

## Quick recap

The meeting began with introductions and technical setup before focusing on federal land management updates and potential changes affecting public lands and recreation. Regional collaboration and sustainable recreation initiatives were discussed, with presentations covering challenges and opportunities for coordination across the Sierra region and Nevada County's recreation master plan. The group concluded by addressing workforce development needs and strategic approaches to outdoor recreation in California, with plans for future collaboration and follow-up meetings.

## Next steps

- Andie and Shavati to send their slide decks to Calder for sharing with the group.
- Calder, John, and Chelsea to follow up with Shavati, Trisha, and Kimberly offline to understand the network of counties in California they reached out to for their recreation plan.
- Calder to prepare and present on the Redwood region at the next meeting on August 1st.
- Cohort members to volunteer or respond to Calder, John, or Chelsea via email if interested in presenting at the next meeting.

## Summary

### Federal Field Notes Update Meeting

The meeting began with a welcome and check-in session where participants introduced themselves and their organizations. Calder introduced the agenda and mentioned that John had consolidated presentations into a single slide deck to minimize screen sharing. The group discussed technical issues with internet connectivity and screen sharing. Calder turned on the recording at 1:30 PM and introduced the main topic of field notes, which would cover updates on federal-level activities affecting the sector.

### Federal Land Management Policy Updates

The meeting focused on updates regarding federal public land management and potential changes due to legislative and budgetary actions. MLTPA discussed the defeat of the public land sales legislation and the uncertainty surrounding federal land management, including rumored reorganization of the U.S. Forest Service and significant budget cuts. They highlighted a recent webinar led by Wade Crowfoot, which addressed California's response to these federal changes, emphasizing wildfire safety and sustainable outdoor recreation. The group also mentioned the

formation of a cohort to develop recommendations for the state to address potential voids left by federal changes.

### Sierra Regional Tourism Collaboration Strategy

The meeting focused on regional collaboration and sustainable recreation and tourism in the Sierra region. Andie Stewart presented on the challenges and opportunities for regional coordination across the Sierra's eastern and western slopes, highlighting the need for data-driven approaches to assess the effectiveness of regionalism projects. She outlined a strategy to leverage existing funding sources and develop a collaborative governance structure for recreation and tourism. The presentation also touched on potential future initiatives like regional wildfire hardening and wayfinding systems. Calder emphasized the importance of building networks and advocating for sector needs, particularly in challenging times. The conversation ended with a brief introduction to Shavati's presentation on Nevada County's recreation efforts.

### Nevada County Recreation Master Plan

Shavati presented on Nevada County's recreation and resiliency master plan, highlighting how recreation became a board objective in 2022 and the adoption of a master plan in 2024. She discussed the challenges of increasing visitation and climate impacts, and outlined various collaborative efforts including the South Yuba River Public Safety Cohort, Recreation Coalition, and Pines to Mines Trail project. Shavati emphasized the importance of turning the master plan's "wish list" into shovel-ready projects and mentioned plans to expand convening to include climate, land, access, and equity issues, while also addressing workforce development needs in the recreation sector.

### Nevada County Recreation Plan Expansion

Shavati presented Nevada County's recreation plan, highlighting its focus on infrastructure, access, and resiliency. She expressed support for expanding the plan to include multiple counties within the Jobs First region. Kimberly provided context on Nevada County's recent adoption of recreation and tourism as board objectives, noting the potential for growth in these areas. MLTPA discussed the possibility of integrating Nevada County's forward-looking program with Jobs First regions surrounding them.

### Trail Program Delays and Workforce Planning

The group discussed challenges with a federal program for trail work, which was delayed by 4 months due to bureaucratic hurdles but eventually received approval after advocacy efforts. Shavati explained that while her current focus is on workforce development, she plans to

collaborate with Kimberly to collect baseline data on current jobs in Nevada County's outdoor recreation sector and assess the economic impact of recreation. Trisha shared insights from California's recreation Resiliency master Plan, which involved collaboration with multiple counties, and expressed interest in applying these solutions more broadly. The conversation ended with plans to follow up offline to share information and collaborate on workforce development initiatives.

### Rural Tourism and State Representation

Calder discussed the importance of rural sectors like outdoor recreation and agritourism for state representation, mentioning the completion of the Humboldt Bay trail as a significant achievement. He also touched on cannabis tourism and its potential in Nevada County. Calder invited participants to present at the next meeting and encouraged collaboration with other regions. The conversation ended with plans for the next session on August 1st.