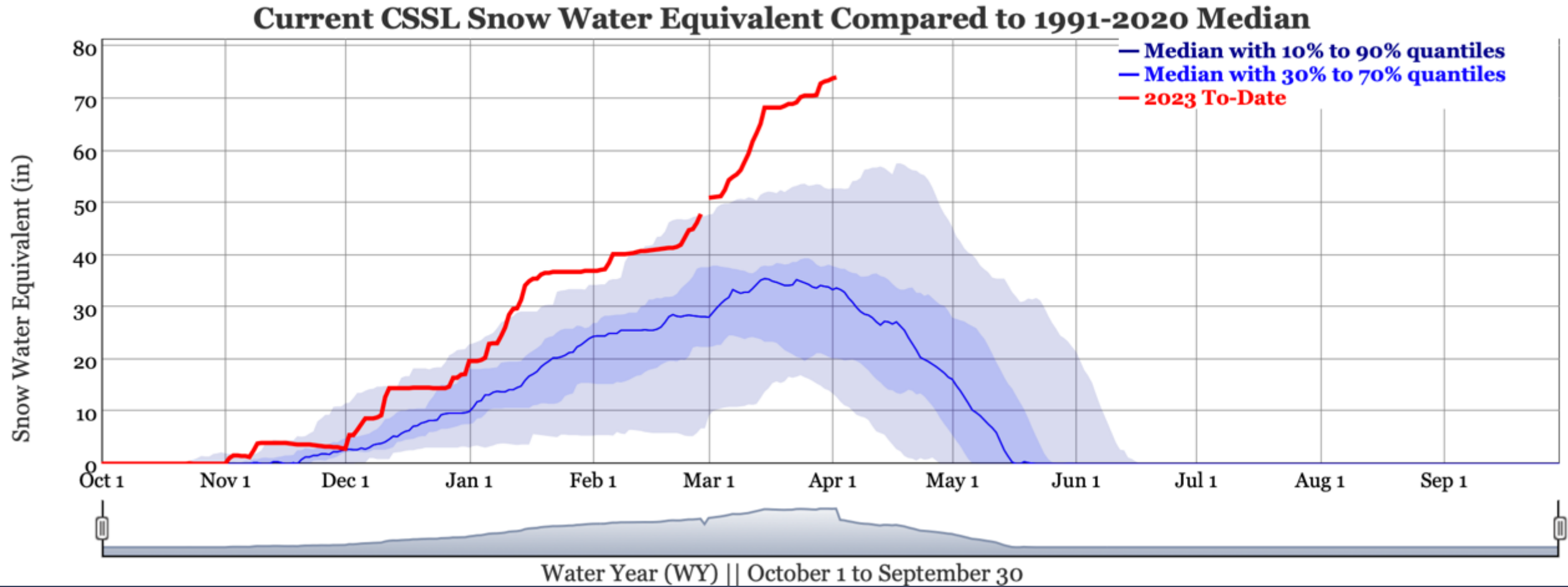


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CSSL Accumulated Snowfall (in) Compared to 1991-2020 Median

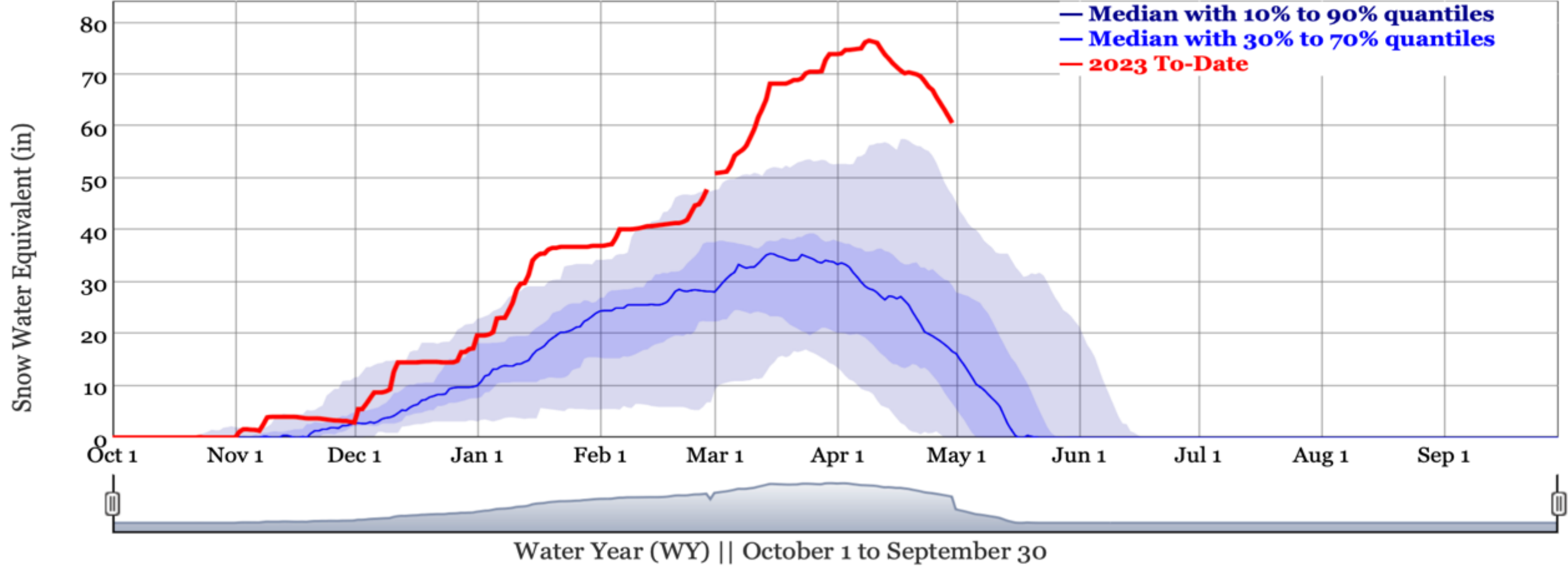


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Current CSSL Snow Water Equivalent Compared to 1991-2020 Median



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Berkeley Central Sierra Snow Lab
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

This obscure Tahoe cabin holds one of the longest sets of data on snowfall in the world, going back to 1878

Julie Brown , SFGATE Nov. 19, 2021 Updated: Dec. 28, 2021 2:04 p.m.



The Central Sierra Snow Lab on Donner Summit rests beneath a record-breaking snowpack in the winter of 2011. The lab contains one of the longest sets of manually collected data on snow in the world.

Courtesy of Central Sierra Snow Lab



Snowmelt Briefing for the Sierra & W Nevada

Weather Forecast Office
Reno, NV
Wednesday, April 26



NWS Reno Points of Contact

NWS Reno Hydro Support via
Email: rev.hydro@noaa.gov

24/7 NWS Reno operations:
775.673.8107
(non-public number)

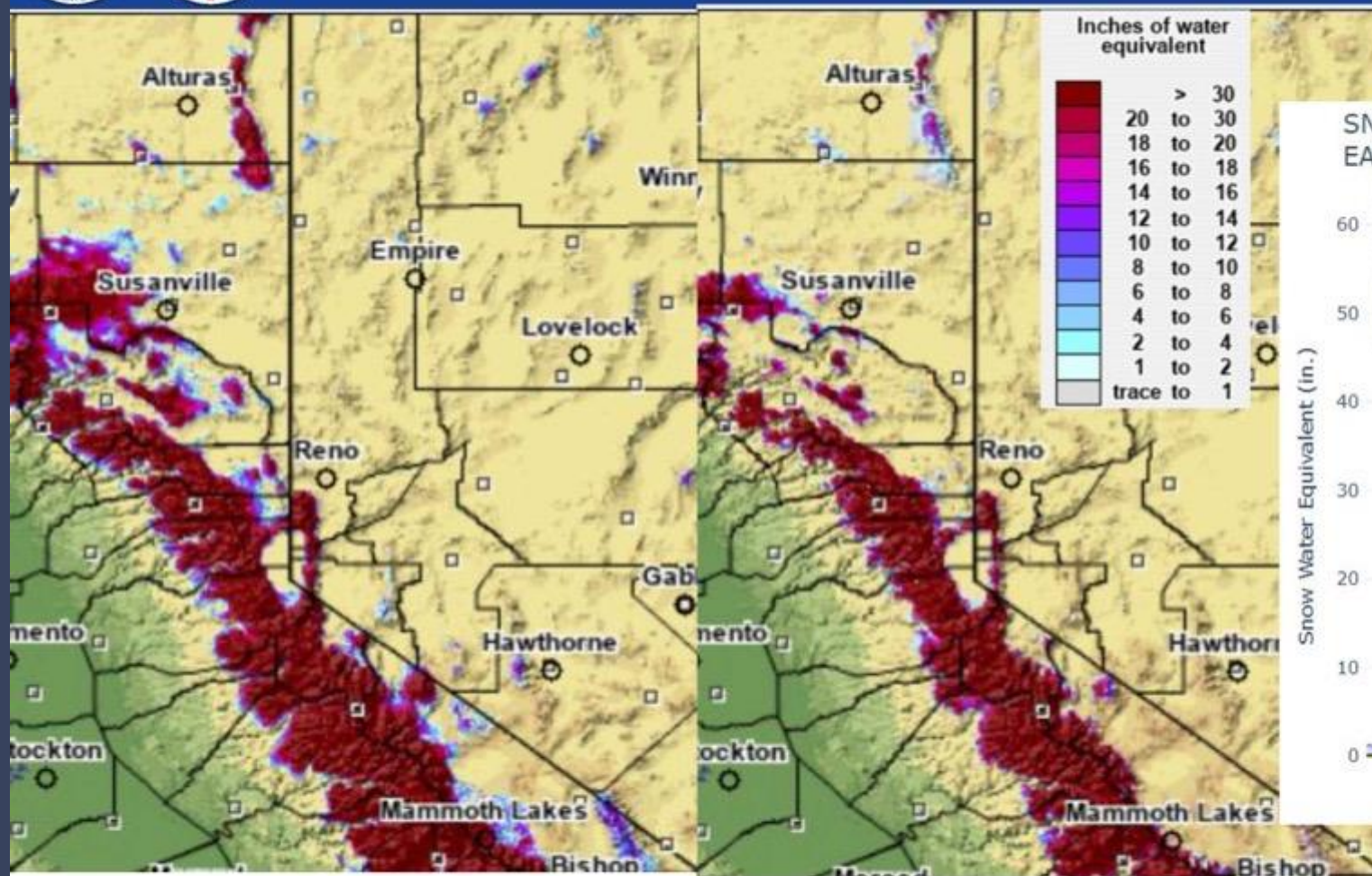
Even in the dark, our wildflowers still shine. Warming temperatures and heavy winter precip are yielding a good wildflower crop.

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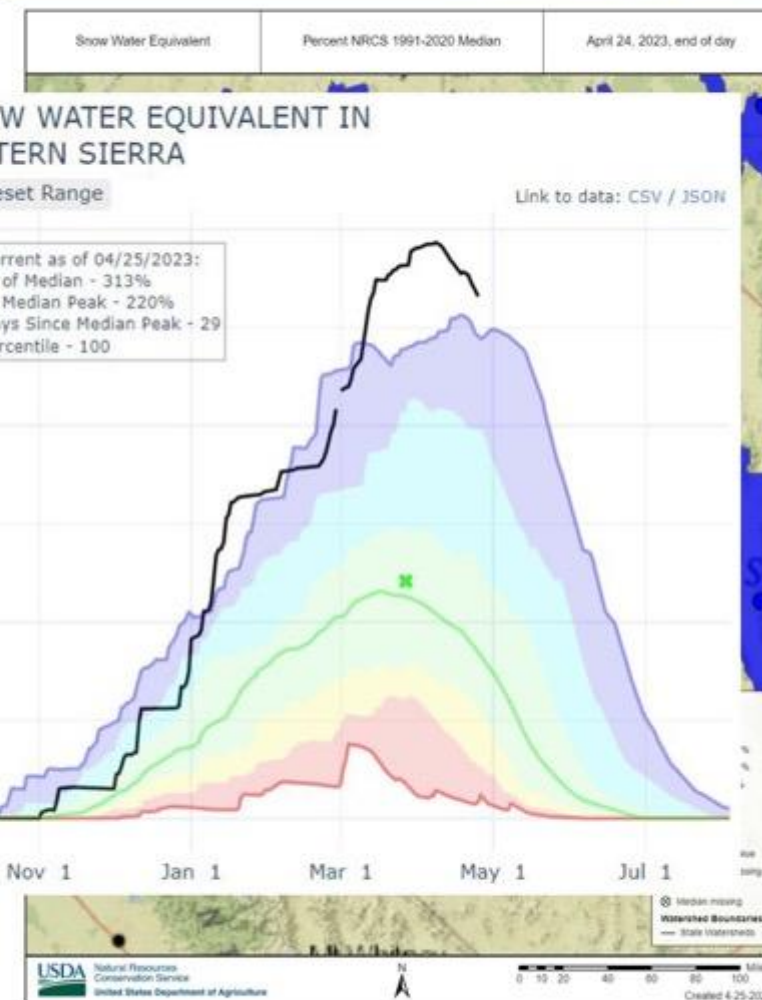
Snowpack

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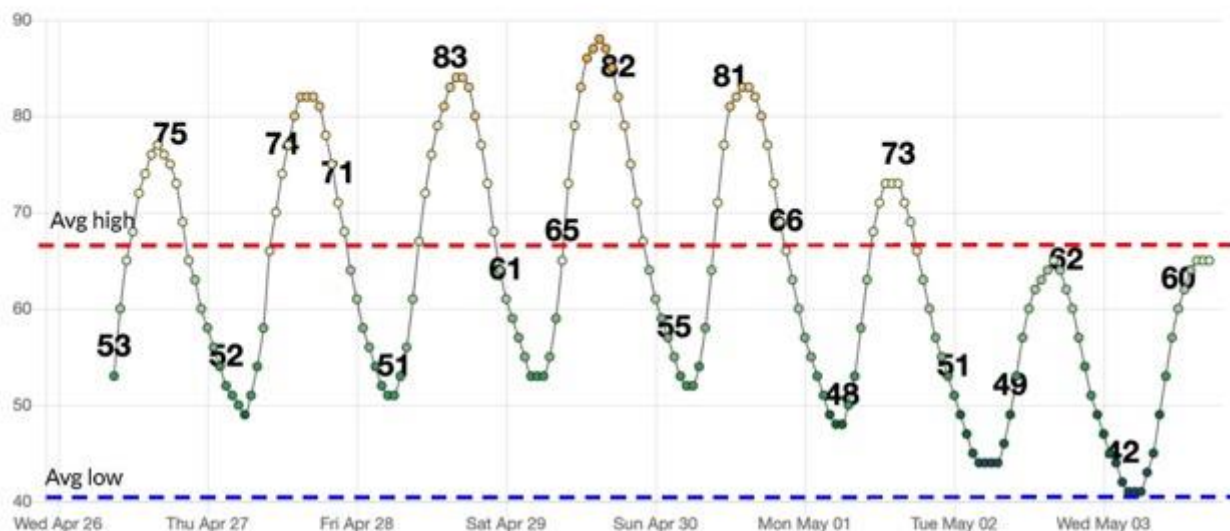
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Near Record Temps in Lower Elevations

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Forecast
temps at
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Current Record Highs

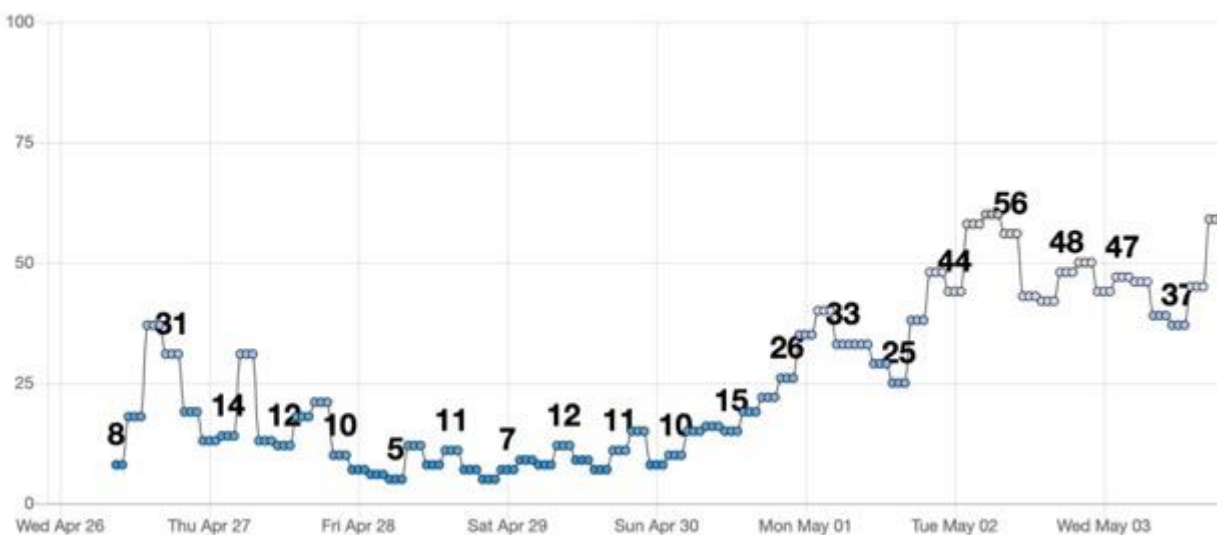
Thursday 84

Friday 86

Saturday 86

Sunday 89

Forecast
cloud cover





Key Points Up Front - Snowmelt Flood Potential

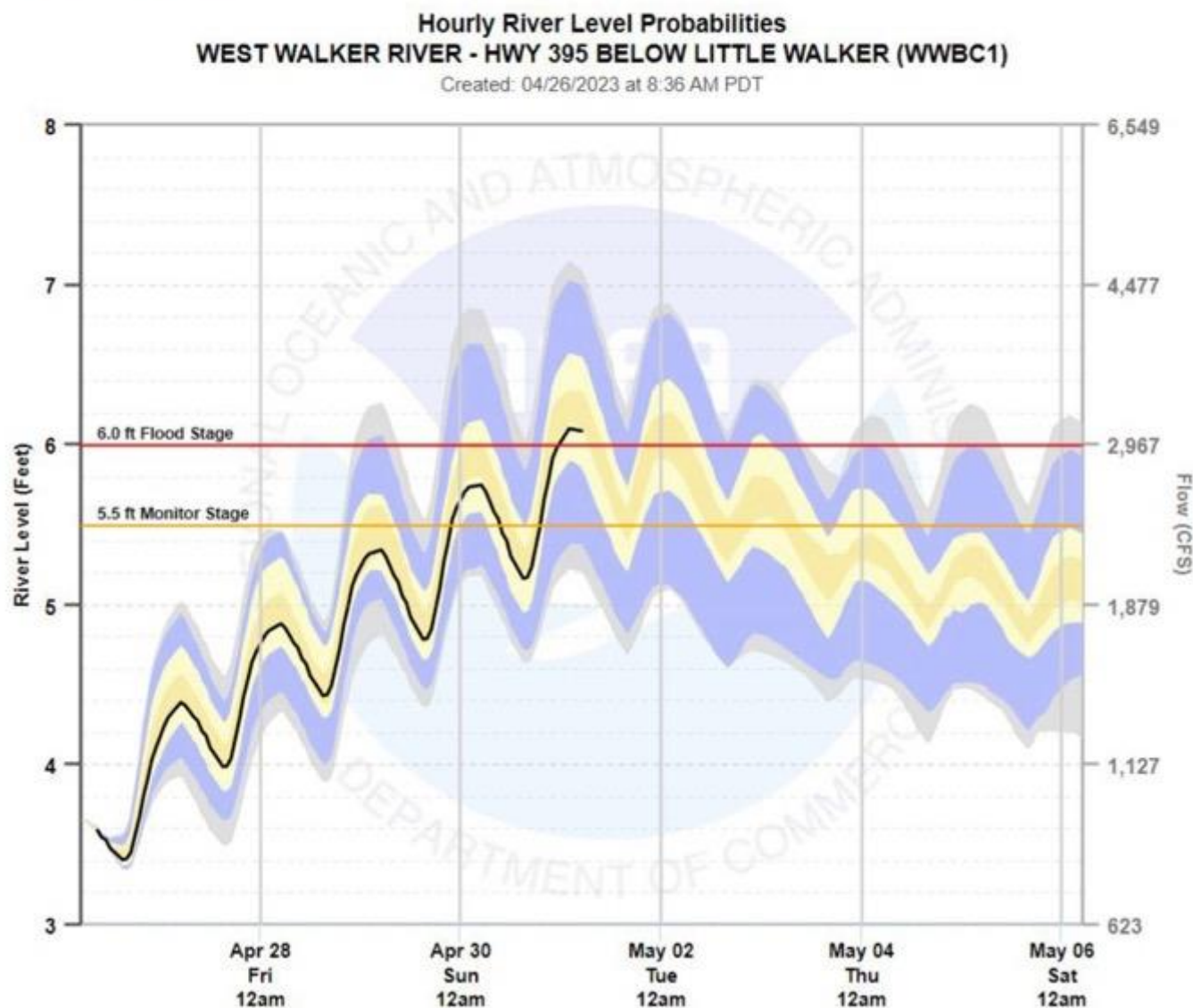
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Reno, NV
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- Impressive warming forecast through this weekend, with record highs on the table. Well above normal overnight temperatures including mountain areas. Fortunately, it's a relatively short lived heat episode.
- Result: Big increase in snowmelt & appreciable rises from current states on nearly all snow fed creeks, streams, and rivers through this weekend and into early next week.
- Minor-moderate flooding is a good bet on the Carson & Walker River systems this weekend into early next week, and possible on the Susan and Humboldt Rivers. Flooding concerns also on un-modeled streams across the area that still have appreciable snowpack.
- Fast & cold water a safety concern with increased rescue incidents especially this weekend. Remember that snowmelt flows are cyclical and often peak at night or early morning. Terminal lake rises expected.
- Appreciable cooling starting Monday, lasting through much of next week, to even below normal temps. Should lead to a reduction in snowmelt & streamflows.
- But, daily shower chances start Tuesday that could add up to some wetting rains & snow in mountains. Keep an eye on this for possible rebounds in streamflows.

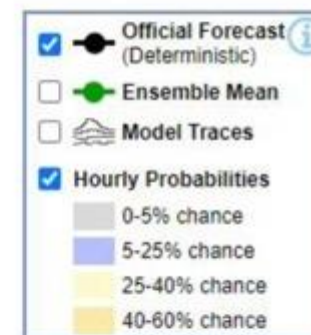


Ensemble Streamflow Simulations - West Walker

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West Walker flows expected to ramp up through early Monday and likely to hit minor flood stage before gradually receding..



Chance of River Level Exceedance (Feet)		
Forecast Period: 04/26/2023 5 am - 05/06/2023 5 am		
Max	10.90	
5%	10.75	
10%	10.31	Flood Stage 10.0 ft 15%
25%	9.64	
50%	9.24	
75%	8.68	
90%	7.89	8.0 ft 87% Monitor Stage
95%	7.76	
Min	7.63	

Check for daily updates [here](#)



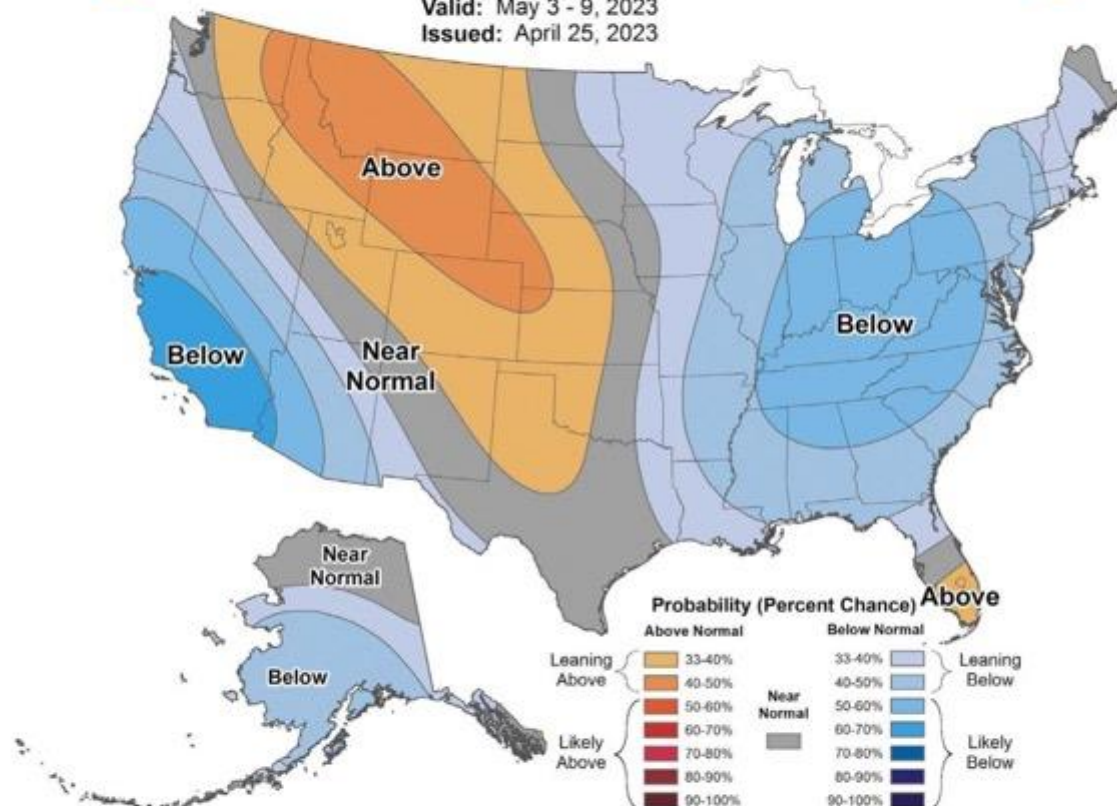
Week Two: Cooling Back Off, Showers Possible

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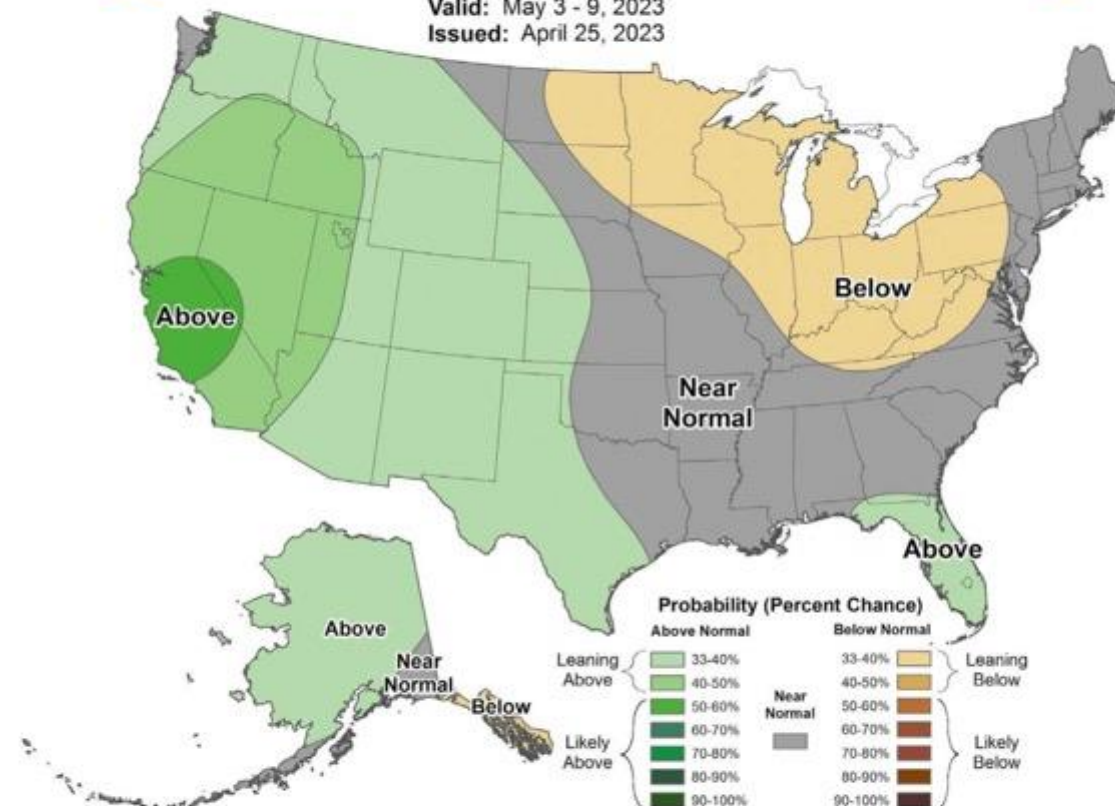
8-14 Day Temperature Outlook

Valid: May 3 - 9, 2023
Issued: April 25, 2023



8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook

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Signals for a typical spring cool down May 3-9 after our upcoming heat.

Showers possible but not seeing big storm signals. Easier to be "above average" in May.



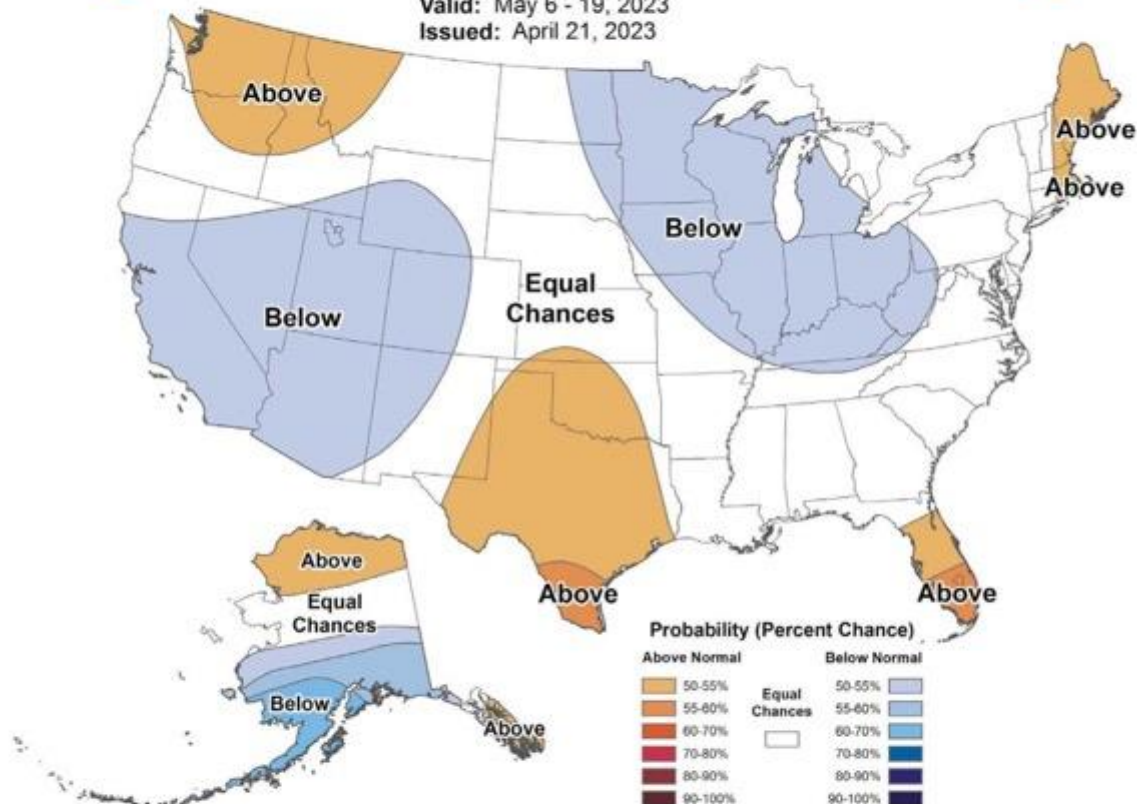
Into Mid-May: Leaning Cool, Showery?

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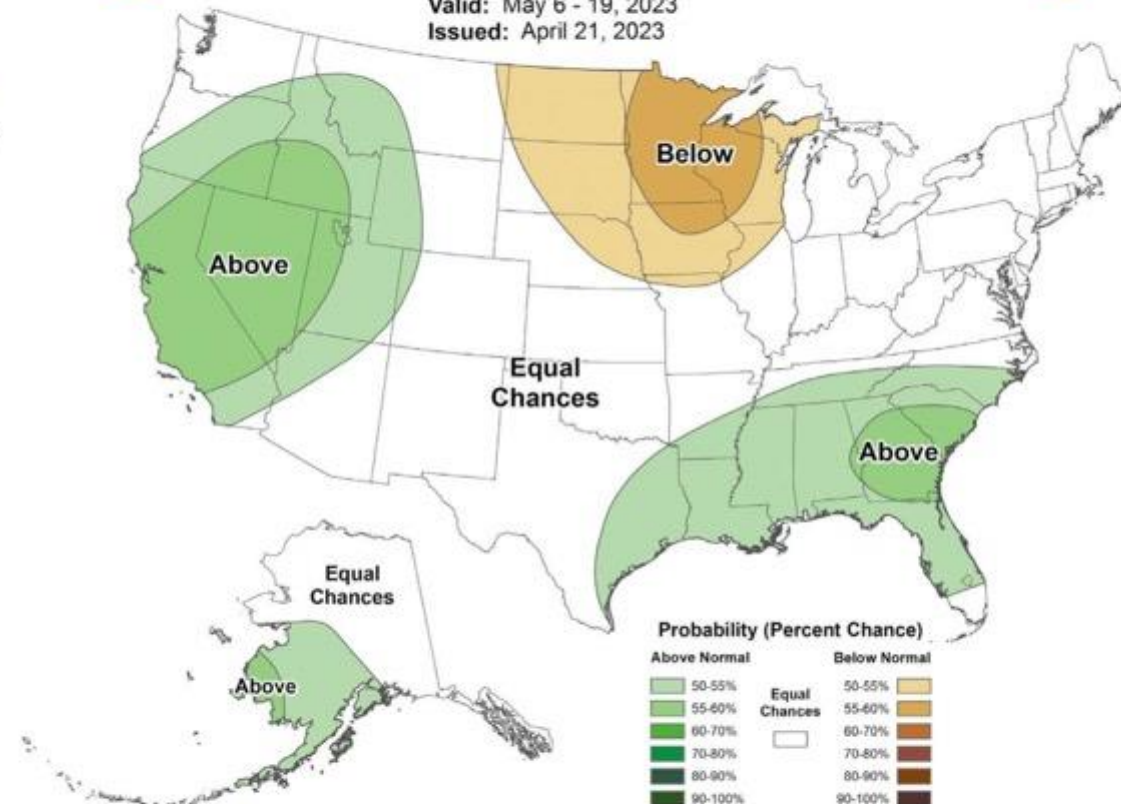
Weeks 3-4 Temperature Outlook

Valid: May 6 - 19, 2023
Issued: April 21, 2023



Weeks 3-4 Precipitation Outlook

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Showery pattern seems favored into mid-May but mixed confidence.

Not seeing any big heat-wave signs - so snowmelt would be more gradual.

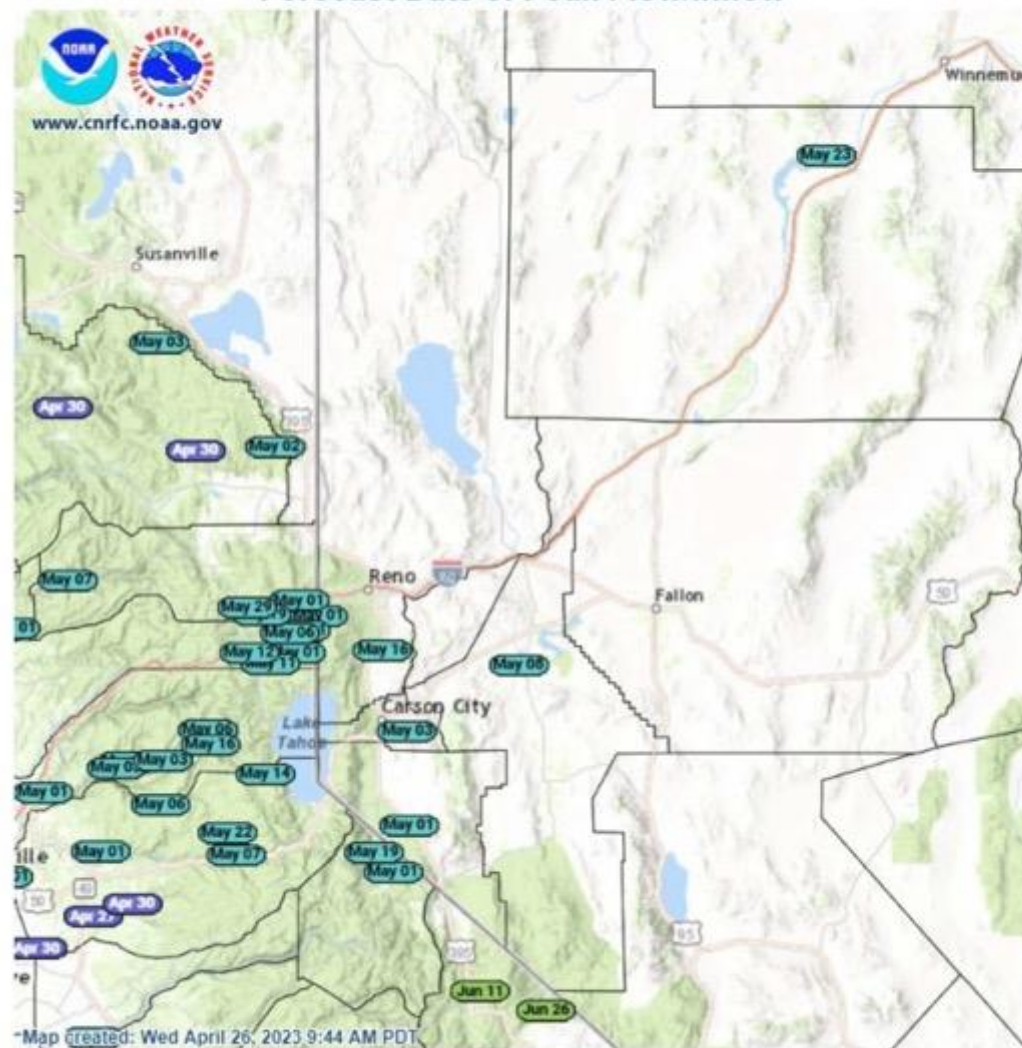
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Potential for Early Peak runoff?

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Forecast Date of Peak Flow/Inflow

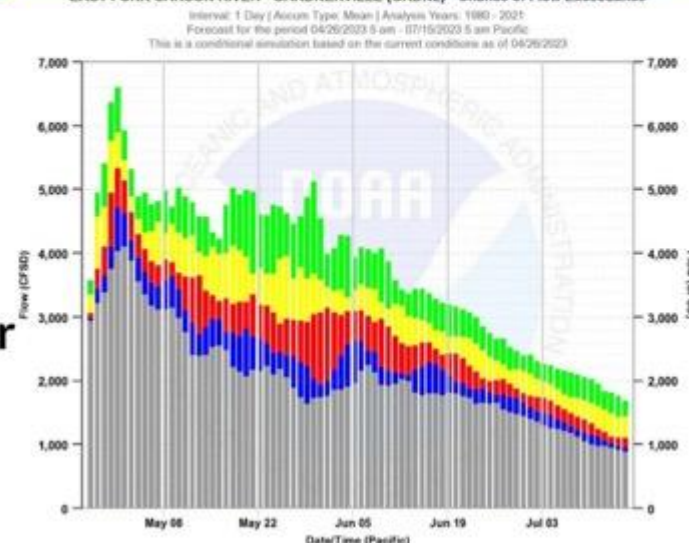


Simulations are now indicating that we could be seeing earlier than expected peak runoff this weekend into next week for some mainstem locations.

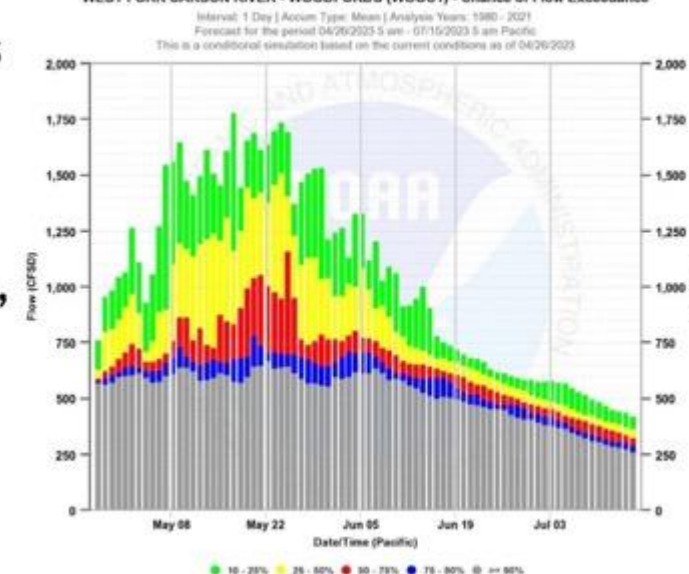
Even if this pans out prolonged and high flow and additional lesser peaks can be expected through the rest of spring.

Areas like the West Carson, Walker, and Mono County streams will almost certainly peak later.

EAST FORK CARSON RIVER - GARDNERVILLE (GRDN2) - Chance of Flow Exceedance



WEST FORK CARSON RIVER - WOODFORDS (WOOC1) - Chance of Flow Exceedance



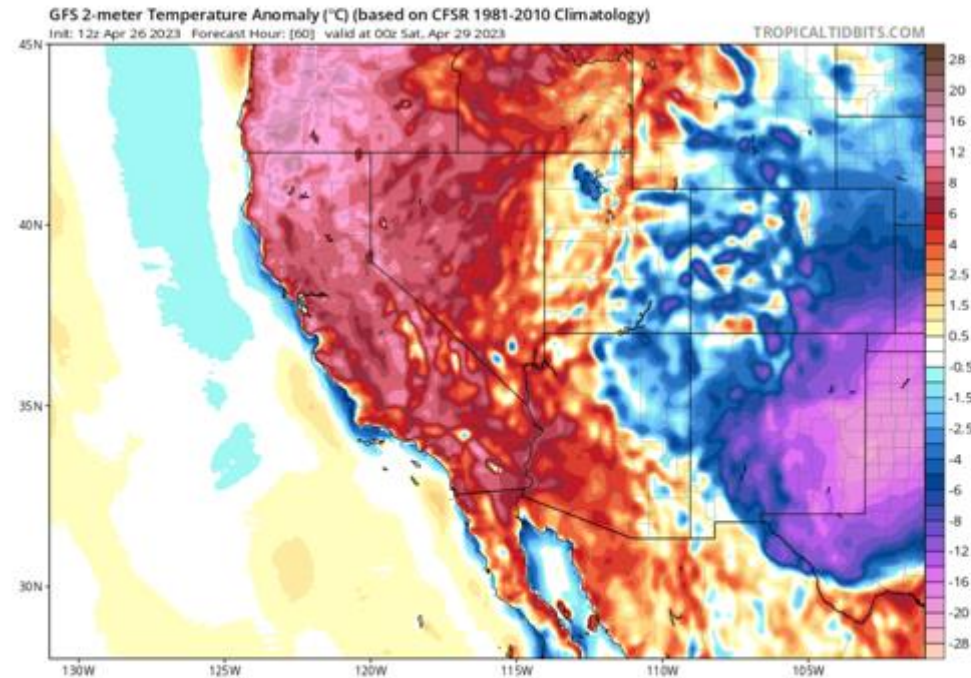
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“The Big Melt” has arrived as early season heatwave spikes flood concerns; Cut-off low to bring cooling trend but also possibly thunderstorm outbreak next week

Filed in Weather/Climate Discussion by Daniel Swain on April 26, 2023 • 566 Comments

Major early-season heatwave ramps up through Fri; snowmelt and flood risk accelerate



A significant, though relatively short-lived, early season heatwave will occur between now and this weekend, peaking Friday.

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Tweets from @Weather_West

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@Weather_W... · Apr 28

Based on conversations I've had with relatives, friends, and potential landlords, this is 100% an impediment to wider uptake of heat pumps. Almost no one I've interacted with is initially aware that [#HeatPumps](#) offer both efficient heating AND cooling...

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John Kennedy

@micefearbo... · Apr 29

A lot of interest in sort-of-global SSTs (60°S-60°N) at the moment. I made some plots that emphasise (slightly) different aspects. Actual SST, anomalies, and change from the start of the year are all unusual in the context of the satellite period 1982-present in this data set.



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Most of Yosemite Valley is closed due to potentially perilous snowpack and flooding



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Inyo LADWP Community Runoff Meeting 04 27 23

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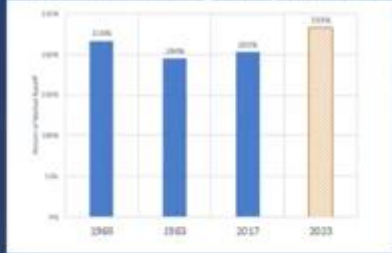
YouTube interface showing a presentation slide titled "Runoff Forecast".

Slide content:

- Runoff Forecast
- 2023-24 April to March Runoff Estimate 233%
- This is the wettest year on record (since ~1913?)

Next slide preview:

2023 Runoff vs. highest years on record



Year	Runoff (Estimated)
1948	~1800
1963	~1600
2017	~1700
2023	~2300

Video player controls at the bottom show the video is at 11:42 / 1:12:35, Slide 10 of 23.

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2023 Runoff vs. highest years on record

Year	Percent of Normal Runoff
1969	216%
1983	194%
2017	202%
2023	233%

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Spreading Preparation

Lessons learned:

- Snow can accumulate in a very short time
- Prepare spreading grounds as soon as possible

Agencies LADWP coordinates with for permitting:

- Fish & Wildlife
- BLM
- Forest Service

No Notes.

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This site is dedicated to providing information to residents, visitors, and customers about our operations in the Eastern Sierra.

Emergency Run-off Response

Updates and current conditions for 2023 run-off management.

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2023 Emergency Run-off Response

This webpage contains all LADWP updates for run-off management. Click the link for the latest posted news releases.

[LADWP PRESS RELEASES](#)

Area Closures

-last updated 4/28/23-

Avoid waterways - swift, high-flowing water could lead to potentially hazardous conditions. LADWP urges members of the public recreating in the Eastern Sierra to abide by all public agency's safety advisories and closures.

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[MONO COUNTY ROAD OPEN/CLOSED STATUS](#)

[CALTRANS QUICK MAP ALERTS](#)

Crowley Lake

Delayed opening

Check [Crowley Lake Fish Camp](#) for updates

Pleasant Valley

Pleasant Valley Reservoir
OPEN on 4/29

Pleasant Valley Campground
CLOSED

ROAD CLOSURES
CLOSURE ON Pleasant Valley Rd. will not affect access to the Pleasant Valley Pit Campground

Sad/Happy Boulders

Foot traffic is allowed on LADWP land to access the boulders

ROAD CLOSURES
-Chalk Bluff Rd

NO PARKING ALLOWED
-Chalk Bluff Rd
-Casa Diablo Rd
-Fish Slough Rd
-Jean Blanc Rd

Bishop

ROAD CLOSURES
CLOSED section of the Owens River Rd. between Line Street and Warm Springs Rd The closure will isolate the area Known as "The Ropes and High Banks"

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Storm and runoff response for Inyo County



Ready Mono

Storm and runoff response for Mono County



CalTrans

Road and traffic updates



National Weather Service

Weather forecast for Eastern Sierra



Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center

Avalanche Forecast and observations



SPRING RUNOFF

JOIN US FOR THE RUNOFF PREPARATION MEETING

5-6 p.m. on Thursday, April 27

Tri-County Fairgrounds Home Economics Building, 475 Sierra St., Bishop

Or participate via [Zoom](https://bit.ly/2023RunoffPlanning) (<https://bit.ly/2023RunoffPlanning>)

GET READY

Inyo County has experienced record high snowpack in the Sierra this winter. Creeks and streams are likely to flow at full capacity, especially as warmer weather produces more snowmelt. Flooding can occur due to clogged storm drains, fallen trees, or other debris causing obstruction.

In order to prepare for high run-off this year we are asking that the public take extra efforts to ensure that their property is free of any debris that may cause an obstruction in water flow; and to maintain debris-free waterways, ditches and drains.

- Clear ditches of all plants, rocks, and debris
- Clear overhanging vegetation from your waterways to ensure maximum flow
- Open pond outflow channels and remove decorative rocks
- Consider draining ponds or lowering levels
- Clean all water screens, gutters, and drains



Winter 2023

Los Angeles Times

‘We’ve lost the aqueduct’: How severe flooding threatens a Los Angeles water lifeline

For more than 100 years, the Los Angeles Aqueduct has endured earthquakes, flash floods and dozens of bomb attacks as it wends and weaves through the canyons and deserts of the eastern Sierra Nevada.

But earlier this month, record storms accomplished the unthinkable when floodwaters undermined a 120-foot-long section of aqueduct in Owens Valley, causing its concrete walls to crumble.

“We’ve lost the aqueduct!” a Los Angeles Department of Water and Power inspector told his superiors by cellphone. As he spoke, chocolate-colored runoff and debris undercut the aqueduct just west of Highway 395 and the community of Olancho.

It was the first time in history that the 200-mile aqueduct had been breached by extreme weather, threatening water deliveries to 4 million ratepayers in Los Angeles.



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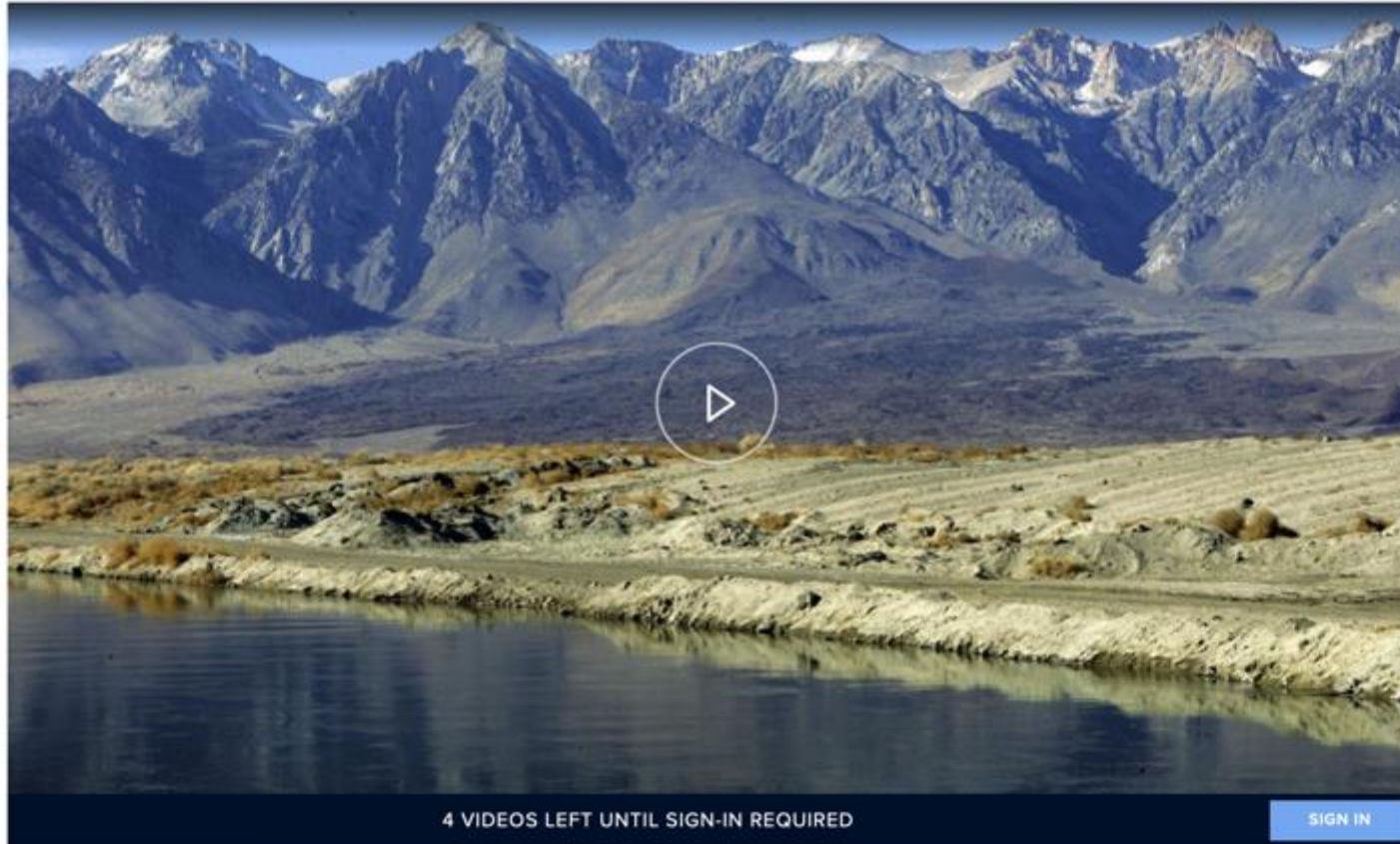
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Sierra Nevada mountains reflected in the Los Angeles Aqueduct. (AP Photo)

ENVIRONMENT

LADWP prepares for flooding in the Eastern Sierra

Storm opens up crater-sized pothole in Sierra National Forest near Yosemite

Eric Brooks March 20, 2023 Updated: March 21, 2023
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Inyo National Forest closes roads due to storm damage

 by [sierrarec magazine](#) — April 19, 2023 in [Inyo National forest](#)

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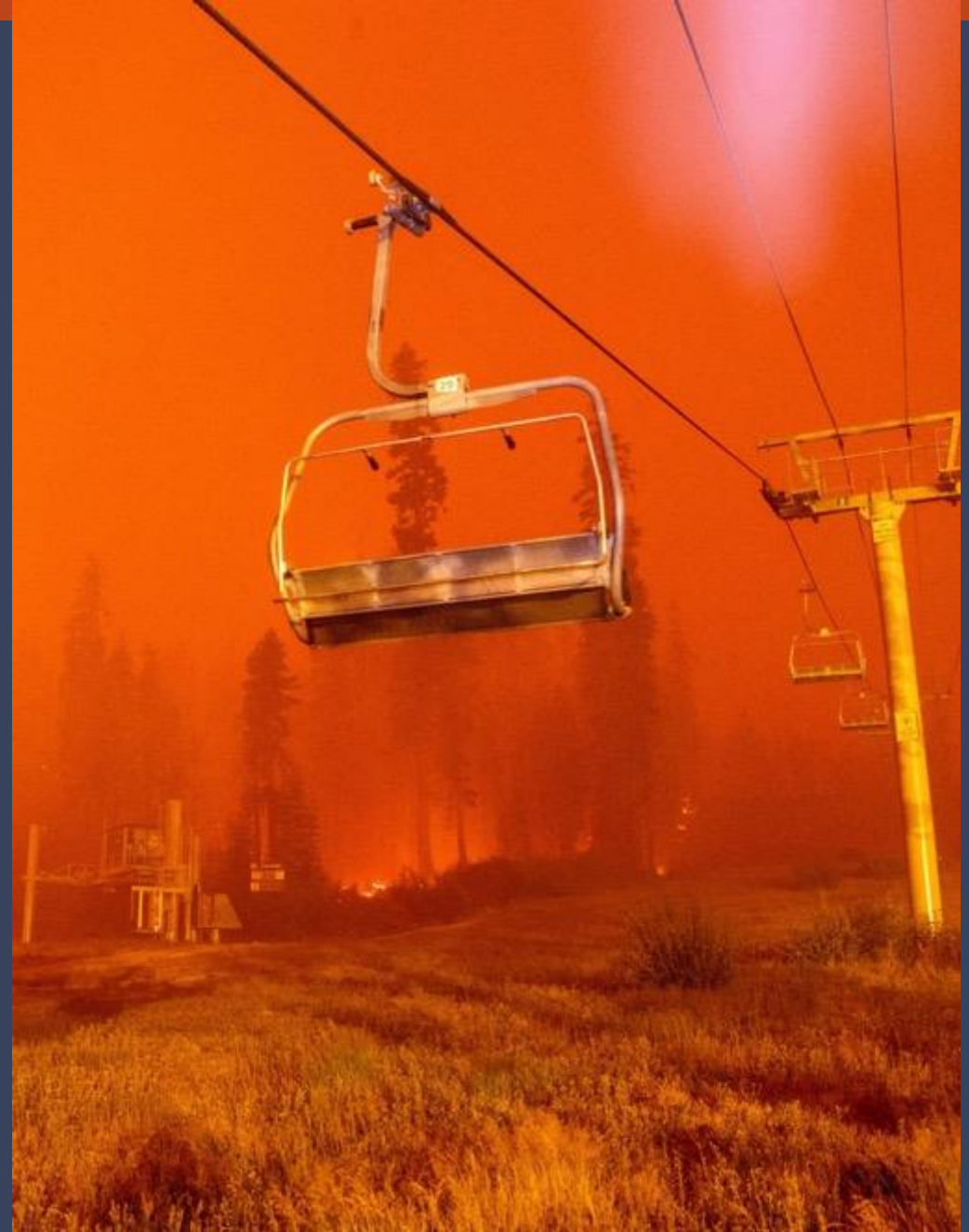
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P.O. Box 3700

Eureka, CA 95502

Telephone Number: 707-445-6594

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California's Climate Whiplash

The state broke snowfall records after three of its driest years ever. Now floods wreak havoc. These swings are the new normal—and they're very hard to manage.

April 17, 2023



Chairlifts buried under snow at Mammoth Mountain, California, in March 2023 | Peter Morning/Mammoth Mountain

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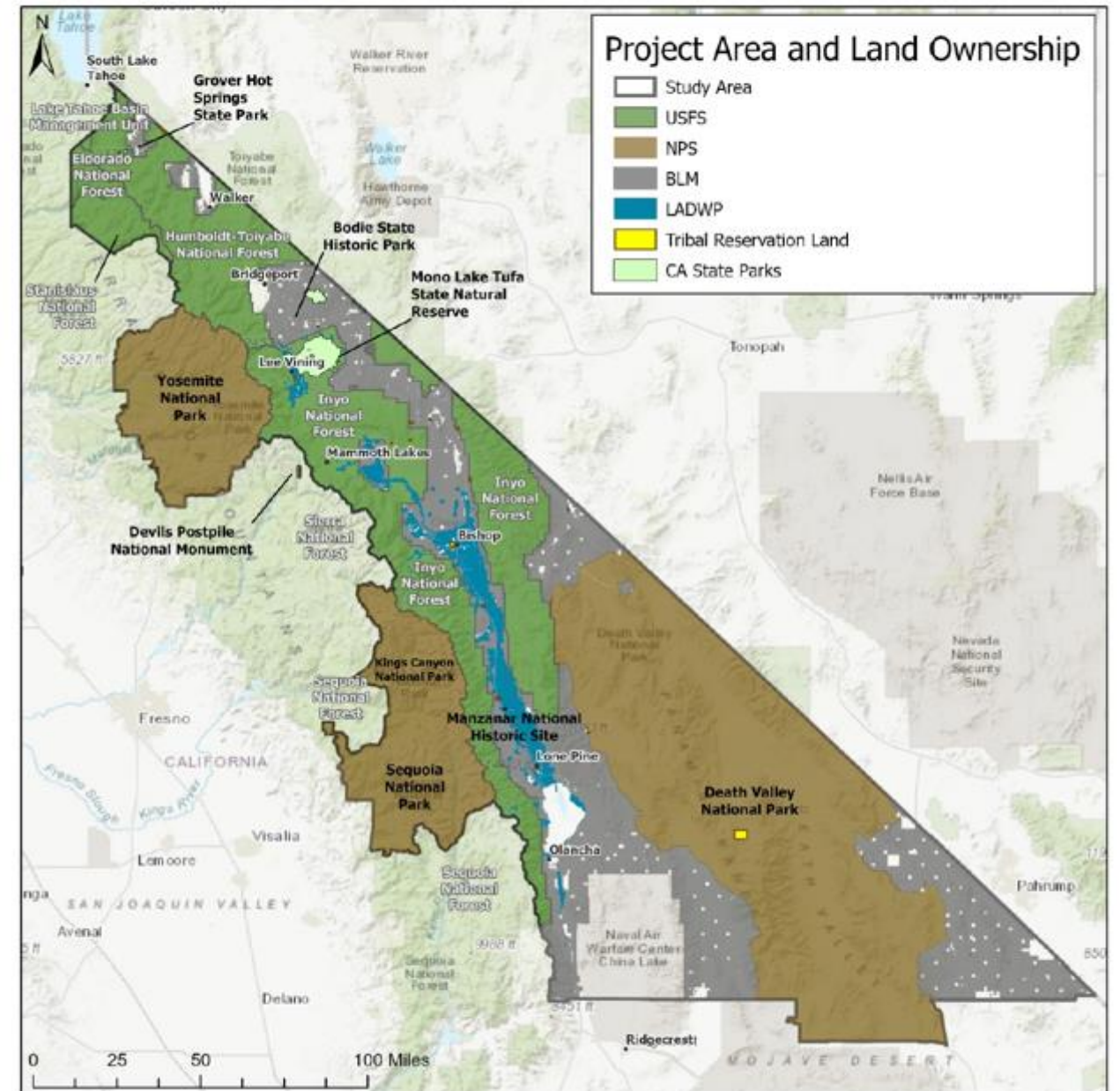
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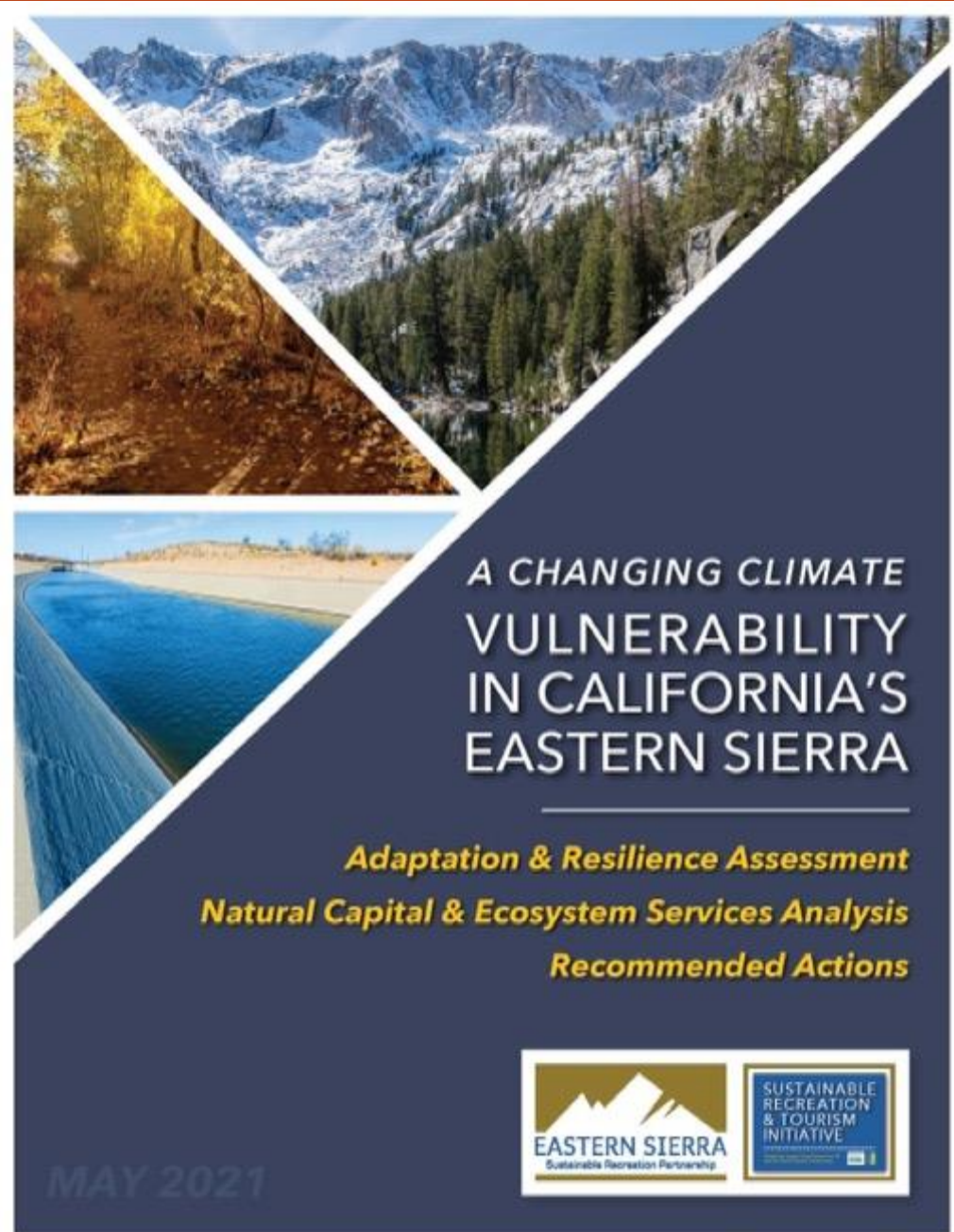


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Figure 1. The Study Area



Snow / Flood / Roads / Fire: Climate Change



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

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

Recreational Activities



Backcountry skiing



Bicycling



Camping,
backpacking, and
primitive camping



Cross-country skiing



Downhill skiing



Driving for pleasure



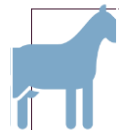
Fishing



Gathering forest
products



Hiking/walking



Horseback riding



Hunting



Motorized trail
activities



Other snow activities



Picnicking



Rock climbing



Viewing natural
features and wildlife



Visiting historic sites
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Water-based
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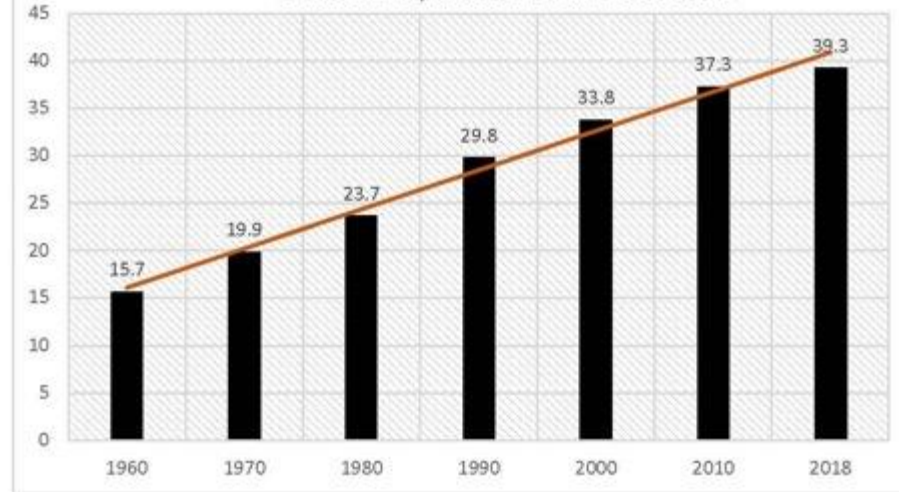
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SRTI: The Visitor Audience



Mono County

- Marcela Rose – *Sustainable Recreation Coordinator*



Mammoth Lakes Recreation

- Kim Anaclerio – *Program Director*

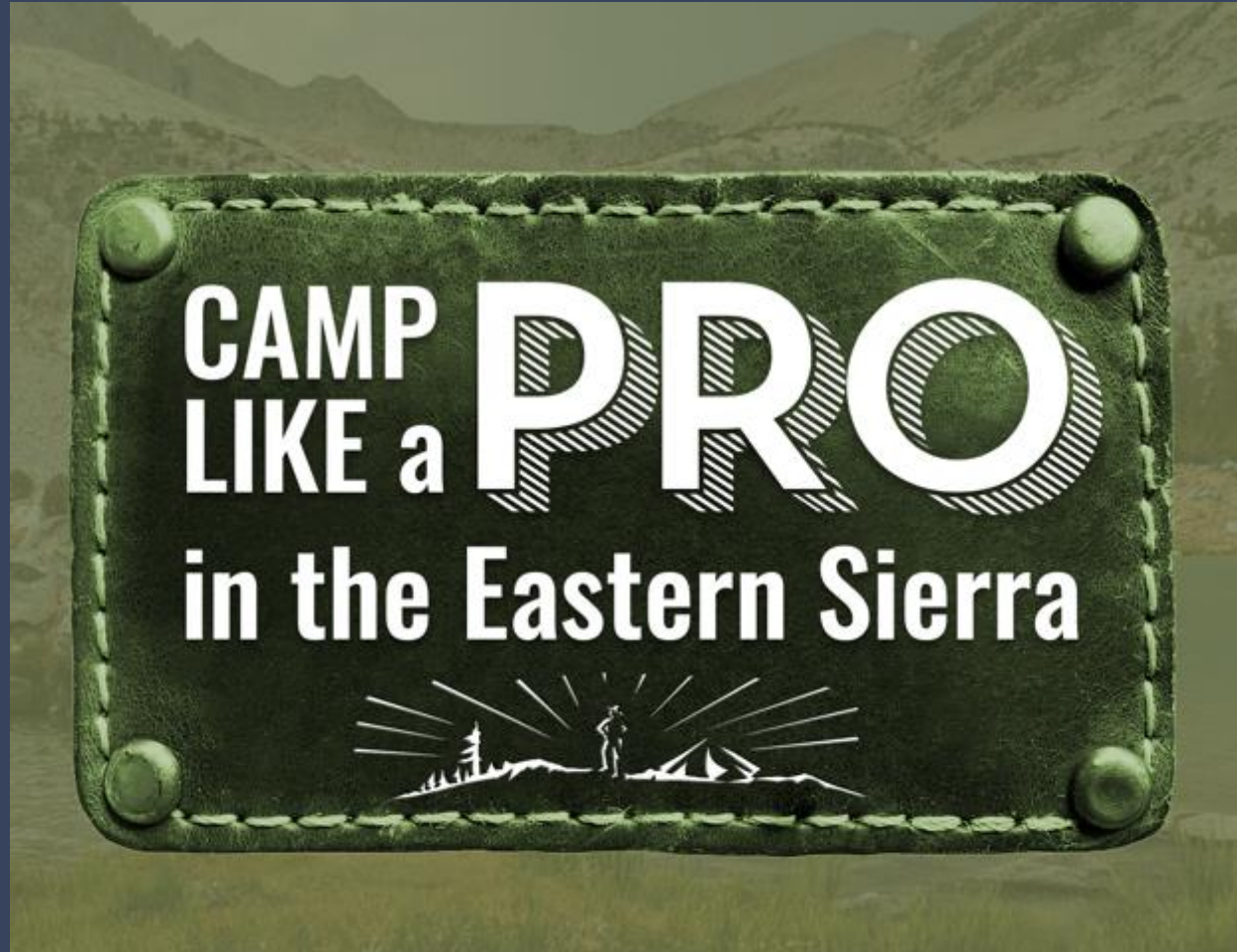


Whitebark Institute

- Crystal Medhurst - *Community Wildfire Resilience Outreach & Education Coordinator*

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- Keri Davis - *Sharp Ends Designs*



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SUSTAINABLE RECREATION AND ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Snow / Flood / Roads / Fire: Climate Change

SUSTAINABLE RECREATION & TOURISM INITIATIVE

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FUNDING APPLICATION LEAD AGENCY:

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VISITOR CONNECTION PROGRAM

The SRTI's Visitor Connection Working Group developed a strategy to connect with Eastern Sierra visitors throughout the region using messages of sustainable recreation and stewardship. The resulting Visitor Connection Program is a system for communicating with visitors and residents in-person, digitally, and with signage and kiosks. The program will:

- Identify and coordinate regional face-to-face communication opportunities;
- Build, develop, and maintain a regional website;
- Create turnkey content for digital outreach with social media assets, newsletters, and emails;
- Create a regional handbook with a training program for frontline employees;
- Coordinate signage and pop-up information kiosks;
- Develop a strategic messaging plan; and
- Research the visitation audience to maximize messaging efficacy.

FUNDING APPLICATION LEAD AGENCY:

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments



Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Initiative project on behalf of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership

EASTERN SIERRA VISITOR CONNECTION PROGRAM

SRTI PROJECT

Lead Agency:
Eastern Sierra
Council of Governments



- A regional voice for Sustainable Recreation and Stewardship in the Eastern Sierra
- 21st-century regional recreation identity for the Eastern Sierra
- Extensive stakeholder collaboration
- 28 representatives from regional organizations
- 8 facilitated meetings over 14 months

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**VISITOR
CONNECTION
PACKAGE**

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



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

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

THE VISITOR CONNECTION PROGRAM SHOULD:

- ★ Focus on stewardship education and the celebration of local culture.
- ★ Be reliable, implementable, and forward thinking.
- ★ Utilize informed and collaborative decision-making.
- ★ Employ a phased approach to develop tools and capacity.
- ★ Leverage existing communication assets to engage visitors throughout their "sequence of encounter."
- ★ Not compete with existing efforts in the region.

PROGRAM COMPONENT/CHANNELS	ACTION PLAN FROM VISITOR CONNECTION PROGRAM
Advisory Committee & Strategic Plan for Program Implementation	Establish advisory committee starting with Visitor Connection Working Group member organizations Hire local capacity to convene / facilitate
Face-to-Face Interactions	Identify and coordinate regional face-to-face communication opportunities, including - Local Host & Ranger Programs - Out-of-Region Ambassador Programs
Website	- Year 1: Build, develop, and maintain landing page - Year 2 & 3: Website expansion and upgrades
Branded Digital Outreach Toolkit	Create turnkey content for Digital Outreach Toolkit with assets for social media, newsletters, and email lists. - Year 2 & 3: Create additional digital collateral to be determined by Phase I Strategic Plan - Expanded Digital Collateral / Strategic Digital Ad Buys / Toolkit Expansion - Recommendations include video, radio ads, podcast, ad buys, and additional turnkey graphics
Regional Handbook	Create Regional Handbook content with training program for frontline employees
Pop-Up Information Kiosk Program	Coordinate Pop-Up Information Kiosk program
Signage on Hwy 395	Coordinate Signage Implementation Signage on Hwy 395 to include Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway asset review
Visitor Connection Research Program	Ongoing research to better understand visitation audience and maximize messaging efficacy
Analog Collateral	Create content for analog collateral, oversee production, coordinate distribution. Recommendations include: - Regionally Coordinated Map Series - FAQ Handheld Product - Posters/Flyers - Business Card directing visitors to landing page and stewardship message
Stewardship Education / Celebration of Local Culture	Create expanded content for stewardship education and the celebration of regional culture
Support and Incentive Program	Develop grant-based financial incentives for engagement from non-profits, businesses, and other elements of the community.

PROGRAM COMPONENT/CHANNELS	ACTION PLAN FROM VISITOR CONNECTION PROGRAM
Equity & Access	Equity & access expert consultation and programming - Land acknowledgment & other advisory elements - Focus groups - Translation - Programming
Administrative Capacity	- Oversight and management of the project - Ongoing consultation with ESSRP partners and representation at partner meetings - Updates, consultation with ESCOG members and advisory committee - Create, implement and oversee RFQs / RFPs and relationship with contractor(s) - Financial tracking, reporting, and invoicing - ESCOG staff to provide updates and attend ESSRP and advisory committee meetings
Business Development & Identify Revenue Streams	Develop programs and pursue additional revenue streams - Develop sponsorship/membership program - Other regional initiatives: - RFFCP Wildfire messaging "Camp Like A Pro" - State / Federal grants

The Visitor Connection Program is not intended as a marketing strategy, nor is it intended to replace the successful work done by regional marketing organizations.

WORDS THAT DESCRIBE THE EASTERN SIERRA

scenic dramatic
nature significant magnificent lasting
adventure connection
escape expansive timeless tradition
unique grand

MESSAGING THEMES FOR THE EASTERN SIERRA

RESPECT - APPRECIATION - STEWARDSHIP

ESCAPE - ADVENTURE - SURPRISE

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ALIGNING IMAGES WITH THEMES

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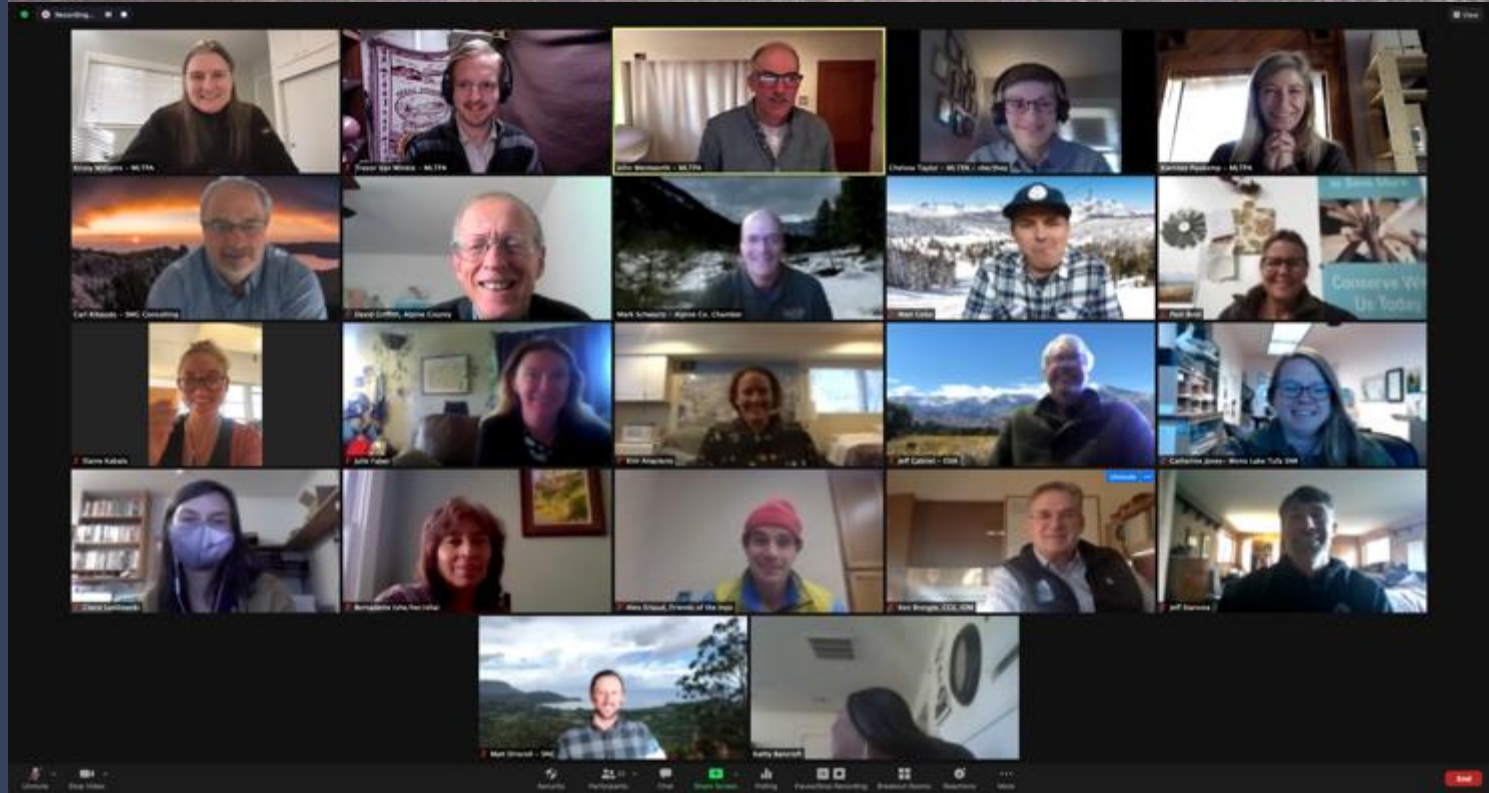


MEMORY - TRADITION - CONNECTION



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8M+

in-person
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YR

31M+

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Humboldt-Tajiguale National Forest Bridgeport B.D.

Mono Lake Committee

Tourist Mountain Lake

National Park Service

El Dorado Chamber & Visitors Bureau

El Dorado County Economic Development

Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT)

Red Pine Trail Association

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area

1M

3.9M

4.2M

20M



1.2M+

Facebook
followers



649,188 → Instagram followers



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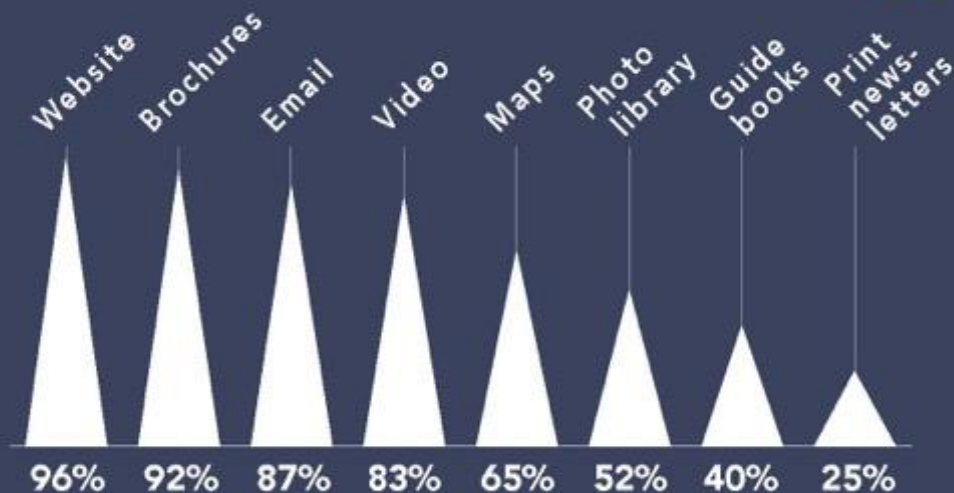
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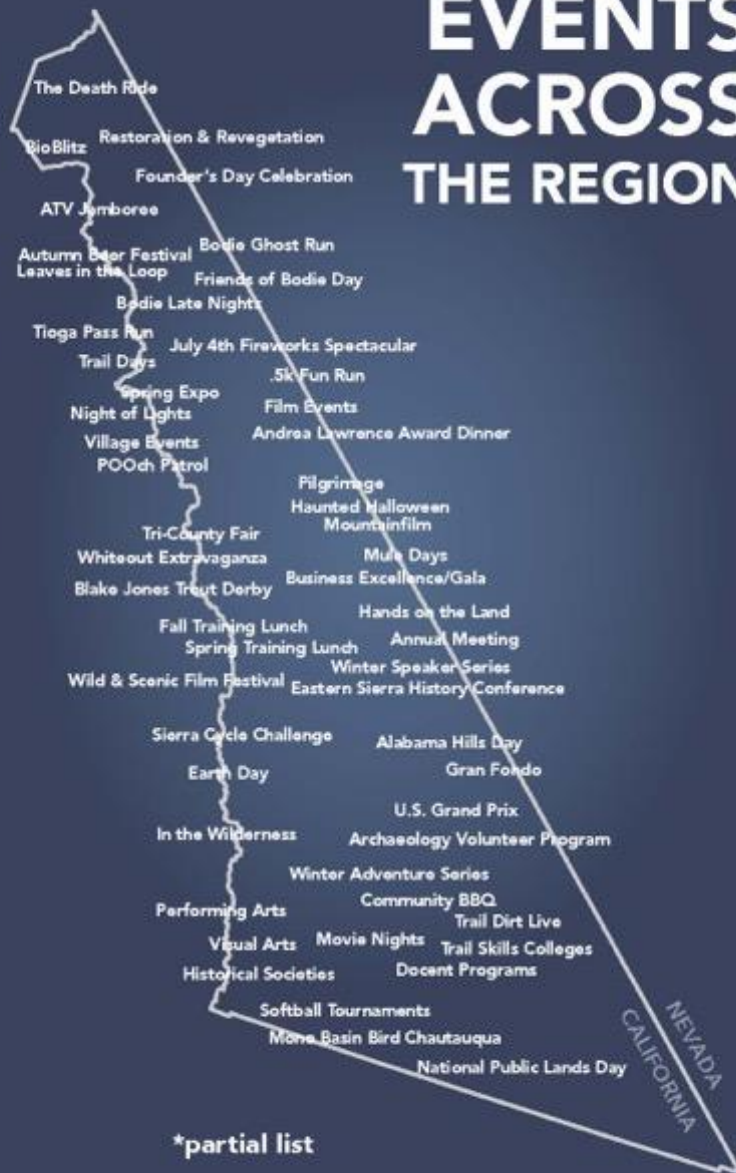
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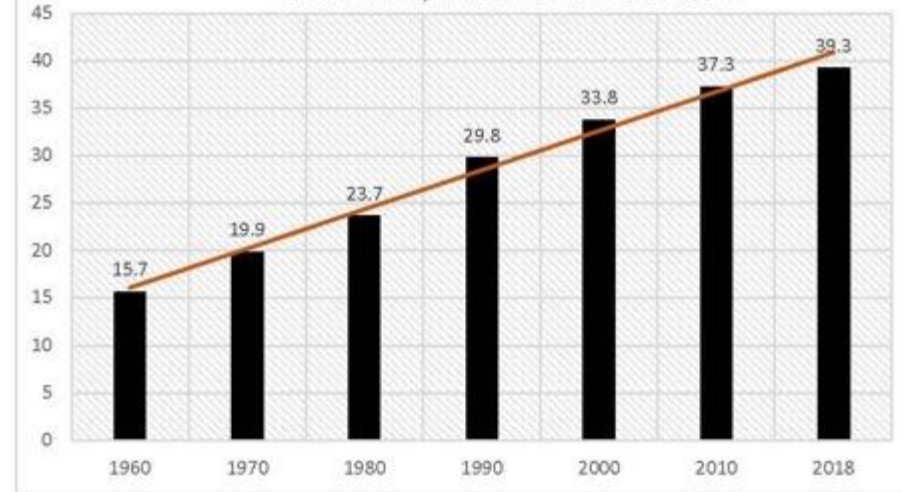
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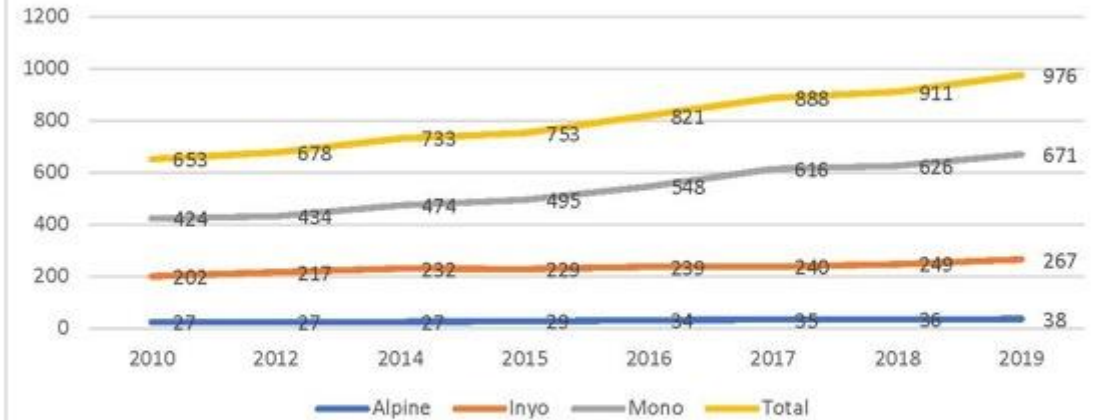
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Eastern Sierra Travel Spending 2010–2019
(\$Millions)

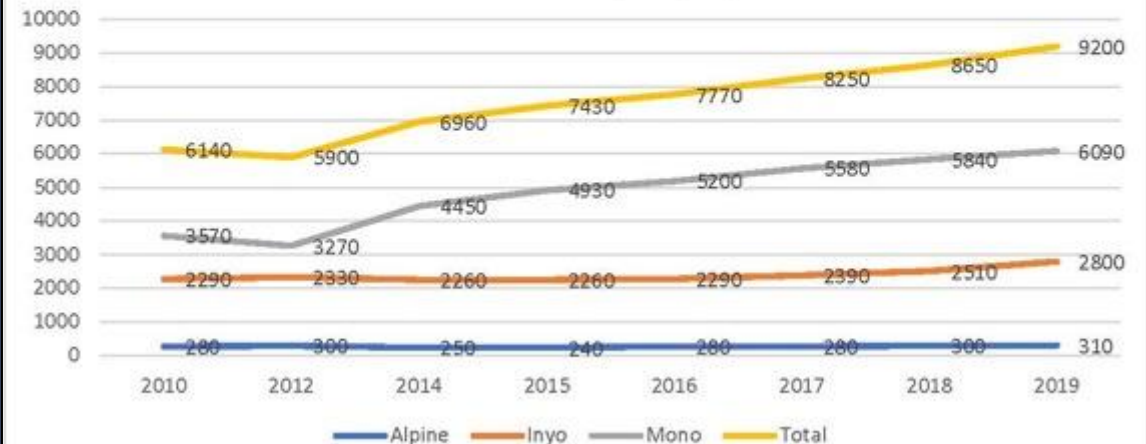


California Travel Impacts by County 2010–2019, SMG Consulting

2. Employment

Tourism and travel spending generate approximately 9,200 jobs in the Eastern Sierra. The job-growth trend has kept pace with travel spending.

Eastern Sierra Tourism Industry Employment 2010–2019





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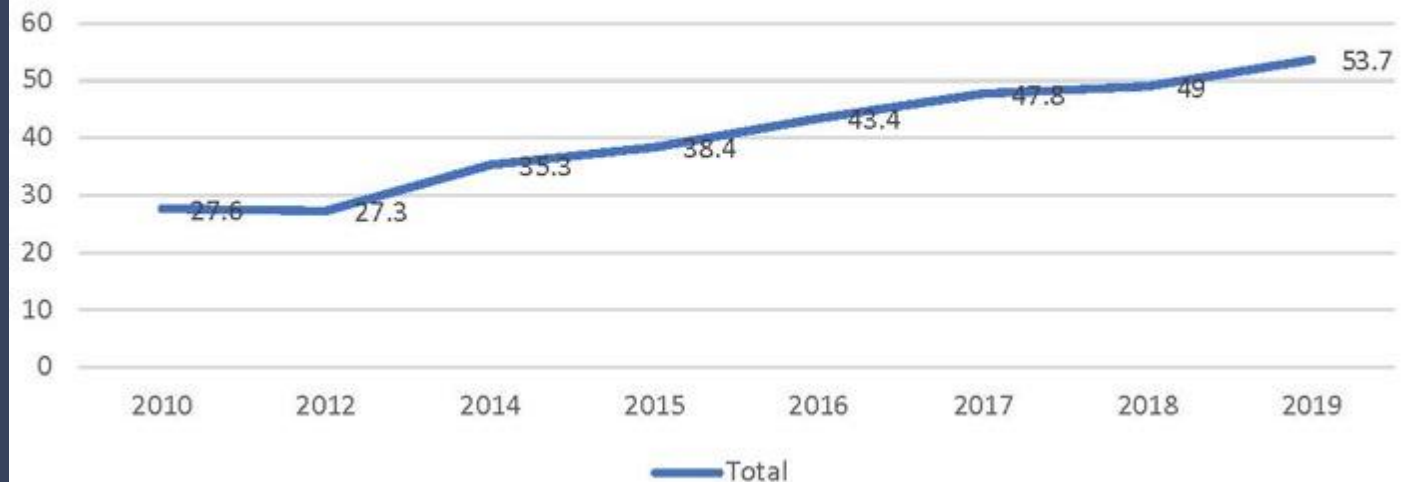
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Eastern Sierra Local Taxes Generated 2010–2019
(\$Millions)



OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

By working together as a network of regional organizations, we strive to leverage sought-after recreation experiences in the Eastern Sierra and emotional connections to the region for the purpose of preparing and educating both visitors and residents to embody a respectful mindset, promote visitor dispersion, and motivate stewardship behaviors, directly contributing to the sustainability of natural resources and gateway communities.



VISITOR CONNECTION PROGRAM



GROUP'S RECOMMENDED TOOLS & CHANNELS

- Face-to-Face Interactions
- Website Landing Page
- Branded Digital Outreach Toolkit
- Regional Handbook
- Pop-Up Information Kiosks
- Signage on Highway 395



ACTION PLAN

- Secure funding for Phase I
- Identify and coordinate regional face-to-face communication opportunities
- Website: Build, develop, and maintain
- Create turnkey content for Digital Outreach Toolkit with assets for social media, newsletters, and email lists
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- Coordinate Pop-Up Information Kiosk program
- Coordinate Signage Implementation
- Develop Visitor Connection Program Strategic Plan
- Initiate research to better understand visitation audience and maximize messaging efficacy

PHASE I

PHASE II

PHASE III

PROGRAM
NEEDS

PHASE
III

PHASE II

PHASE I

VISITOR CONNECTION PROGRAM



Federal + National Updates



The Washington Post
Democracy Dies in Darkness

John Wentworth

California got all the snow and rain it needed. Now those could threaten a disaster.

Rapid melting could mean catastrophic damage to communities and aging flood-control systems in the valleys below the Sierra Nevada

By [Brianna Sacks](#) and [Brady Dennis](#)

April 8, 2023 at 6:00 a.m. EDT



The Eastern Sierras near Convict Lake along Highway 395 after record snowpack from winter storms in Mono County, Calif. (Patrick T. Fallon/AFP/Getty Images)



NPR 24 Hour Program Stream
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CLIMATE

California's first heat wave could trigger floods from melting Sierra Nevada snow

April 29, 2023 · 7:58 AM ET

Heard on [Weekend Edition Saturday](#)

By Scott Simon, Joshua Yeager



3-Minute Listen

+ PLAYLIST



Many worry the first heat wave of the season this weekend in parts of California could be the beginning of months of flooding, as the massive snowpack in the Sierra Nevada starts to melt.

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California
California's 'big melt' has begun and could bring perilous flooding with it
The snowpack contains enough water to fill downstream reservoirs 'multiple times over', which could mean a rapid runoff



📷 A home in Lake Tahoe is covered in snow as record levels covered the Sierra Nevada this winter. As spring brings warmer weather, a rapid melt could increase the flood risk. Photograph: Fred Greaves/Reuters

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California Braces for More Flooding When Record Snowpack Melts
Rural towns are simultaneously recovering from winter storms and preparing for more water to 'come rushing down like a diesel train'

Storms and floods earlier this year caused damage in Corcoran, Calif.

By [Jim Carlton](#) [Follow](#) | Photographs by Jennifer Emerling for The Wall Street Journal
April 15, 2023 at 8:00 am ET

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ALLENSWORTH, Calif.—Ray Strong looked up at the Sierra Nevada range in its magnificent mantle of snow—and frowned.

"Once that water starts flowing, you can't stop it," said Mr. Strong, 66 years, as he mowed his lawn in early April in the flatlands of California's Central Valley.

What Sierra hikers can expect this summer after California's onslaught of storms

The High Sierra is buried in snow. That will have major impacts on the summer hiking season.



Mark Elmore of Virginia hikes through snow on the Mist Trail in Yosemite National Park in 2021. This year, so much snow fell that the park closed for an extended stretch. It is reopened now.

Presentation to the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program



Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program

April 14, 2023

Rebecca Light, Assistant Deputy Director
Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program Manager

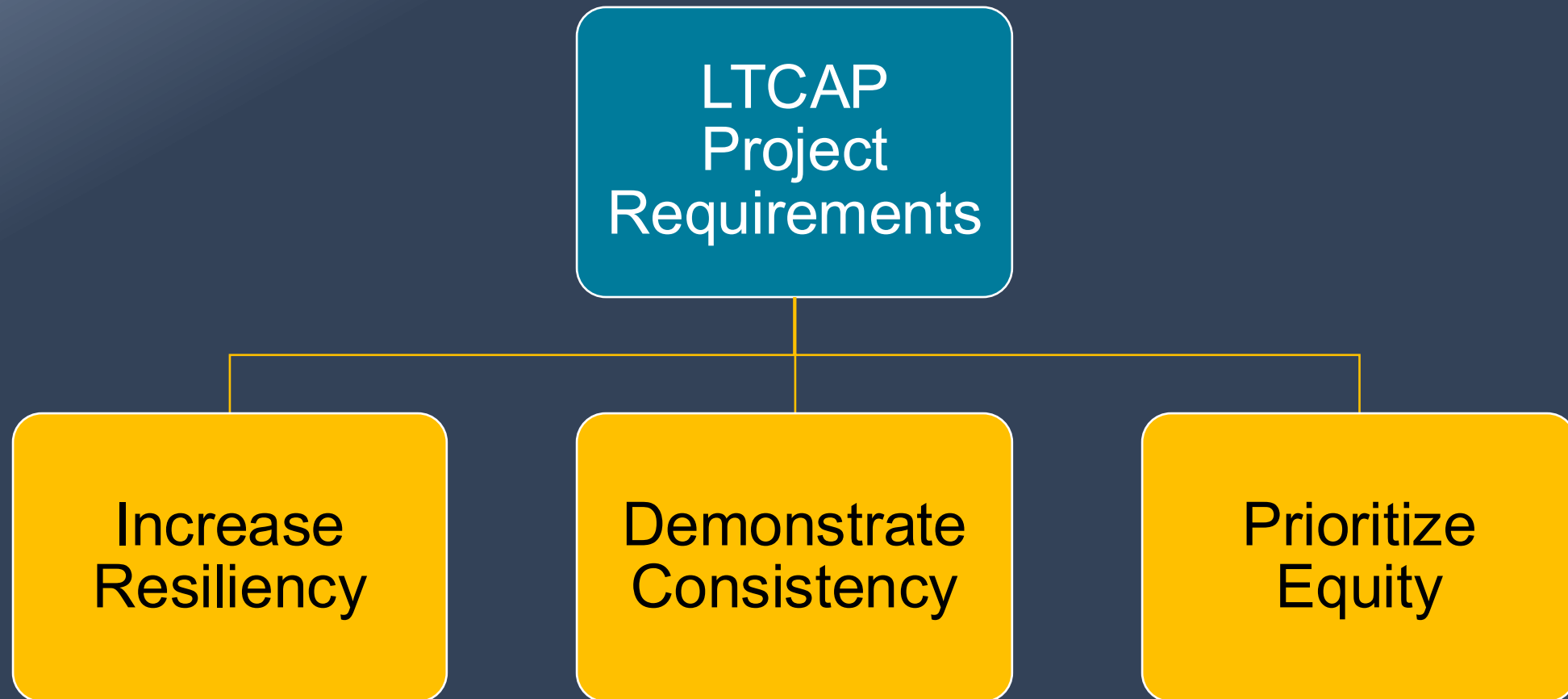
Program Objective



Support the development and implementation of local transportation infrastructure projects intended to adapt to the changing climate.



Program Goals



Eligible Activities



Resilience Improvements to an existing transportation asset to withstand impacts of changing climate conditions.



At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure activities that enhance the resilience of infrastructure to improve transportation and public safety and to reduce costs by avoiding larger future maintenance or rebuilding costs.



Community Resilience and Evacuation Route activities that strengthen and protect evacuation routes that are essential for providing and supporting evacuations.

Eligible Applicants



- Transportation planning agencies.
- Metropolitan planning organizations.
- County transportation commissions.
- Any other local or regional transportation entity that is designated by statute as a regional transportation agency.
- A joint exercise of powers authority established with the consent of a transportation planning agency or a county transportation commission for the jurisdiction in which the transportation project will be developed.
- Local transportation authorities.
- Cities and counties.
- Federally recognized Native American tribes.

Eligible Facilities



- Highway projects eligible for assistance (Title 23 U.S.C. Sec 101)
 - Roads, streets, and parkways.
 - Right-of-way, bridge, railroad-highway crossing, tunnel drainage structure including public road on dams, sign, guardrail, and protective structure in connection with a highway.
 - Portions of any interstate or international bridge or tunnel and the approaches thereto.
- Public Transportation facilities that may include transit facilities, publicly owned railroads, active transportation facilities, public parking structures.
- Ports facilities, including facilities that connect ports with other modes of transportation, improve the efficiency of evacuations and disaster relief, or aid transportation.

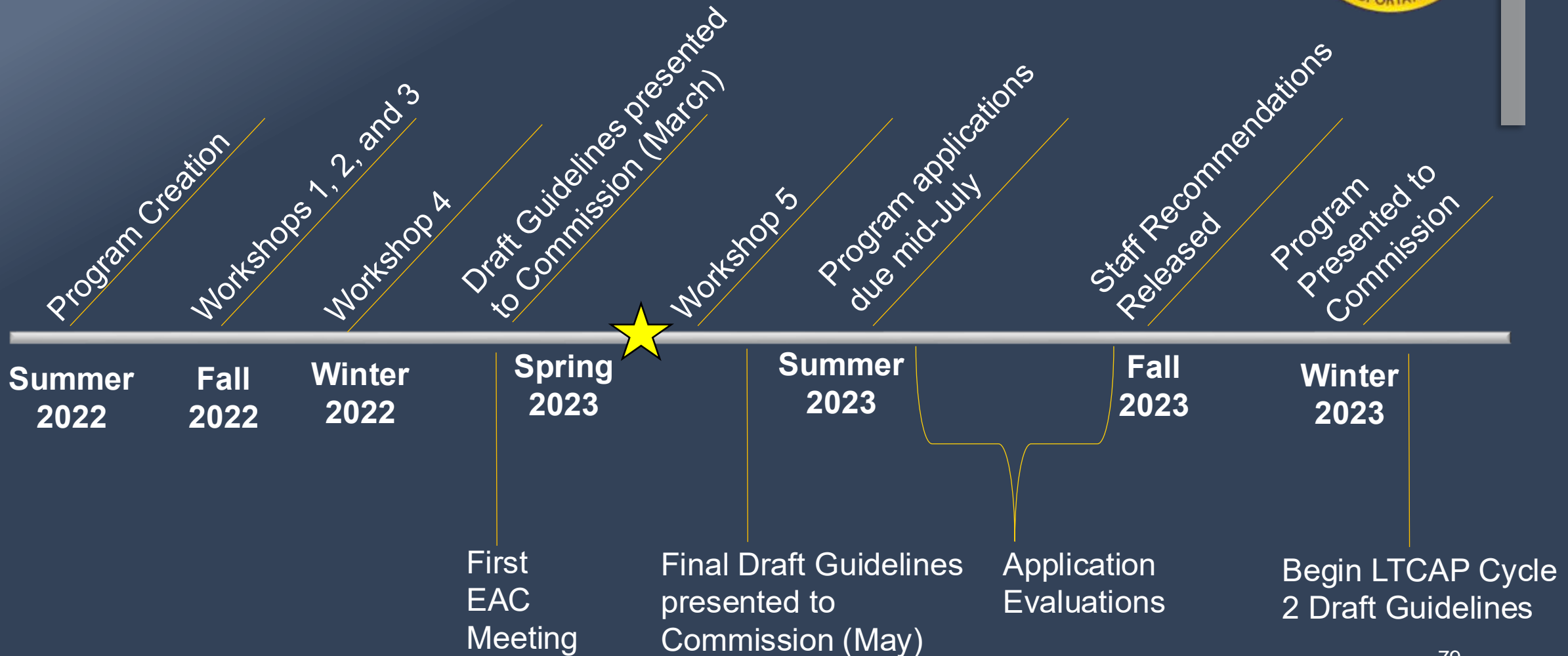
LTCAP Funding Sources and Cycles



- Total Funding- **\$400.5 million**
 - \$148 million from California legislature (SB 198)
 - \$252.5 million from PROTECT

Funding Source	Cycle 1 - 2023			Cycle 2 - 2024	
	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
Federal (PROTECT)	\$48.5	\$49.5	\$50.5	\$51.5	\$52.5
State	\$148.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
FY Total	\$196.5	\$49.5	\$50.5	\$51.5	\$52.5
Available for Programming	\$296,500,00			\$104,000,000	

Program Development Timeline



Thank You



More Information

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ECONOMY

Commentary: In Rural America, 'Those Who Can Supply the Talent Will Be the Winners'

To succeed in today's economy, small towns need to up their game in recruiting and retaining workers. Luckily, they have a lot to build on.



EASTERN SIERRA INITIATIVES

THAT CONNECT

April 24, 2023

Sierra Nevada 30x30 Meeting Agenda for the Day

9 am - 10 am	Registration & Networking Truckee Ranger District, Tahoe National Forest 10811 Stockrest Springs Rd, Truckee, CA 96161
10 am - 10:20 am	Welcome & Opening Remarks Washoe Tribe of California and Nevada Chairman Serrell Smokey California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot Deputy Secretary for Biodiversity and Habitat Dr. Jennifer Norris Deputy Secretary for Access Katherine Toy Assistant Deputy Secretary of Biodiversity and Habitat, Madeline Drake
10:20 am - 11:20 am	Community Presentations Sierra Nevada's role in California's 30x30 goal Conservation opportunities for the next decade Tribal priorities Building resilient watersheds Forest Service role in 30x30 Advancing equal access Outdoors recreation
11:20 am - 12 pm	Roundtable Discussion
12 pm - 12:15 pm	Closing Remarks and Group Photo
12:15 pm - 1 pm	Lunch Lunch will be provided
1 pm - 2 pm	Debrief and Next Steps

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CALREC Vision



Cross-Jurisdictional
Collaboration
To Advance Sustainable
Outdoor Recreation
In California



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CALIFORNIA'S JOINT STRATEGY
FOR SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR
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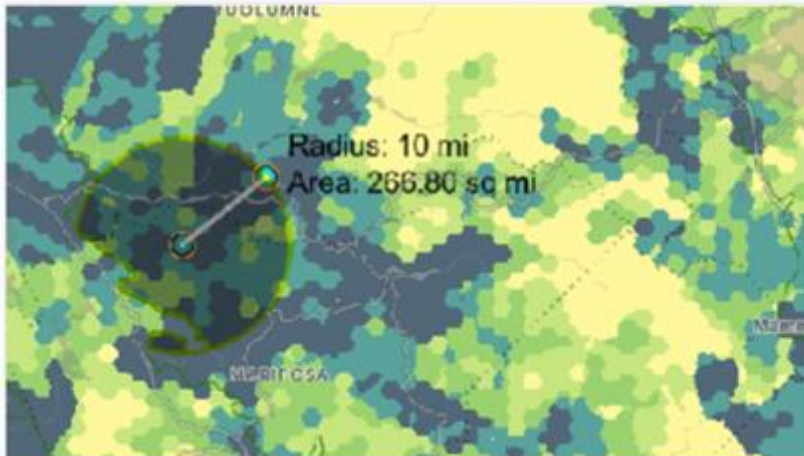
WILDFIRE

C O N N E C T S T O

RECREATION

[Access Explorer](#)

The Access Explorer will be developed in coordination with the newly launched "[Outdoors for All](#)" Initiative and build on existing [park access](#) data.

[Explore](#)

[Biodiversity Explorer](#)

The Biodiversity Explorer draws from several key datasets of the [Areas of Conservation Emphasis \(ACE\)](#) project developed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

[Explore](#)

DATA USING
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Outdoors for All

We believe in the right of all Californians to have access to recreational opportunities, and enjoy the cultural, historic, and natural resources found across the state.

While California tackles important global challenges, a critical challenge confronts the state's communities: Too many Californians cannot access the state's parks, beaches, and outdoor spaces, or the state's array of museums and cultural and historical sites. While many Californians get outside into nature frequently, millions never have the opportunity. Given this, **the state needs to expand all Californians' access to parks, open space, nature, and cultural amenities.** This priority requires reshaping funding and programs to expand opportunities to enjoy these places.

Championed by Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the Outdoors for All initiative is focused on equitably expanding outdoor access to all Californians through focused investments in open space infrastructure, outdoor programming, and improvements to state systems. These efforts seek to undo deeply ingrained inequities, and preserve the cherished natural, cultural, and tribal resources as the fight against climate change intensifies. Additionally, the Outdoors for All initiative further advances two other Agency priorities, [Nature Based Solutions](#) and [30x30](#), by investing in California's public lands and natural resources.

RESOURCES

- [Outdoor for All Factsheet](#)
- [Speaker Series: Outdoors for All \(video\)](#)
- [California State Parks Adventure Pass](#)
- [Get Your L.A Ram Sports License Plate](#)
- [Youth Community Access Grant Program](#)

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Reimagining California's Brand for a New Era

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Weakening

A thick, wavy orange line starts on the left side of the frame, dips down, rises slightly, dips again, and then levels off towards the right. The background is a smooth gradient from dark purple on the left to a lighter, reddish-purple on the right.

Weakening

Undesirable

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Outdoors for All

We believe in the right of all Californians to have access to recreation and natural resources found across the state.

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CALREC Vision



Cross-Jurisdictional
Collaboration
To Advance Sustainable
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In California



EQUITABLE
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RECREATION

RESILIENT RECREATION IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

AEP CONFERENCE 2023

April 24, 2023

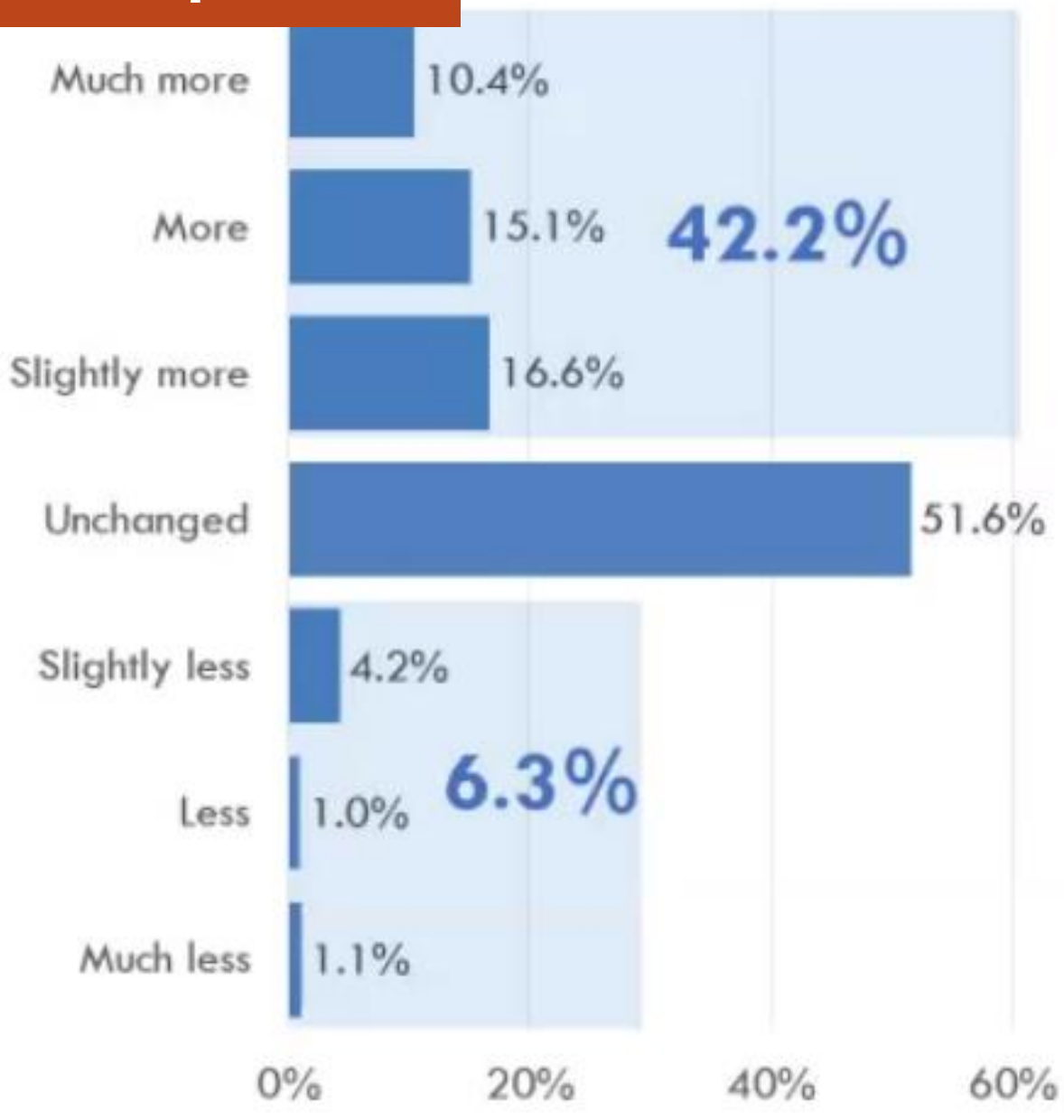


California Association of Environmental Professionals Conference

Cindy Gustafson
Placer County District 5 Supervisor

April 24th, 2023

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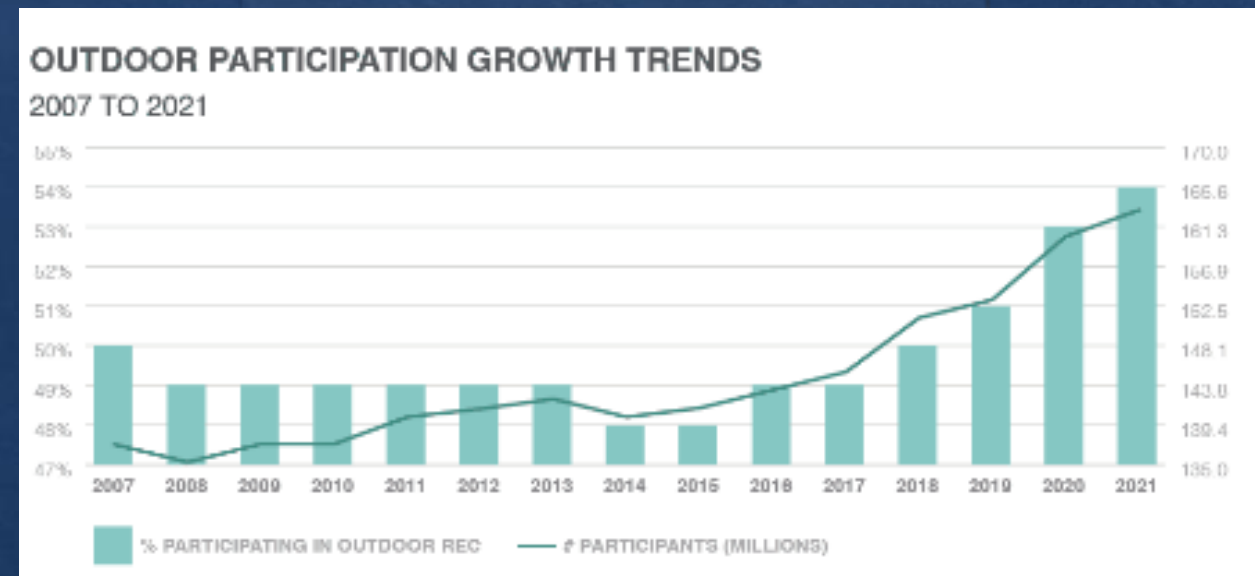


Source: Destination Analysts: Survey March 15-23, 2022

Trending Toward The Outdoors

Outdoor recreation and tourism supply a **\$689 billion economic output, 4.3 million jobs** across America

“Has your interest in visiting outdoor-oriented destinations changed compared to before the pandemic?”





Eastern Placer

- **Region experiences 15 million visitors annually**
 - **3x more than Yosemite in 1/3 the land area**
 - **Second largest visitation to a National Forest in US**
(Largest receives 37% more visitors but is 700% larger)
- **World renowned Lake Tahoe - year-round recreation activities**
- **Largest concentration of downhill ski areas in North America**

State Updates



2006: AB 32

Groundbreaking climate legislation that required state to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. First In US to take comprehensive, long-term approach to addressing climate change.



2016: SB 379

All cities and counties required to Include climate adaptation and resilience strategies in safety elements of their general plans.



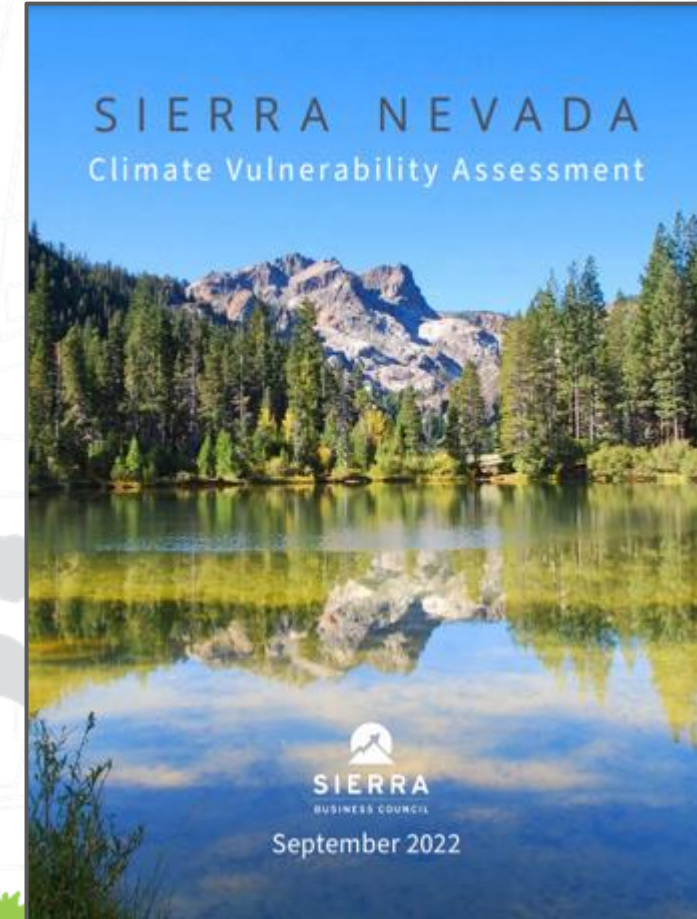
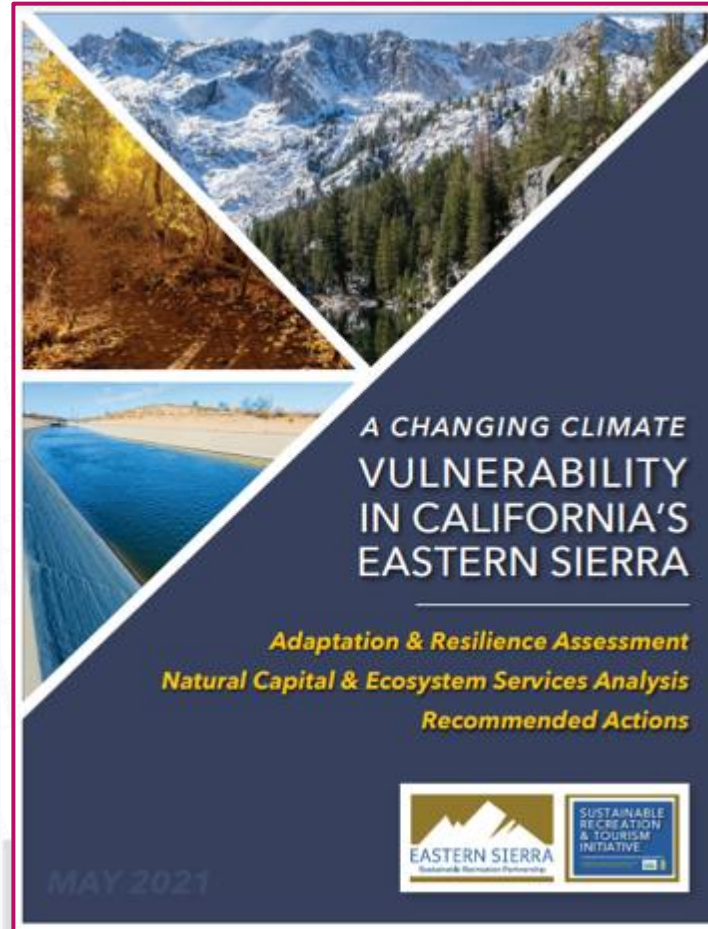
Climate Package, Budget

Set of bills that codify statewide carbon neutrality goal, 85% emissions reduction target for 2045 and interim targets; targets for carbon removal goals for natural and working lands. Budget included \$21 billion climate and energy investments.



CARB Scoping Plan

Path to achieve carbon neutrality target and GHG emission reduction goals, for the first time includes wildfire smoke, natural and working lands.



PLACEWORKS

Natural Capital Assessment - Results

- **Ecosystem services** provide approximately \$43.6 to \$190.9 billion in benefits, with an average value of \$95.4 billion, annually.
- Largest value from carbon storage and water resources.
- Desert shrubland and coniferous forest provide largest benefits.

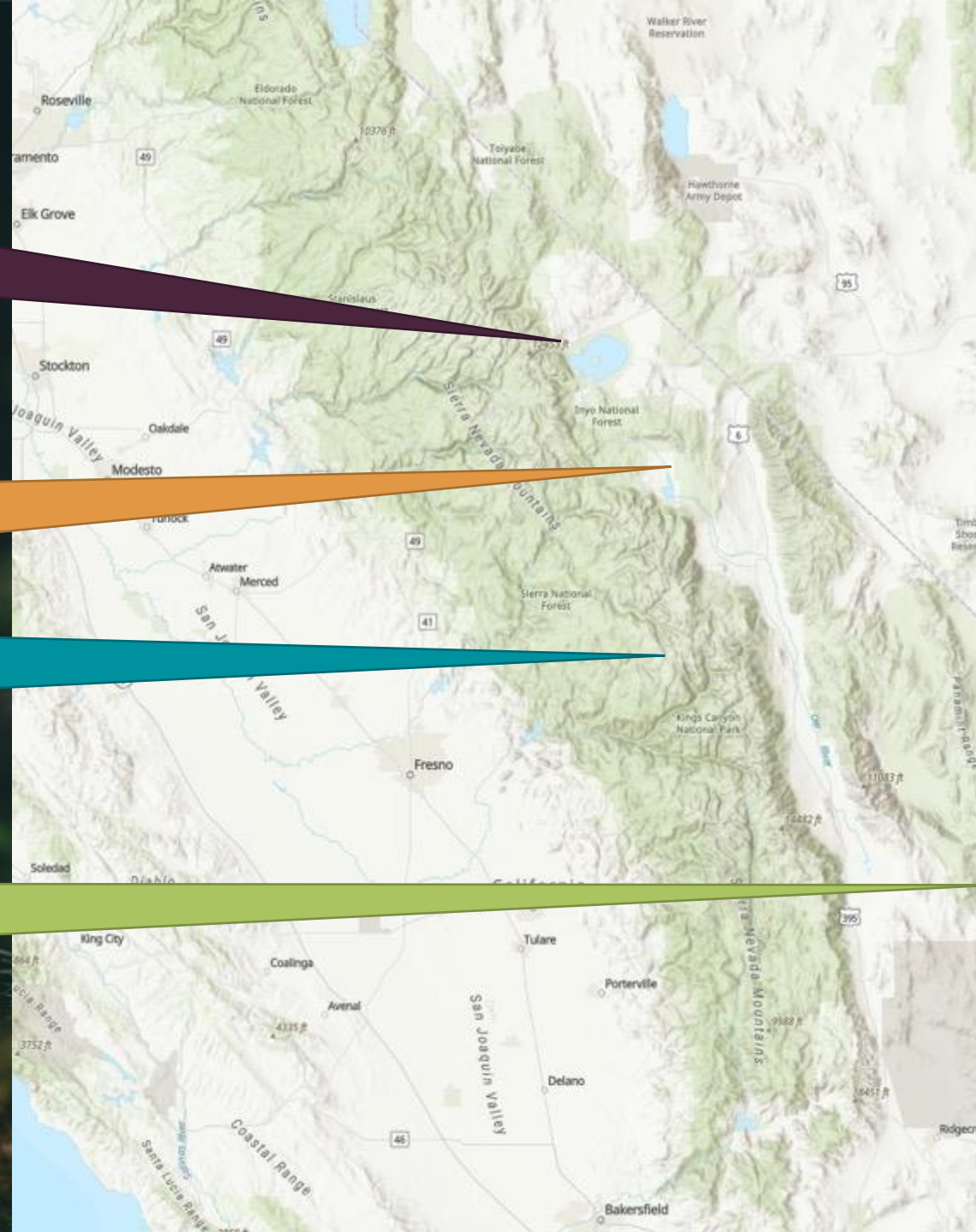


Wetlands:
\$5 billion

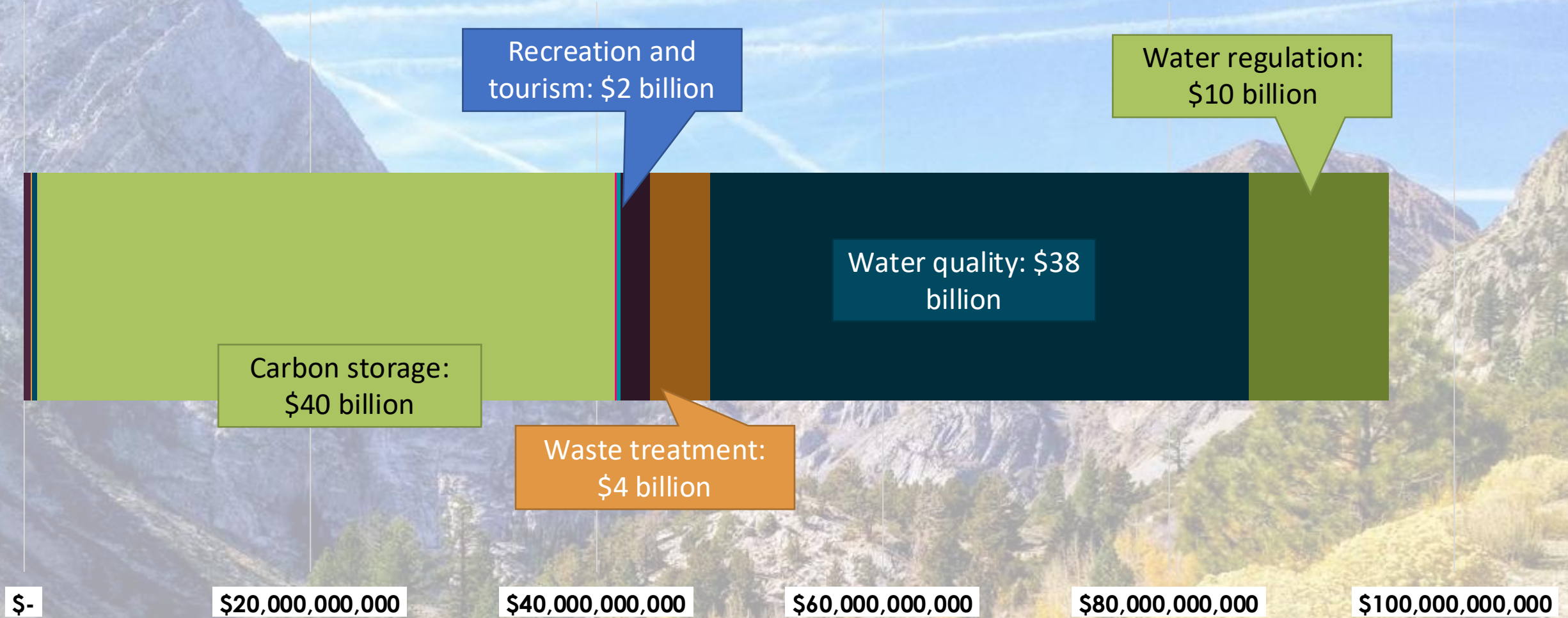
Shrubland:
\$33 billion

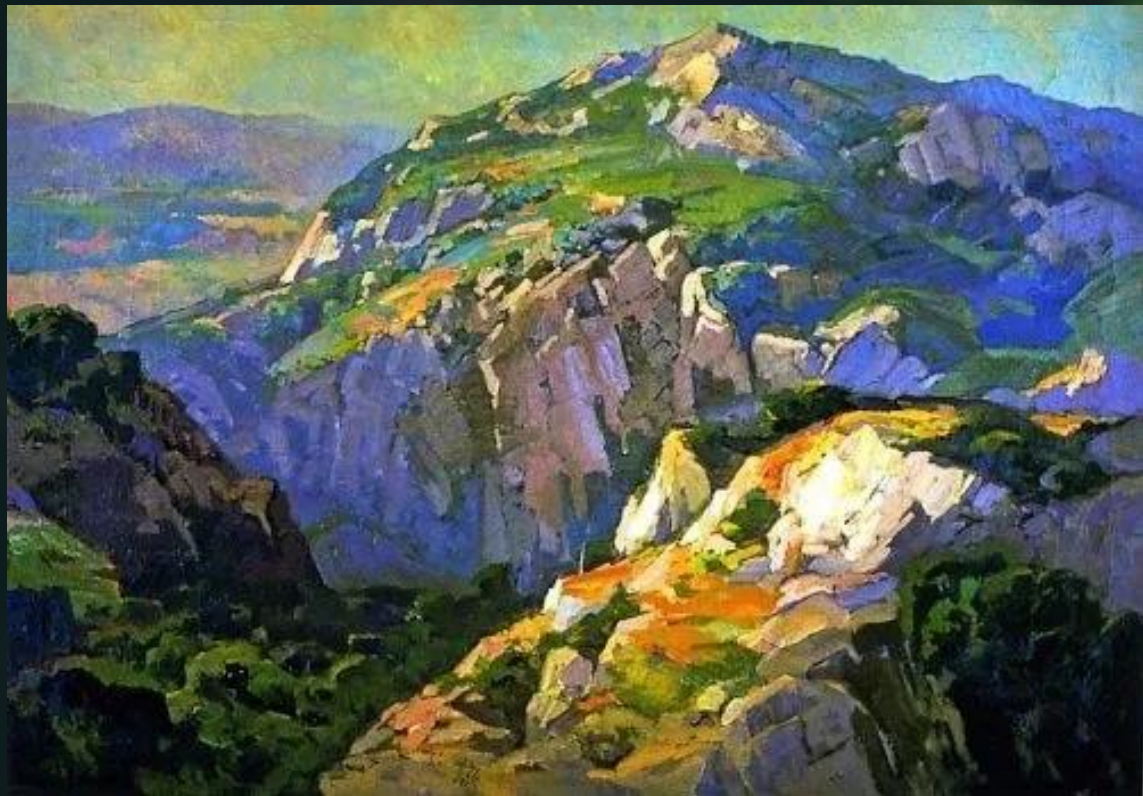
Conifer forests:
\$44 billion

Desert shrub:
\$5 billion



Natural Capital Assessment - Results





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Expanding Nature-Based Solutions

The State of California is expanding nature-based solutions and is committed to the goals to protect 30 percent of the state's land and coastal waters by 2030 and enlisting California's vast network of natural and working lands in the fight against climate change.



- ✓ Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy
- ✓ 30x30 Initiative
- ✓ California Biodiversity Collaborative
- ✓ CA Nature



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SUSTAINABLE RECREATION AND ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



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CALIFORNIA'S JOINT STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION & WILDFIRE RESILIENCE



Yosemite Gateway Partners
April 13, 2023



REGISTRATION FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE ENDS
MONDAY, MAY 1!

Visit the [Regional Meeting page](#) for event schedule and [meeting agenda](#),
lodging recommendations, field tours descriptions, and parking information.

Lunch purchase is encouraged. Time is limited, alternatives are few, and
outside food is not permitted inside the venue.

Can't attend in person? [Register for the livestream](#).



CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL MEETING



May 11 - 12,
2023

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE

Thursday, May 11, 2023 – 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM

In person: The Cocoanut Grove, Santa Cruz Boardwalk, 400 Beach Street, Santa Cruz, CA

Online: [Zoom](#)

Thursday – May 11, 2023		
8:30 AM	Resource Fair & Check-In	Local Partners & Displays
10:00 AM	1. Welcome	Amy Hutzell, CA Coastal Conservancy Valentin Lopez, Amah Mutsun Tribal Band
10:30 AM	2. Opening Remarks	Wade Crowfoot, CNRA Jennifer Eberlien, USFS Task Force Executive Committee
10:50 AM	3. Director's Report • Central Coast Accomplishments & Updates	Patrick Wright, Task Force Director
11:05 AM	4. The Central Coast Mosaic	Moderator: Steve Ostojka, CA Climate Hub Virginia Matzek, Santa Clara University Chris Dicus, Cal Poly SLO Peter Nelson, UC Berkeley Regional Resource Kits Peter Stine, Climate & Wildfire Institute A panel of experts will discuss the Central Coast's unique ecosystem and WUI issue. The Task Force Interagency Science Team will introduce new data tools for practitioners.
12:30 PM	Lunch – Resource Fair Open	Advance Purchase Catered Lunch - \$25
1:30 p.m.	5. From Local Collaboration to Regional Action • Organizing for Impact and Adapting to Changing Conditions • Navigating Complex Regulatory Requirements	Moderator: Kellyx Nelson, San Mateo RCD Anne Crealock, Marin Wildfire Prev. Authority Dylan Skybrook, Santa Cruz Stewardship Net. Devii Rao, UC ANR Chris Spohrer, CA State Parks David Cowman, San Mateo RCD Steve Auten, Auten Resource Consulting Madeline Cavalieri, CA Coastal Commission Len Nielsen, CAL FIRE Water Boards A panel of regional leaders will discuss collaborative efforts on the Central Coast, including how they are addressing the challenges of rapidly changing conditions and complex regulatory requirements.
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3:50 PM	7. Keynote Presentation	Senator John Laird, CA 17 th District
4:15 PM	8. Closing Remarks	Task Force Co-chairs
4:30 p.m.	Complimentary Reception	

Friday – May 12, 2023		
Field Tours Start Between 8:00 – 10:00 AM		Click For Details

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Hello Recreate Responsibly California Coalition members,

Our next meeting will be tomorrow, **Tuesday, April 25th from 8-9 a.m.** During the meeting, we'll hear from Scott Ammons and Lexie Gritlefeld about the California Outdoor Recreation Partnership summit and advocacy day on May 9 in Sacramento. We will also have a roundtable discussion with the opportunity to hear updates from our members throughout the state.

Here are the Zoom details for the meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95955746102?pwd=MXFHTUJEMHIPQ3dNczl4QlICYXpZZz09>

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We can't wait to see you tomorrow morning!

Haley, Danna, and Rita



STATE: CERF “Community Economic Resiliency Fund”

2023



Our Regional Economic Prosperity



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

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

HRTC - Preliminary Appointees Announced

After a rigorous review process, we are excited to release the [preliminary list of appointees](#) to the Eastern Sierra CERF High Road Transition Collaborative (HRTC) and its five subcommittees. As a reminder, the HRTC will guide the CERF process in the seven-county Eastern Sierra CERF region and determine what projects are ultimately funded by this initiative.

Over the last several weeks, we have worked to ensure the HRTC and its five subcommittees included equitable representation from all seven counties within the Eastern Sierra CERF region, as well as perspectives from diverse community members.

Please note that we are still looking to fill several positions on the HRTC and its subcommittees. We plan to appoint those positions on a rolling basis until all positions are filled. If you know of possible candidates who can fill the open positions indicated in the link below, please forward them our application <link> or have them contact us directly.

PRELIMINARY HRTC APPOINTMENTS

HRTC SELECTION CRITERIA



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High Road Transition Collaborative (HRTC)

Alpine County

Jane Freeman – Resident, Tahoe Conservancy
Two Open Positions

Amador County

Michael DeSpain – Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians, Chief Operations Officer/Natural Resource Director
Andrew Gardner – Director, Career and Technical Education, Amador County Unified School District
Manuel Duarte – Business Owner

Calaveras County

Kathy Gallino – Calaveras County
Will Kelly – North Valley Labor Federation, Executive Director
Jared Martin – Anthem Blue Cross, Program Director

Inyo County

Meryl Picard – Bishop Paiute Tribal Chairwoman, Bishop Paiute tribe
Meaghan McCamman – County of Inyo
Angelica Mora – Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce

Mariposa County

Sandra Chapman – Chair of the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation
Gabe Edwards – Past Chair, Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce
One Open Position

Mono County

Debbie Painter – Bridgeport Indian Colony, Cultural Coordinator
Sandra Moberly – Town of Mammoth Lakes
Jeff Simpson – Mono County - Economic Development Director

Tuolumne County

Lena Tran – Columbia College, President
David Thoeny – Mother Lode Workforce Development Board, Executive Director
Maureen Frank – Tuolumne County, Capital Projects Director

Non-Voting HRTC Chair

Barbara Hayes - Rural County Representatives of California Chief Economic Development Officer



Updated 4/25/23

Project Identification Subcommittee

Alpine County

Open Position

Amador County

Larry Thompson – Resident

Calaveras County

Open Position

Inyo County

Kody Jaeger – Bishop Paiute Tribe, Chief Operations Office II
Elaine Kabala – Eastern Sierra Council of Governments, Executive Director

Mariposa County

Mikey Goralnik – Mariposa County

Mono County

John Wentworth – CEO/Board Chair, Mammoth Lakes Trails & Public Access and Mayor, Mammoth Lakes

Tuolumne County

Stan Dodson – Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center (CSERC), Program Manager

Cross-County Representation

Peter Fulks – Cerro Coso Community College, Department Chair and Director of Public Services
(non-voting member)



FED: CEDS “Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy”

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Eastern Sierra Regional CEDS Community Workshop Agenda

INTRODUCTIONS

Meet your facilitators, steering committee members, and learn about our objectives for the workshop.

CEDS OVERVIEW

What is a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy? Why is it important? How will it be used in your communities?

REGIONAL BACKGROUND

Review what we have learned about the region so far, data we have collected, and key findings moving forward.

SWOT ACTIVITY

Identifying the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for the communities, towns, and tribes of the Eastern Sierra region as a whole.

DISCUSSION & REFLECTION

Discuss the themes that emerged from the SWOT activity and offer individual and group insights.

FINAL THOUGHTS & NEXT STEPS

How we will use the information provided through your participation, what you can expect moving forward, and how to stay involved?

Monday April 24th	Tuesday, April 25th	Wednesday, April 26th	Friday, April 28th
9-11am Board of Supervisors Chambers in Independence 224 N. Edwards St., Independence, CA 93526	9-11am Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546	9-11am Alpine County Board of Supervisors Chambers 99 Water Street, Markleeville, CA 96120	9-11am Western Alpine County Virtual Session Zoom
1:30-3:30 pm Clint Quilter County Office Building in Bishop, Community Room 103 1360 N. Main St., Bishop, CA 93514	1:30-3:30 pm Memorial Hall Community Center, Community Room 74 North School Street Bridgeport, CA 93517		



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Airports



Jackson Hole Airport receives \$3 million FAA grant

by Buckrail @ Lindsay
April 14, 2021



AVAILABLE JOBS

- JRG**
Focus Group Participant, The Jury Research Group
Today Part time
- Cumming Capital Management**
Accountant, Cumming Capital Management
1 day ago Full time
- Performance Tech**
Automotive Service Advisor, Performance Tech
1 day ago Full time

Air Service



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Mammoth Lakes TBID Workshop - Wednesday April 5 @ 4:00

Mono Inyo Air Working Group (MIAWG) – Meeting April 7 @ 3:00

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 - **“Towns to Trails”: Contractor Update**
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 - **ESCCRP: Contractor Update**

Regional Updates

- **Introduce Inyo Mono Broadband Coalition (IMBC) Regional Broadband Coordinator Scott Armstrong and Receive a Report on IMBC Activities**
- **Receive a Presentation from Kristen Pfeiler, Inyo County Wildfire Preparedness Coordinator Regarding Regional Wildfire Resiliency Planning**
- **Mono Inyo Airport Working Group Committee Report on Meeting Held April 7, 2023**
- **Discuss Regional Parks and Recreation Collaboration**
- **Approve Modified ESCOG Schedule**
- **Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the Sierra Business Council for the Purpose of the Community Economic Resiliency Fund (CERF)**
- **Discussion Submission of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**
- **Discuss Expanding ESCOG JPA to Include Alpine County**
- **Discussion regarding ESCOG Administration of Sierra Nevada Conservancy Landscape Investment Pilot Project**

A scenic photograph of a mountain range at sunset or sunrise. The mountains are silhouetted against a sky with soft, warm light. In the foreground, a tent is pitched in a field of low-lying vegetation.

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> Eastern Sierra Pace and Scale Accelerator

> Town-To-Trails Plan

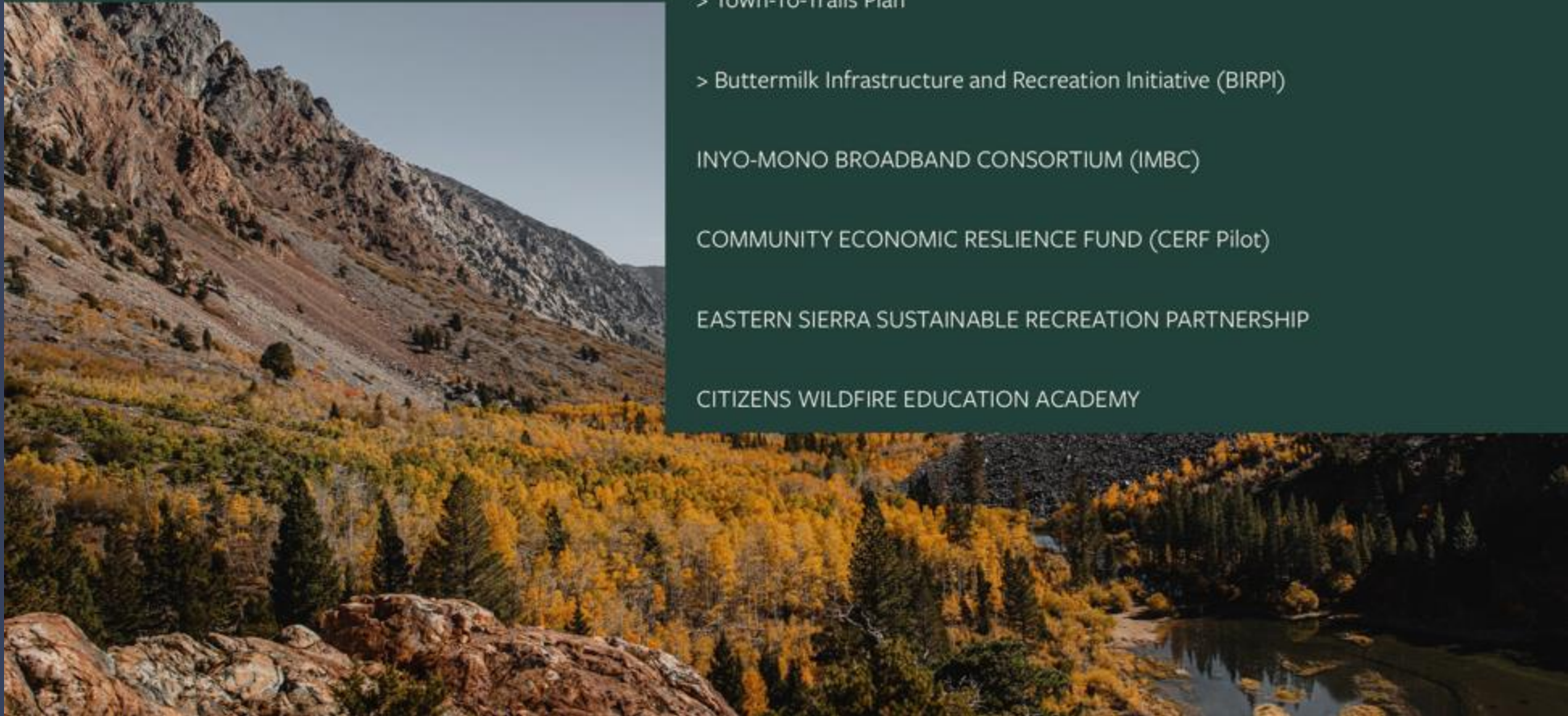
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INYO-MONO BROADBAND CONSORTIUM (IMBC)

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC RESILIENCE FUND (CERF Pilot)

EASTERN SIERRA SUSTAINABLE RECREATION PARTNERSHIP

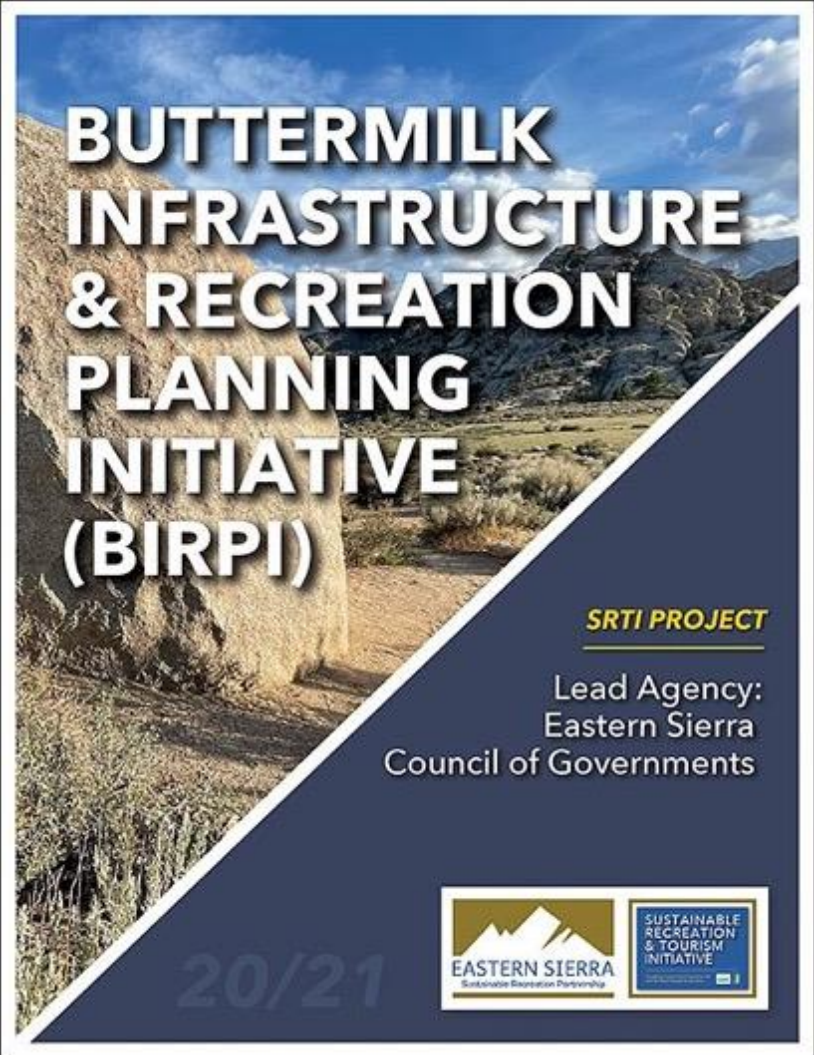
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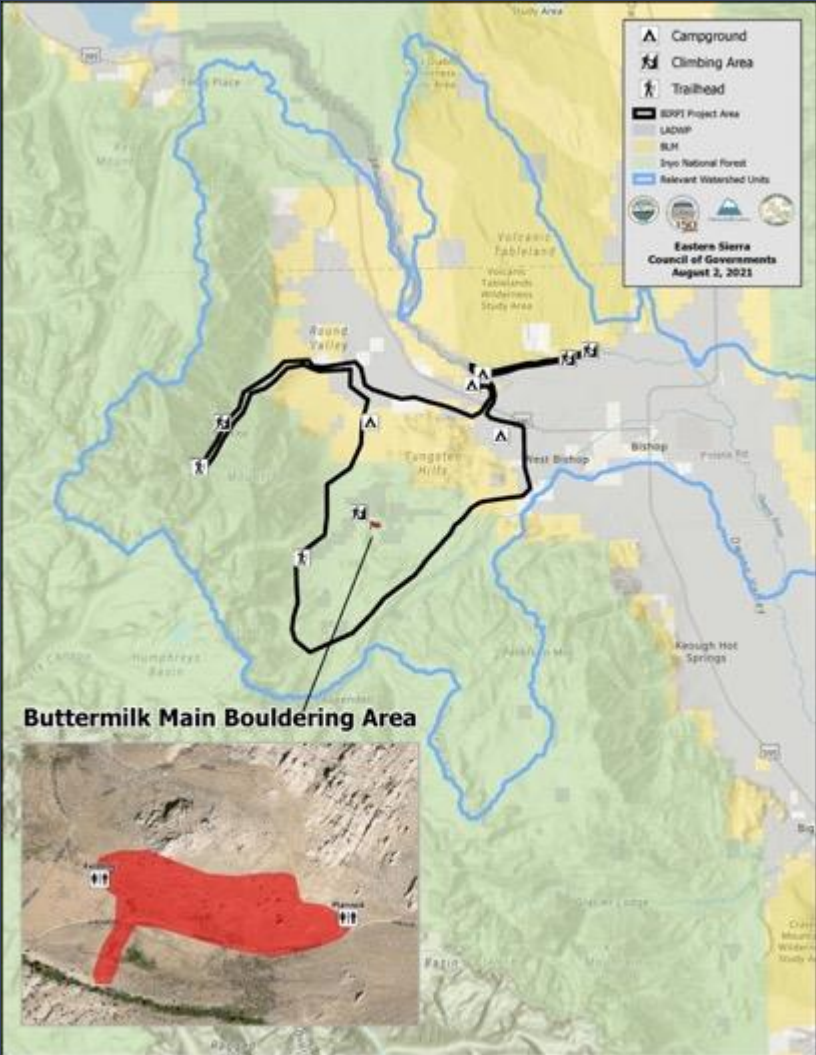
BUTTERMILK INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION PLANNING INITIATIVE (BIRPI)

SRTI PROJECT

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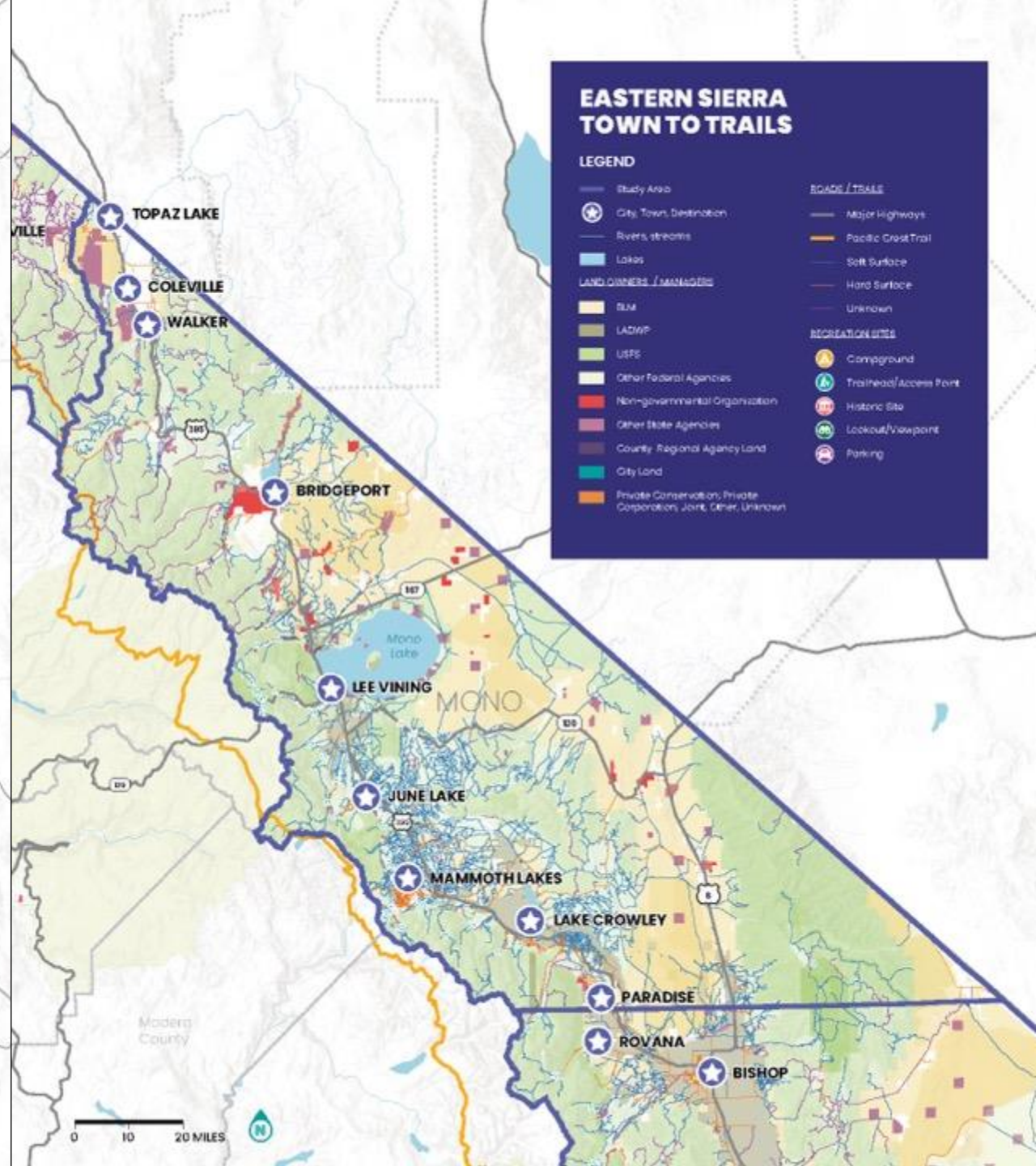
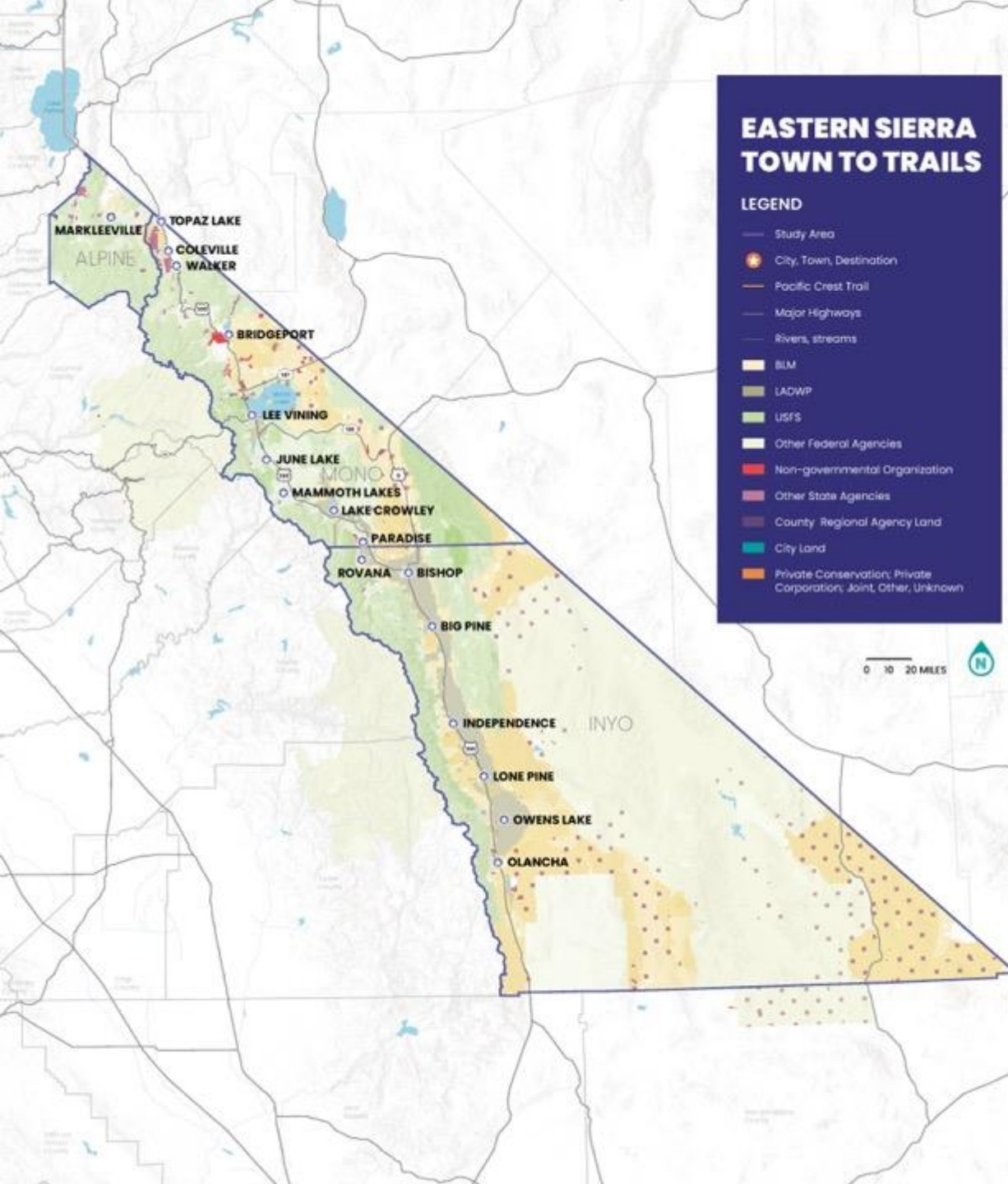
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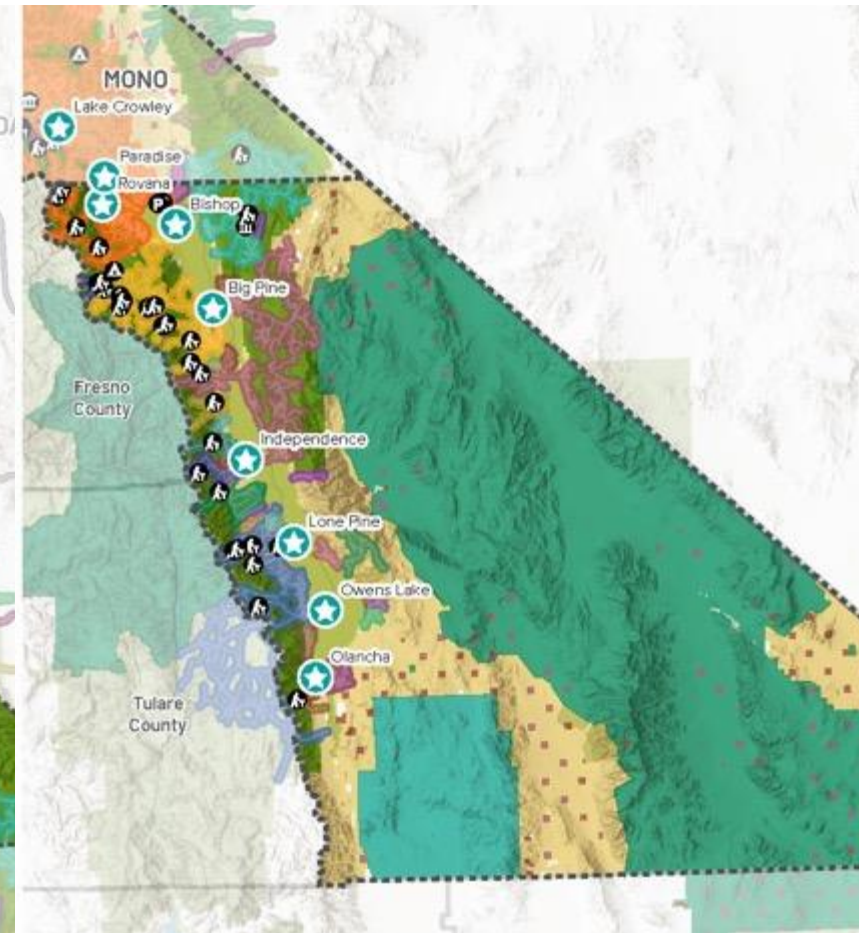
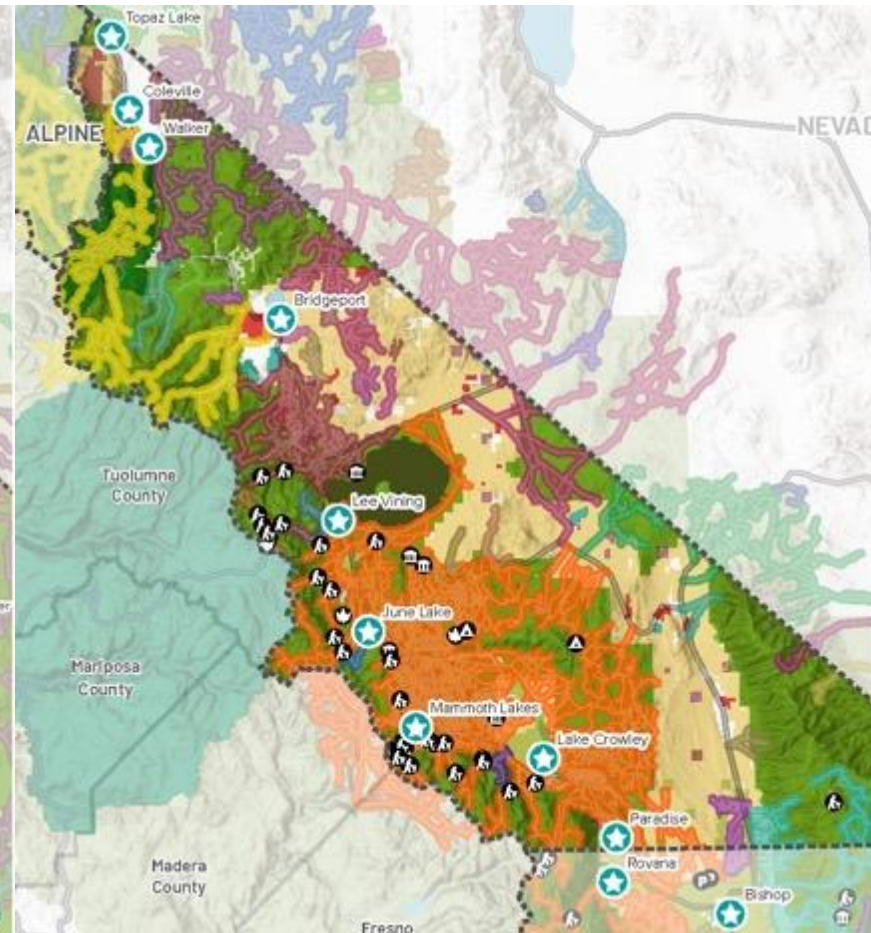
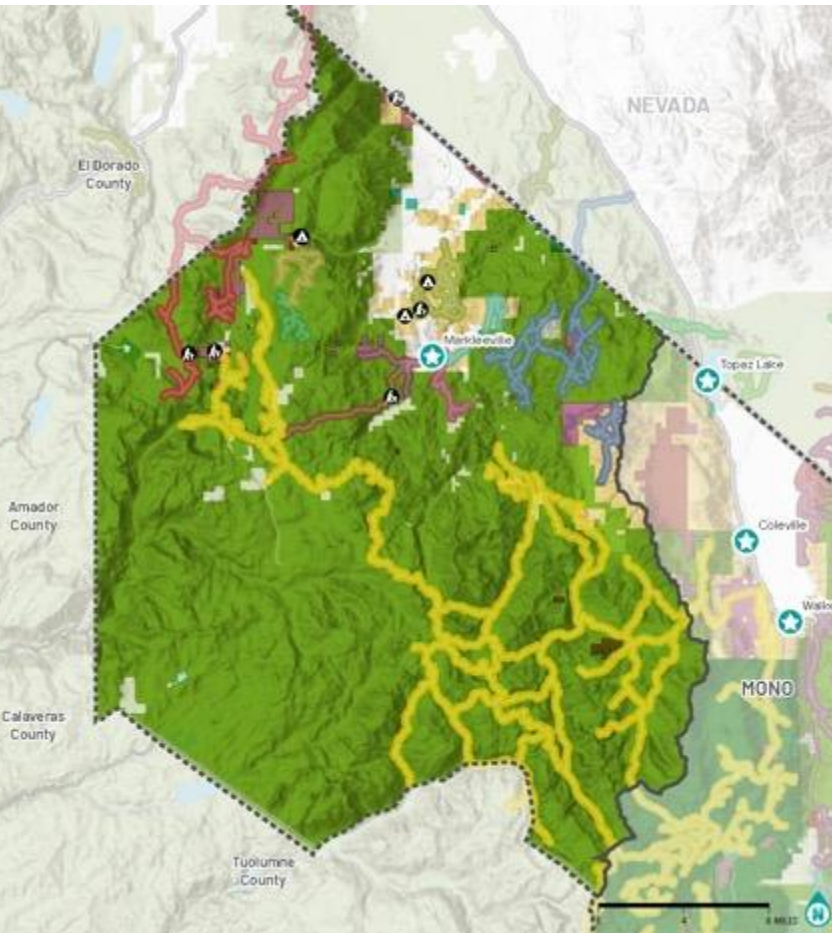
TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN

Alpine County, Mono County, Inyo County

ESSRP April 2023 Update



Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan



Timeline



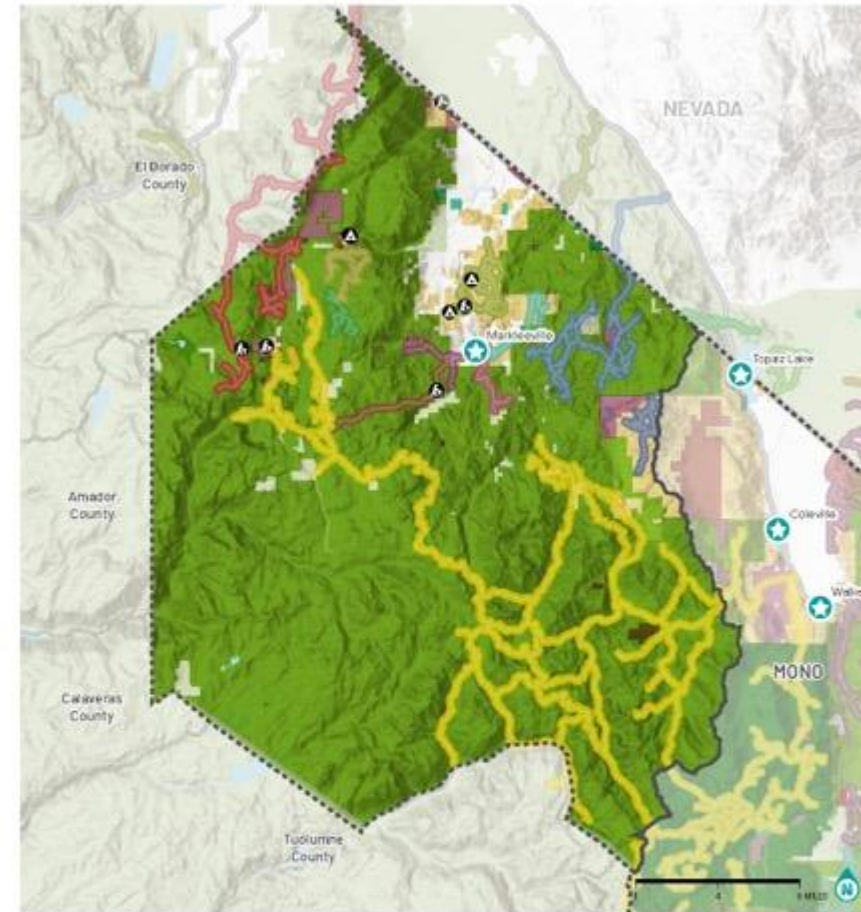
Collaborative Planning

April – June 2023

- Team and Partnership Establishment
- Stakeholder Kickoff
- Data Collection/Verification

July – December 2023

- Existing Conditions
- Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats
- Potential Gap Closures
- Pilot Projects



TOWN TO TRAILS
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ALPINE COUNTY

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EASTERN SIERRA CLIMATE & COMMUNITIES RESILIENCE PROJECT

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The Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP) sets forth to plan for ecological forest restoration on approximately 56,000 acres of Inyo National Forest lands surrounding the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

[Contact Us](#) 

Partner Updates – In REVERSE Alphabetical Order

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

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

Thank You - !

**Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting
Monday May 1, 2023 @ 3:30 PM**