



**US Army Corps
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Sacramento District

Martis Creek Lake and Dam
Master Plan
FACT SHEET
July 2013

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District is revising the 1977 Martis Creek Lake and Dam Master Plan and is seeking public input.

The Master Plan guides the development and management of natural and cultural resources and recreation-related facilities in and around the reservoir. The master plan **does not** address reservoir water levels and should not be confused with the on-going Dam Safety Modification Project or the Water Control Manual. The updated Master Plan will include proposals for improved recreation facilities and measures preserving and protecting natural and cultural resources, and is being conducted in three phases:



- **Phase One** is the information gathering process. The Corps will solicit input from the public, Tribes, Federal and State land management agencies, and other governmental agencies to help define the present and potential future uses of the lands under Corps management responsibility.
- **Phase Two** includes the preparation of a Draft Master Plan with a Draft Environmental Assessment to aid in decision making and meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Corps will solicit comments from the public, Tribes, Federal and State land management agencies, and other governmental agencies on these two draft documents.
- **Phase Three** will be the preparation and presentation of the Final Master Plan and Final NEPA Document, which is expected to be complete by fall 2014.

BACKGROUND

Authorized by the 1962 Flood Control Act (P.L. 87-874), construction of the Truckee River and Tributaries Project (Martis Creek Lake and Dam) was initiated in May 1970 and was completed in August 1972. The project's authorized purposes include: flood risk management (FRM) and water supply. The Federal Water Project Recreation Act of 1965, Public Law 89-72 as amended, provided for Federal and non-Federal sharing of the costs of recreation and fish and wildlife development. Martis Creek Dam and Lake are currently managed primarily for FRM, with the lake kept at minimum pool most of the time. At minimum pool, the lake has a surface area of 70 acres and contains approximately 800 acre-feet of water.

The original Master Plan for Martis Creek Lake and Dam was completed in 1977. Since then, new laws and regulations have been passed to enhance recreation facilities, protect valuable natural and cultural resources, and to better manage project resources. This Master Plan update is an opportunity for the public to help shape and guide future management of the recreation and natural resources of the Martis Creek Lake and Dam project.

WHAT MIGHT BE UPDATED IN THE NEW MASTER PLAN?

The new Master Plan will update the management of Martis Creek Lake, currently guided by the 1977 Master Plan. It may include additional improvements and expansions, as well as propose a variety of recreation improvements and natural resource protection measures including but not limited to:

- Increased recreation opportunities
- Redesigning camping or picnicking facilities
- Installing a dog park
- Restoration of native vegetation, wildlife habitat, and wetlands
- Management of areas for optimum use by threatened and endangered species
- Protection of cultural and historic resources
- Control of noxious weeds and other invasive species such as Zebra/Quagga mussels
- Improved erosion control and land management plans

The Draft Master Plan will also include a Draft Environmental Assessment that evaluates the impacts of the improvements and protection measures.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public meetings will be held at the Truckee Airport to provide all interested parties an initial opportunity to participate in the update of the Master Plan. Corps staff will be present to hear public input on desired recreational improvements, natural resource and environmental enhancements, and land management needs. All interested parties are invited to share their ideas on the future land management of the Martis Creek Lake and Dam. There will be separate meeting for Federal, State, and Local Agencies on both days from 2pm-4pm.

Public Meetings

July 29, 2013	(6:00-8:00 p.m.)	Truckee Tahoe Airport, Truckee, CA Community Room A
July 30, 2013	(6:00-8:00 p.m.)	Truckee Tahoe Airport, Truckee, CA Community Room A

The meetings will commence with a brief overview followed by an open house. During this time, participants are encouraged to review materials, ask questions and provide written comments.

Public Input Form

An opportunity for the public to provide input for the development of the Draft Master Plan is to fill out the Public Input Form attached to this document. Your comments, ideas, questions, and/or concerns may be submitted through postal or e-mail to the addresses listed below. If you have any questions, you may call the number listed below to obtain any clarification. Your input will be accepted until close of business on **Friday, August 16th, 2013**.

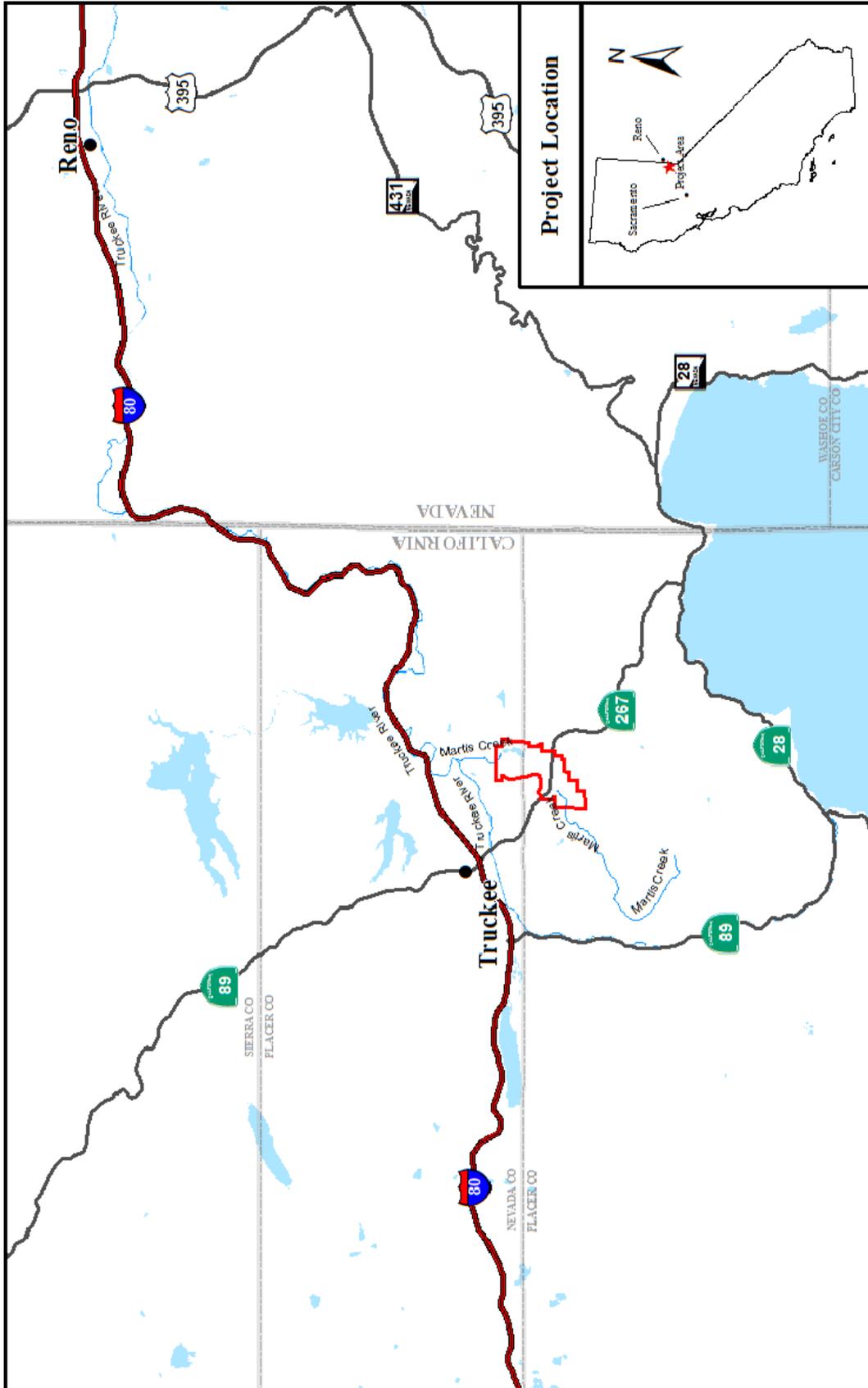
Also, there will be an additional opportunity for public involvement after the Draft Master Plan is complete, which is expected to occur fall 2014.

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Also, please visit the Martis Creek Lake and Dam website for additional information about the current Master Plan. New and updated information will be posted at this website so be sure to check back frequently.

<http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Locations/SacramentoDistrictParks/MartisCreekLake.aspx>

PROJECT LOCATION MAP





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Martis Creek Lake and Dam Master Plan Update Public Input Form

1. What makes Martis Creek Lake and Dam special or unique for you? What do you like about it?

2. How often do you visit Martis Creek Lake and Dam in a year? (How many days?)

3. Do you typically visit Martis Creek Lake and Dam on the weekdays or weekends? Why?

4. What activities bring you to Martis Creek Lake and Dam and what is of most interest to you? (Hunting, Fishing, Boating/ Water sports, Bird watching, Walking/Running, Camp/picnicking, Other (please specify).

5. In what town and state do you reside (please include your zip code)?

6. What do you like or dislike about other recreation areas/lakes that you visit?

7. What improvements would you recommend for Martis Creek Lake and Dam?

8. Are there any issues you would like to see addressed in the Master Plan, from either a conservation of natural resources point of view, from a public safety point of view, or recreational use point of view?

9. Would you be interested in a Cooperative Association, or Friends of Martis Creek Lake and Dam non-profit organization?
10. Any additional thoughts, suggestions, or comments that you would like to share with us?
11. Other Suggestions:

If you need additional room, please feel free attach a supplemental paper with your responses.

Your questions, comments, and suggestions will be accepted until close of business on **Friday, August 16th, 2013**. They may be submitted in writing to the address below or by emailing them.

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