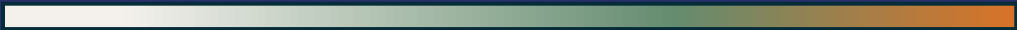


Welcome!

Land Management Plan Public Engagement Meeting
Spenceville Wildlife Area



Introductions



Agenda

- Short Presentation: What is a Land Management Plan?
- Group activity
- Wrap up and review of next steps

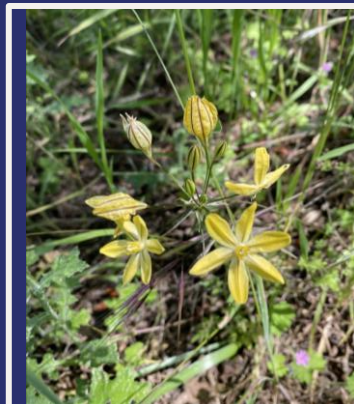


LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING

What is it?

What to expect?

How to engage?



Our Mission

To manage California's diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and their use and enjoyment by the public.



What is a Land Management Plan?



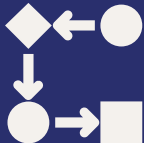
Long term planning document

- Intended lifespan 20-30 years



Multi-year planning process

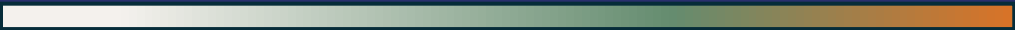
- Interdisciplinary and collaborative
- Bring together diverse internal and external perspectives



Comprehensive Approach

- Infrastructure and Public Use
- Cultural Resources
- Physical and Natural Resources





A Land Management Plan:

- A guidance document
- Defines a property's primary purpose(s)
- Outlines the management issues and opportunities
- Identifies goals and strategies for comprehensively managing the property.



What are CDFW Lands?

Type of Lands

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- Wildlife Area
 - Ecological Reserve
 - Fish Hatchery
 - Public Access
 - Undesignated
 - Conservation Easements

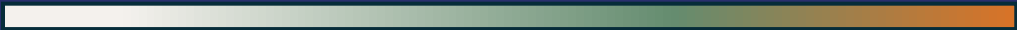


What is a Wildlife Area?

- Designated by the California Fish and Game Commission
- Described in Title 14 FGC 551
 - All wildlife areas are maintained for the primary purposes of developing a statewide program of ecological conservation, restoration, preservation, development and management of wildlife, wildlife habitat, and hunting.
 - Generally open for public use (may have closed areas, seasonal restrictions, etc.)



What is the LMP Process?



There are three components:



Resource
Inventory

1 – 1.5 years



The Land
Management Plan
Document

1 – 2 years



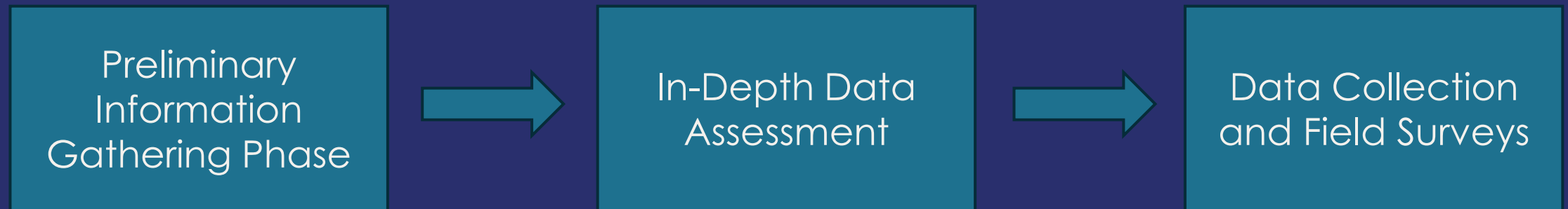
California
Environmental
Quality Act (CEQA)

0.5 – 1+ years



Resource Inventory

- Internal process that creates an inventory of resources present on, or in the vicinity of, the property.
 - Includes the physical, cultural, infrastructure, and public use resources in addition to the biological resources
- Highlights data gaps that need to be filled to better inform the management needs of the property.



Resource Inventory Actions

- Review existing reports, e.g.:
 - The Dry Creek Anadromous Fish Passage and Spawning Habitat Restoration Pre-Gravel Augmentation Monitoring Report
 - Spenceville Wildlife Area 2017 Draft Land Management Plan
- Review existing data, e.g.:
 - California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB)
 - CDFW Files
- Collect new data, e.g.:
 - Cultural resources
 - Rare plant surveys
 - Plant and wildlife observation surveys



Contents of a Land Management Plan

Chapter 1: Introduction

Chapter 2: Environmental Setting
and Management Considerations

Chapter 3: Management Plan



Chapter 1: Introduction

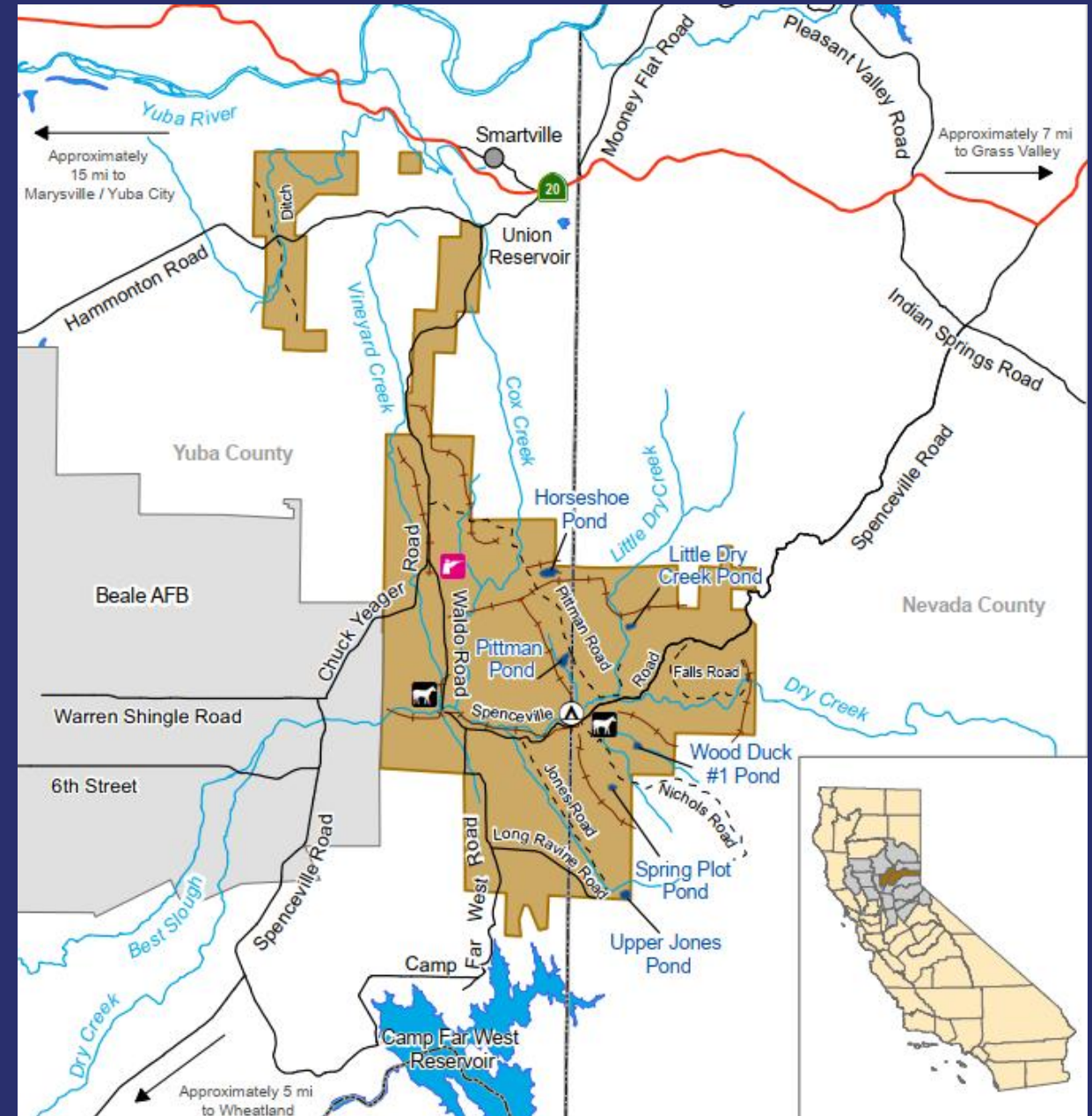
Provides an overview of the property and the planning process

- Where is this property located?
- Why was this property acquired?
- What is the purpose of the Management Plan?
- Are there any relationships to other existing plans?
- Who did we consult with during the planning process?



Introduction

- **First land acquired:** 1963
- **Acquisition purpose:** Preserve blue oak woodland and grassland; recreation
- **Acres:** 11,887
- **Property:** Type C Wildlife Area
- **Location:** Nevada & Yuba Counties, Western foothills of Sierra Nevada Mountains



Chapter 2: Environmental Setting and Management Considerations

Provides an overview of resources present on the property followed by management issues and opportunities

- How do factors such as topography and hydrology affect management?
- What sensitive species exist on the property?
- How was the area used in the past? Currently?





Environmental Setting and Management Considerations

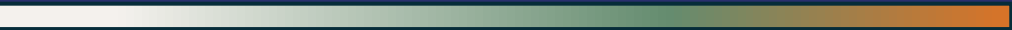
- Long human history
 - Gold and copper mining, military installation, etc.
 - Nature viewing, hiking, hunting, recreational fishing
- Habitats
 - Grassland, rangeland, and blue oak woodland
- Special status plants and animals
- Culturally significant plants and animals

Chapter 3: Management Plan

Builds upon the background information from Chapter 1 and the analysis in Chapter 2 to create Goals and Strategies

- What are some challenges with the property?
- What are some management opportunities to solve those?





Example: Community Science and Research

Goal

- Promote community science and education through engagement with educational institutions and outreach.

Strategies

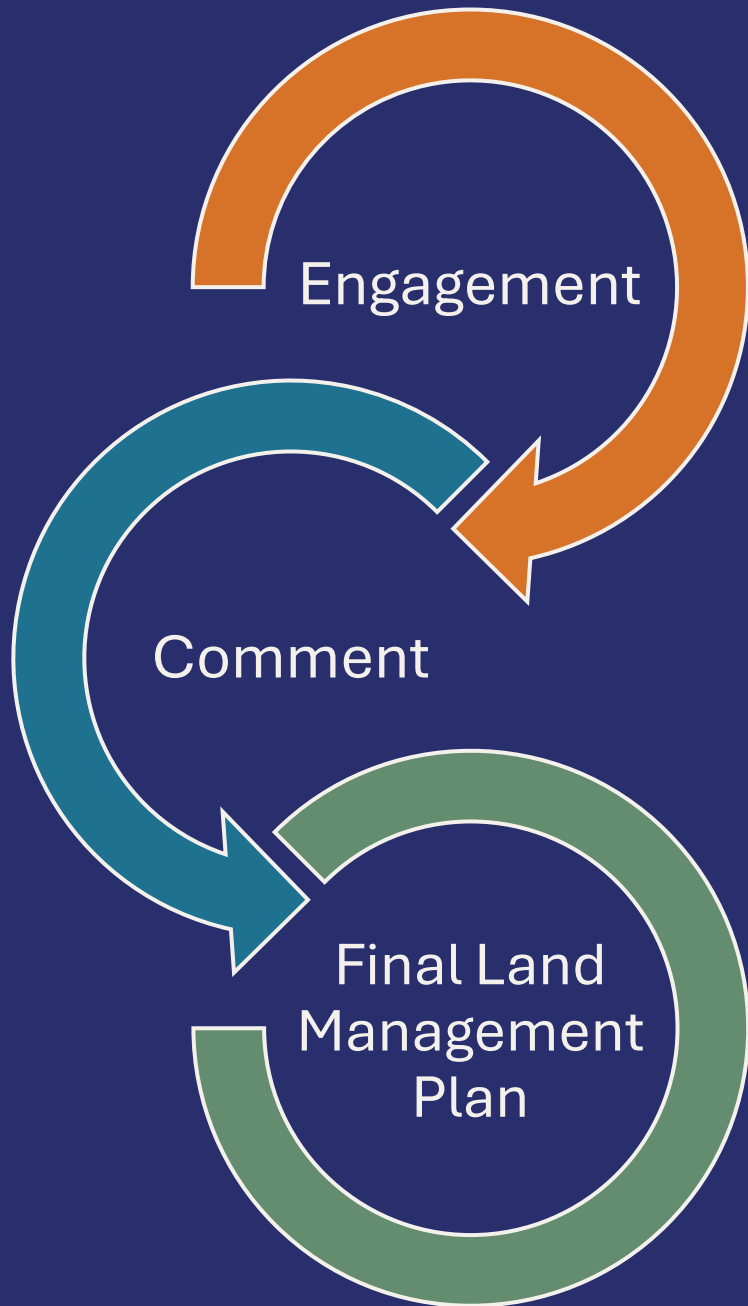
- Promote community science reporting using tools such as iNaturalist and eBird.
- Provide opportunities for community engagement such as Biodiversity Day events and volunteer restoration activities.
- Encourage local schools to participate in monitoring using visits to the Wildlife Area and computers in the classroom.
- Develop partnerships with educational institutions to conduct research that will benefit students while helping the Department achieve its resource protection and management goals.

California Environmental Quality Act

- The LMP is a project under CEQA
- CEQA requires public entities to:
 - Disclose and evaluate the potential significant environmental impacts
 - Adopt all feasible mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate those impacts
- Specific document yet to be determined
- If you want to learn more, Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation:
<https://lci.ca.gov/ceqa/getting-started/>



How Can I Get Involved?



Plan Development

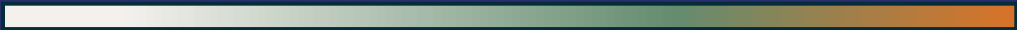
- Join the email notification list
- Actively participate in our discussion
- Submit ideas

Draft Document

- Review the Draft Document
- Participate in a meeting
- Submit written comments

Final Document

- Available on the Property Webpage (under development)
- Enjoy the property!



Discussion & Feedback: Map Activity

1. How do you currently use the property?
 2. What would make Spenceville Wildlife Area a better place to go and spend the day? What would make it more accessible?
 3. Are there any other improvements or changes in management that you would like to see?
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Next Steps

- Welcome additional thoughts via email
 - LandMgmtPlanning@wildlife.ca.gov
- CDFW evaluation of engagement feedback and incorporation of ideas
- Completion of Draft Land Management Plan
 - CEQA process
 - Tribal, focus groups, and public comment period

