



Lake Los Carneros Management Plan Update

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- **Recreational Improvements**

- enhance recreational opportunities
- hiking, wildlife viewing, fishing, public education
- improve public understanding and enforcement of park rules

- **Trail Improvements**

- designation of a formal trail system with interpretive signage and wayfinding
- improvements to circulation within Lake Los Carneros
- preliminary design concepts for improvement/replacement of the existing wooden footbridge to address public safety

- **Access/Circulation**

- identification of improvements to enhance ingress/egress to Lake Los Carneros
- public parking
- maintenance vehicle access

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- **Habitat Restoration**

- protect, enhance, and restore natural upland and lowland habitats
- support regionally and locally important/sensitive species
- protect and enhance corridors for the movement of wildlife

- **Invasive Species Removal/Control**

- regular management/maintenance activities to remove select terrestrial and aquatic non-native species
- mosquito/vector control via chemical, mechanical, and/or biological methods

- **Dam Safety and Enhancement**

- critical improvements to increase public safety
- provide safe public access to/across the dam
- enhance attractiveness/viability of recreational fishing on the lake

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- **Water Supply**

- regular management/maintenance activities for sediment removal (e.g., dredging)
- select harvesting of aquatic vegetation (e.g., tule control)
- identification of methods to ensure more reliable lake levels

- **Water Quality**

- improvements to the existing aeration system to better address eutrophication and dissolved oxygen levels
- reduce urban stormwater runoff and inflow of sediments/pollutants
- improve aquatic habitat
- enhance opportunities for recreational fishing

- **Wildfire Control/Fuel Management,**

- regular management/maintenance activities to reduce risk of wildfire
- weed abatement and select tree removals

Community Engagement

- Neighborhood Compatibility
 - ensure compatibility with surrounding residential neighborhoods and agricultural operations
 - avoid conflicts between surrounding neighborhoods and visitors
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| • Santa Barbara Audubon Society | • Lake Los Carneros Swim Club |
| • Goleta Valley Historical Society | • U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |
| • South Coast Railroad Museum | • U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| • California Department of Fish and Wildlife | • CA Department of Water Resources |
| • Santa Barbara County Trails Council | • SB County Flood Control |
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Community Engagement

- Public outreach plan
- Stakeholder contact list
- Meeting materials, a facilitator, and meeting minutes for each meeting
- Four in-person outdoor tabling/pop-up events
- Two virtual public workshops
- Online survey with hardcopy version if needed
- Noticing, fact sheet, press releases, website, and social media postings (i.e., social media calendar)
- Compilation of written and verbal public comments
- Six Council, P&R Commission, and/or Planning Commission meetings

Proposed Schedule

Phased Schedule for Management Plan



Commissioner Comments and Recommendations for City Council

- Other goals and focal areas?
- Underrepresented community engagement and outreach
- Focused neighborhood outreach (postcards, canvassing)
- Stow House/GVHS and South Coast Railroad Museum
- Grazing/Mowing
- Funding