

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP)



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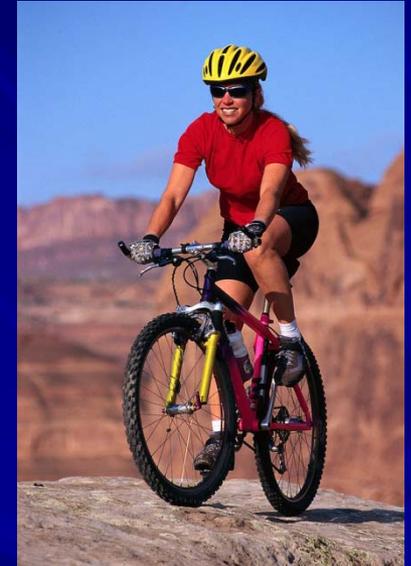
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Learning Objectives

- ◆ Identify the “recreational trails” grant program and evaluate how agencies can increase and enhance trail experiences through grant funding opportunities.



- ◆ Provide insight into basic trail development strategies, techniques and pitfalls.



Agenda

- **Workshop Overview**
- **Eligibility and Application Requirements**
- **Criteria Review**
- **Developing a Competitive Application**
- **Field Exercises**
- **Debrief**



Housekeeping

- Lunch
- Facility Information
- Field trip introduction and overview
 - Non-Motorized-Non-Paved
 - Non-Motorized-Paved
 - Motorized



The RTP's Purpose

To develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses.





RTP Funds



From the Federal Highway Trust Fund

Represent a portion of the motor fuel excise tax collected from non-highway recreational fuel use.

Fuel used for off-highway recreation by snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, and off-highway light trucks.



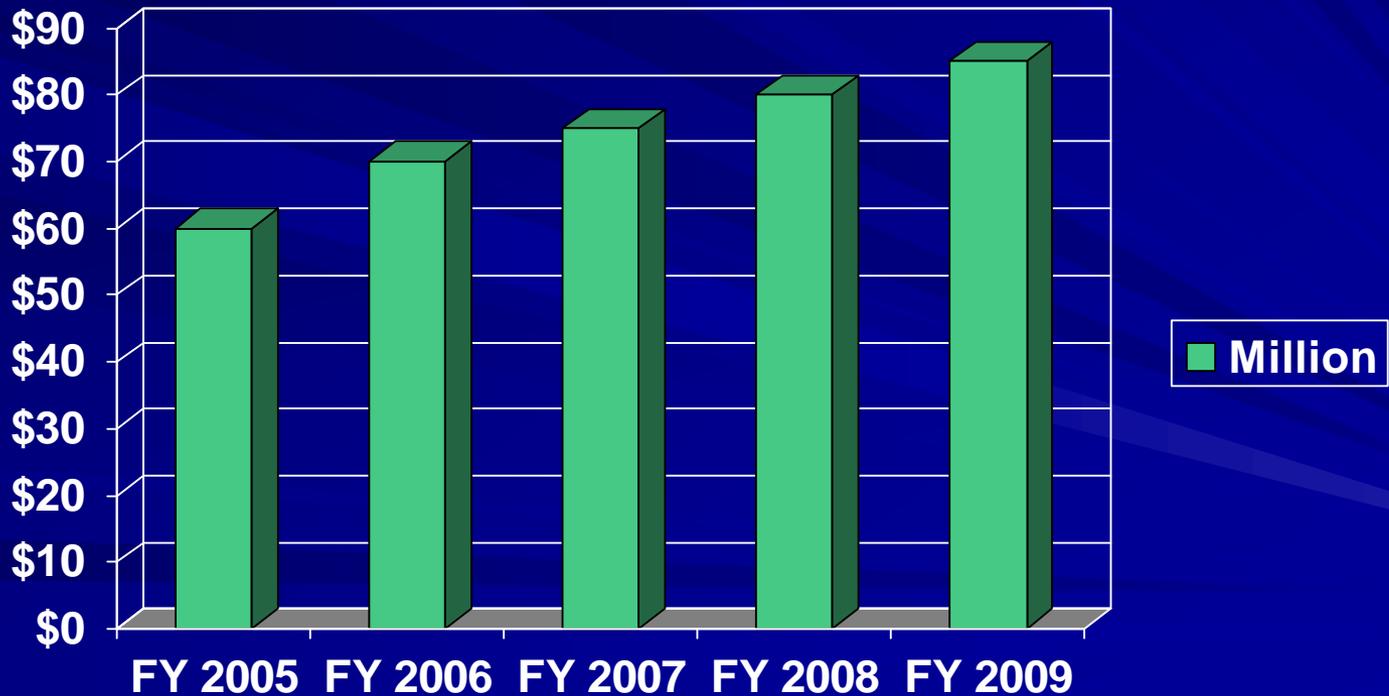
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SAFETEA-LU

Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users

Enacted August 10, 2005 as Public Law 109-59

Nationwide

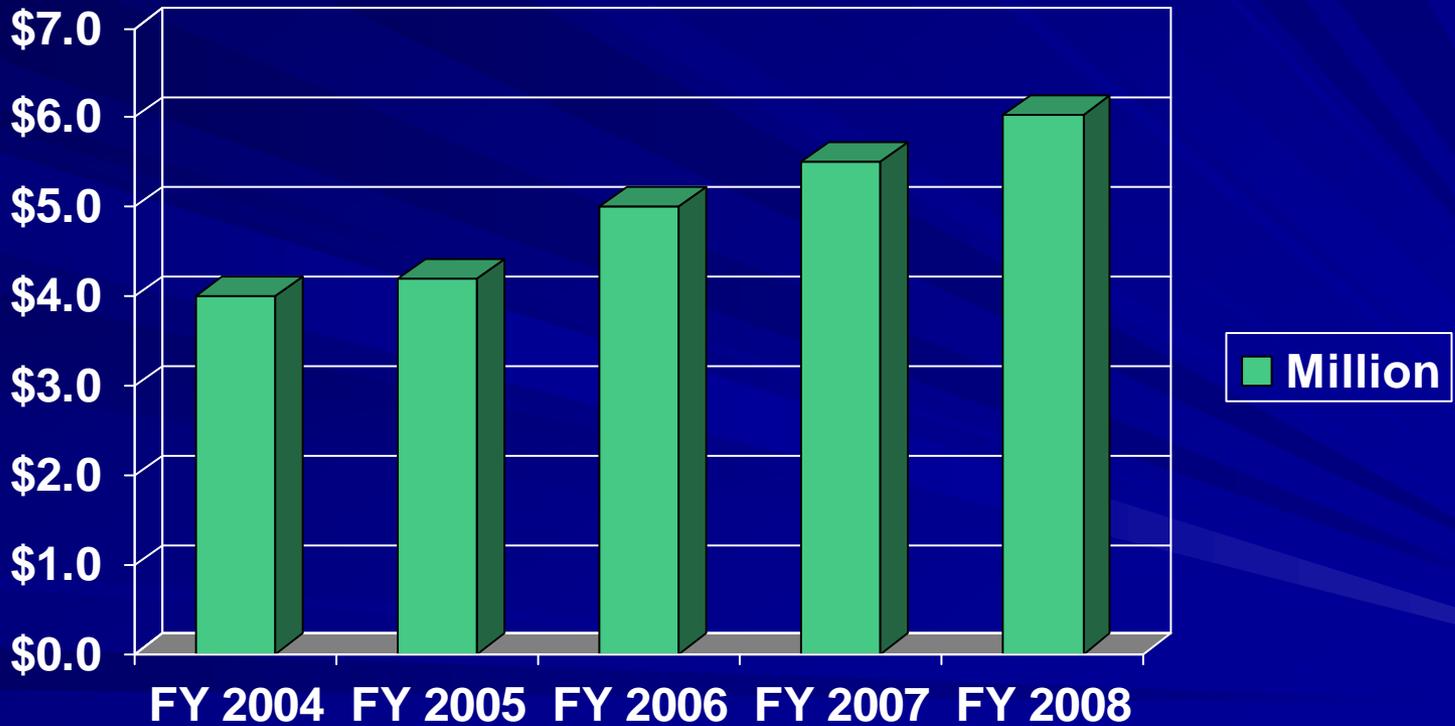


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Statewide

Allocations for CA

For Project Funding and Administrative Costs



RTP Applicants



U.S. Dept. of Transportation

Federal Highway
Administration (FHWA)

State of California

California State Parks

Federal
Agencies

As of
Jan. 1, 2007

State
Agencies

Cities,
Counties,
Districts

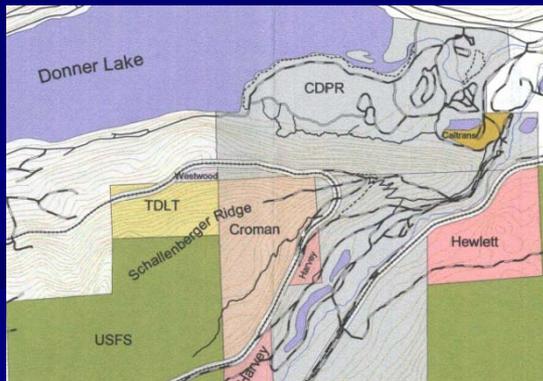
NPOs

**Non-Profit
Organizations
with Management
Responsibility over
Public Lands**

RTP - Eligible Projects

NON-MOTORIZED PROJECTS

- Acquisition.
- Development and rehabilitation of trails and trailhead facilities.
- Construction of new trails.



Eligible Project Examples

NON-MOTORIZED PROJECTS

- **Trail system which links to other trail systems.**
RTP project submittal reflects construction of one or more segments.
- **Construction of parking lot, restroom to complete “trailhead facility”.**
- **Trail rehabilitation project.**
RTP project includes trail realignment (rehabilitation of one link to its natural state; new construction of alternate link.)



RTP - Eligible Projects

MOTORIZED PROJECTS

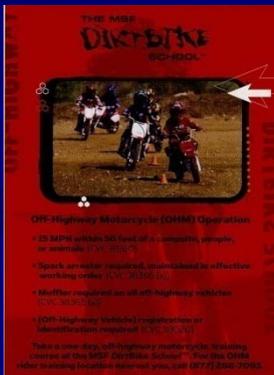
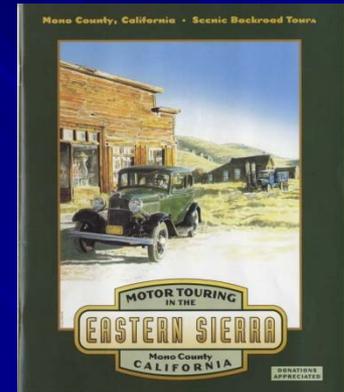
- Acquisition
- Development and rehabilitation of trails and trailhead facilities.
- Maintenance of existing trails.
- Purchase and lease of trail construction and trail maintenance equipment.
- Safety programs



Eligible Project Examples

MOTORIZED PROJECTS

- Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) route maps
- Trail maintenance equipment purchases



- Development and operation of OHV safety programs



Eligible Project Examples

MOTORIZED PROJECTS

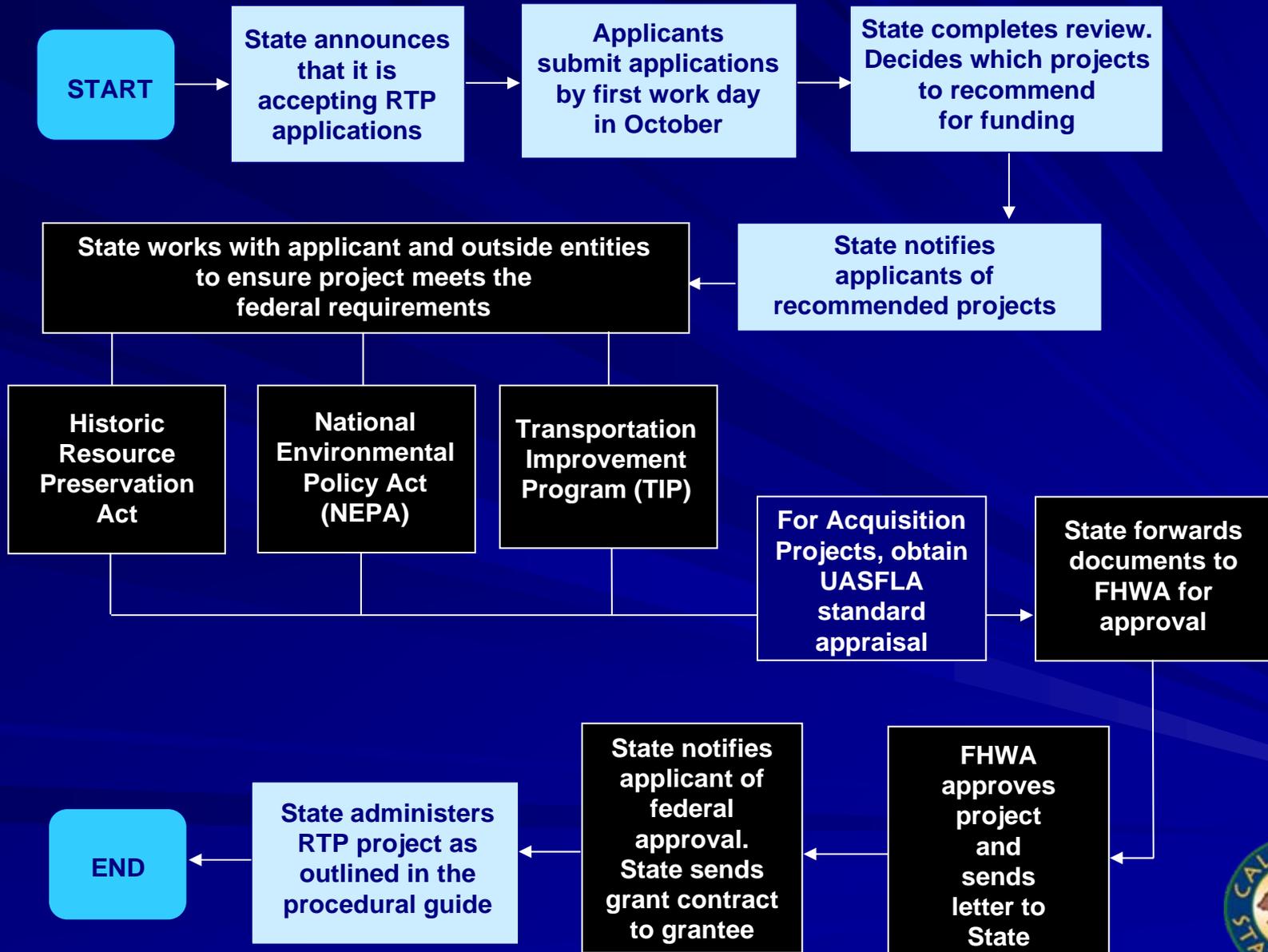
- Installation of restroom facilities at OHV trailheads



- OHV route signage



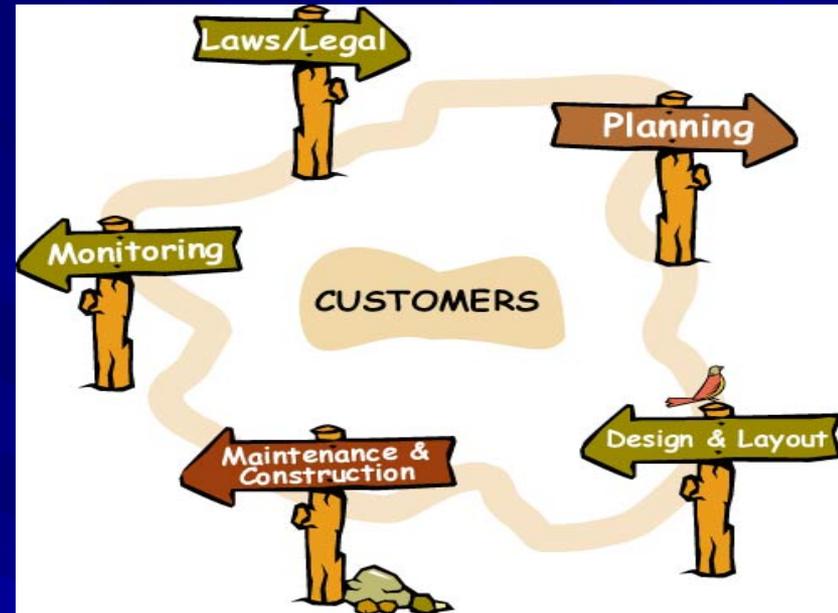
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Forward Planning Elements

Project Plans

- **Project Budget**
- **Good Representation on the Ground**



Elements Of Public Involvement

CEQA / NEPA Determination





Planning Time Line

Project Development
Design & Layout
Compliance
Public Input

Environmental Compliance Documents

Develop Proposal Components
•Budget
•Photos

RTP Proposal Written

October RTP Proposal Due



December January February March April May June July August September October

RTP Procedural Guide

Procedural Guide
for the federal

Recreational Trails Program

FINAL DRAFT

June 4, 2007



2007 Guide

Use June 4, 2007
version for
October 2008 Cycle



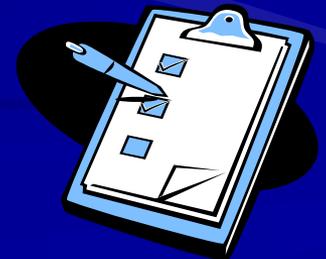


Application Package

What to Submit

Application Packet Requirements and Checklist – Page 19

- One Copy of Application Package
- One Application Per Project
- One Project Per Application
- Respond to All Items in Checklist
- Use N/A when Not Applicable



Application Package



Application Form – Item 1, Page 19

- Use appropriate form:
Non-Motorized or Motorized.
- Limit information to what is requested.
- For Development Projects,
provide “Recordation #”.
- Grant Scope = “What the project is”.



*Must be consistent with
Cost Estimate, CEQA/NEPA, and Site Plan*

Application Package

Site Plan - Item 2, Page 20

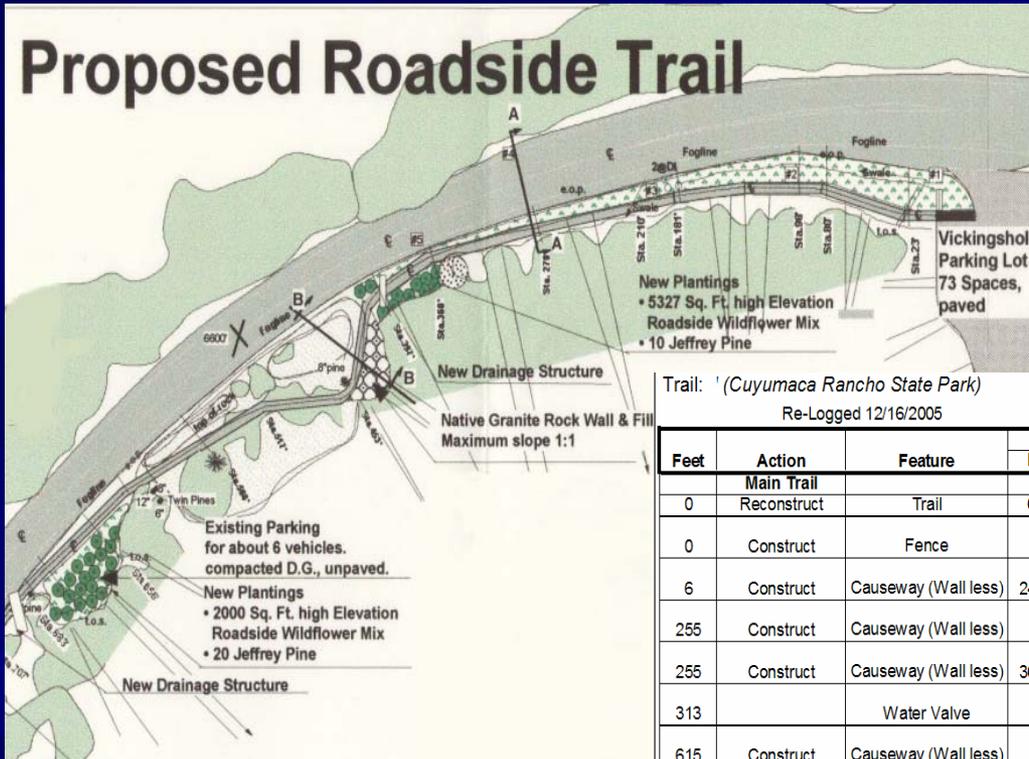
Topo Map - Item 3, Page 20





Trail Log or Reconnaissance Notes

Item 4, Page 20



Trail: '(Cuyumaca Rancho State Park)
Re-Logged 12/16/2005

Feet	Action	Feature	Size/Qty			Units	Comment	Picture	Total
			L	H	W				
	Main Trail								
0	Reconstruct	Trail	6			If	Start of Trail		0.0
0	Construct	Fence				728	Two rail fence to protect meadow		0.0
6	Construct	Causeway (Wall less)	249			If	Start of crown, 4" of fill for causeway		249.0
255	Construct	Causeway (Wall less)					End of crown		0.0
255	Construct	Causeway (Wall less)	360			If	Start of outslope		360.0
313		Water Valve					Location of Water Valve (Left)		0.0
615	Construct	Causeway (Wall less)					End of outslope		0.0
615	Construct	Trail	1254			If	Start of Reroute bench construction		1254.0
615	Brush	Heavy	10			If			10.0
728	Construct	Fence					End two rail fence		0.0
809	Tree Removal	Heavy	45			ft	40" Dia Dead Oak		45.0
1176	Excavate	Rock	3	2	4	cf			24.0
1272	Tree Removal	Heavy					9" Dia scavage from rock on site		0.0
1333	Construct	Abutment Rock	25	3	1.5	cf	Right bank, Construct standard bridge		112.5
1333	Construct	Bridge	32						32.0

Design Standards

Specify Standards to Be Used

Item 5, Page 20

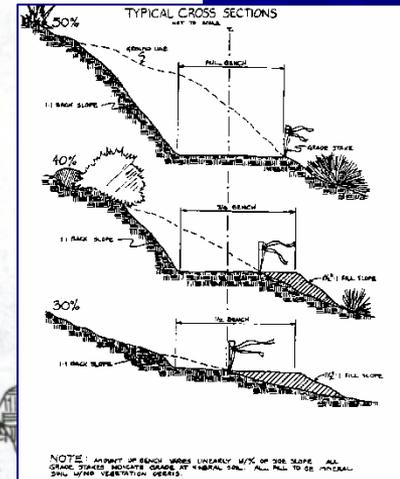
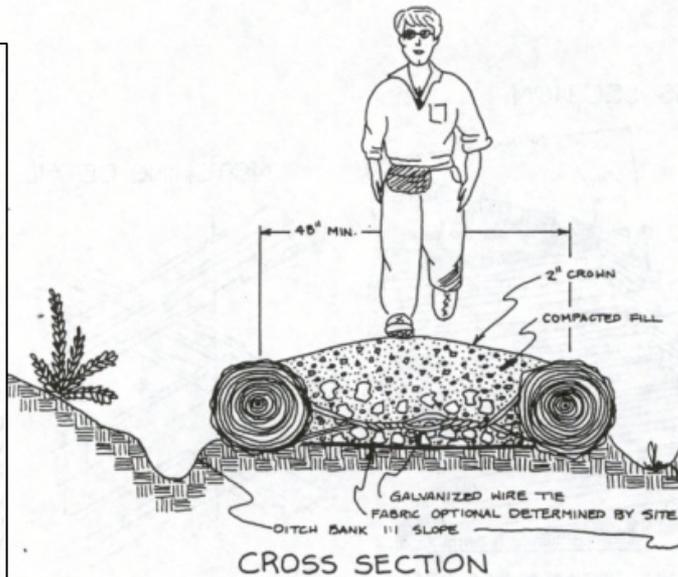
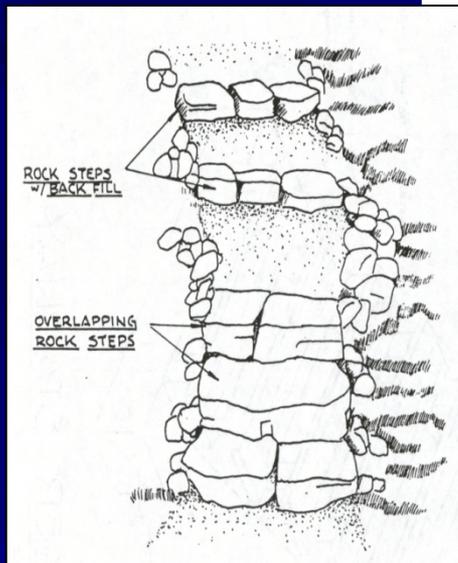


Figure 9.10

Exhibit "A"

Refer to Design Specifications and Proposed Solution Typical Drawings

Application Package

Item 6, Page 20

Cost Estimate

- List all “project components”.
- Line Items for Contingency are no longer allowed
- Show “Required Match” amount and source(s).
 - Match amount is 12% under SAFETEA-LU.
- There is no minimum or maximum grant request amount.



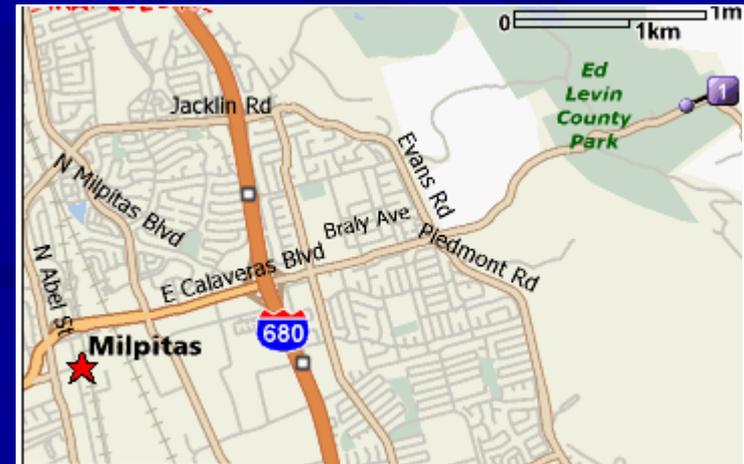
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Project Location Map, Item 7, Page 20

Photos of the Project site, Item 8, Page 21

Land Ownership, Item 9, page 21

- Acquisition Schedule, Parcel Map and Willing Seller Letter
- Land Tenure for Development Projects





Application Package

Environmental Compliance, Item 10, Page 21

CEQA California Environmental Quality Act

- Must be complete at time of application.
- Federal applicants must have completed NEPA.





Application Package

Item 11, Page 21

**Authorizing Resolution-Local Agencies and
Non-Profit Organizations**

Agency Letter-Federal and State Agencies



Application Package

Project Summary, Item 12, Page 21

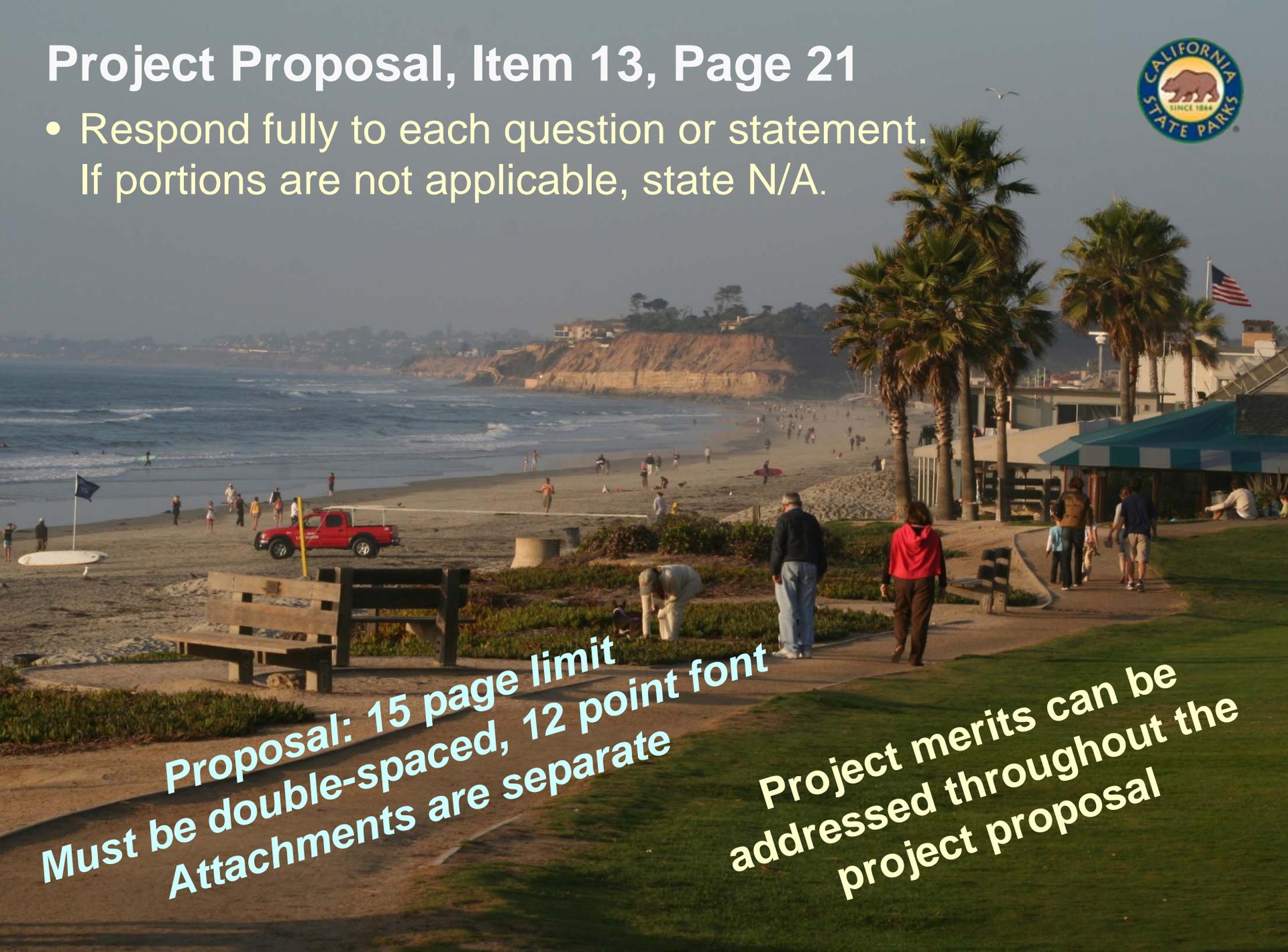
Provide brief, one-page overview of applicant's intentions regarding the project.



Project Proposal, Item 13, Page 21



- Respond fully to each question or statement.
If portions are not applicable, state N/A.



**Proposal: 15 page limit
Must be double-spaced, 12 point font
Attachments are separate**

**Project merits can be
addressed throughout the
project proposal**



Application Package

Items 14, 15, 16, and 17, Page 22

**Leases or Agreements
Affecting Project**

Required Regulatory Permits

Nonprofit Requirements

**Signed SHPO Memorandum
of Understanding**

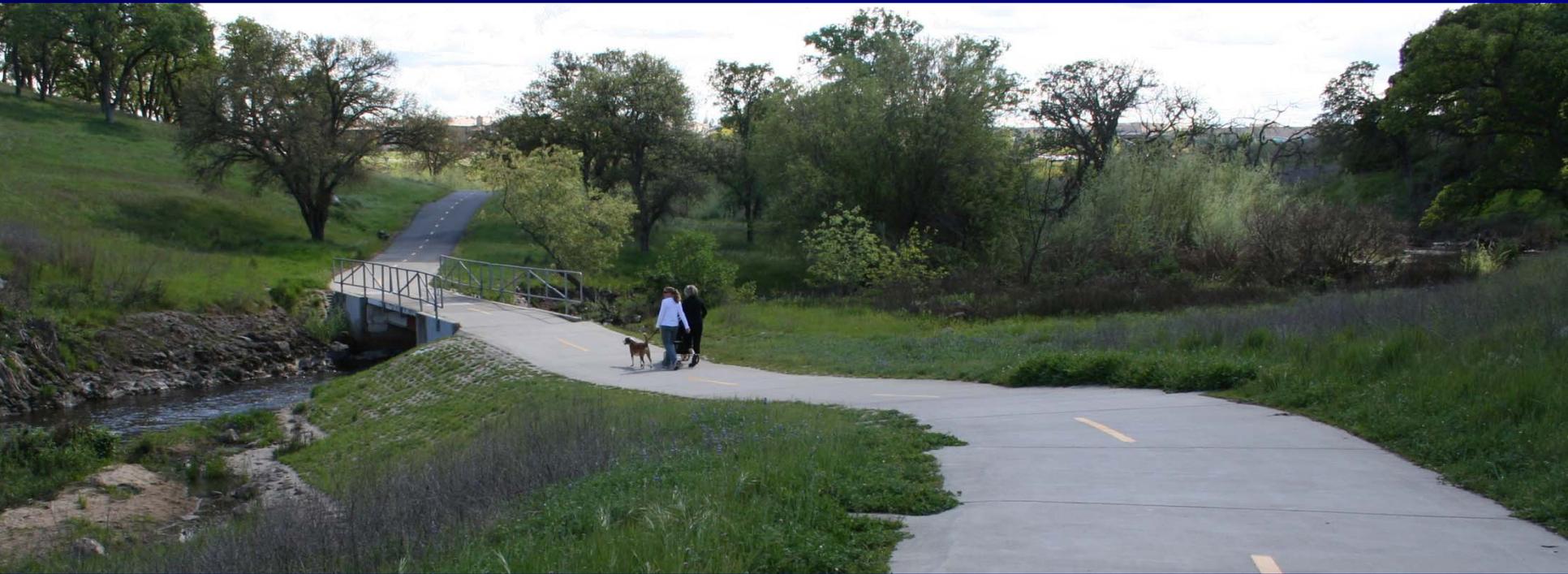


OR SETBACKS?



Recreational Trails Program

Project Proposal and Criteria Overview



2008 Technical Assistance Workshop

Deficiency – Criterion 1, Page 25

Provides Incremental Improvements to Linkages in Areas Lacking Connections

- Can be New Trail or Rehabilitation of Incomplete Trail that Completes a Network
- Regional or In-Park System Fixes
- Deficiency can be from Poor Design or Construction which Resulted in Impact to Natural or Cultural Resources

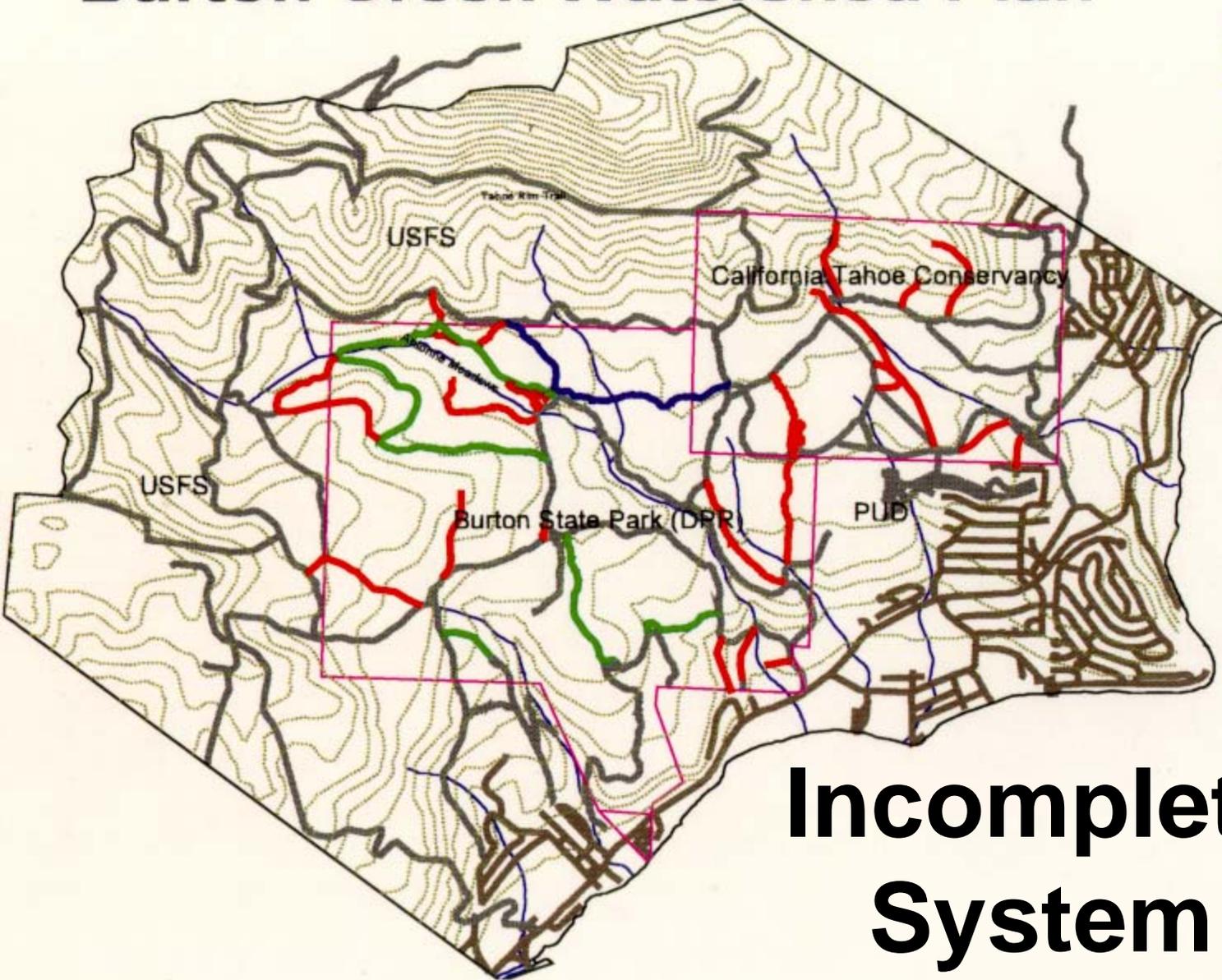


Deficiency Can Be Caused by Resource Impacts on a Trail that is an Important Link

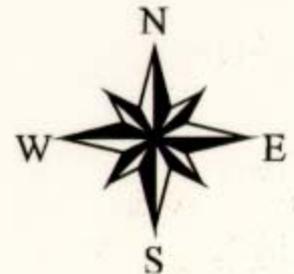


Burton Creek Watershed Plan

- Rdstrls
-  Convert to trail
-  Remove
-  Trail Reconstruct
-  Topoclip
-  Property boundaries
-  Study area boundary
-  Roads and Trails
-  Non-park roads
-  Streams



Incomplete System



Solutions to the Deficiency

Criterion 2, Page 26

Solutions which:

- Provide for trail in an area without trail opportunities,
- Reconstructing or relocating trail opportunities to increase usability and/or access, OR
- Reconstructing non-sustainable trails or rehabilitating old routes to reduce environmental impact



Connectivity

Criterion 3, Page 27

Projects which provide connections to or are part of regional, state, or national systems



Linkages

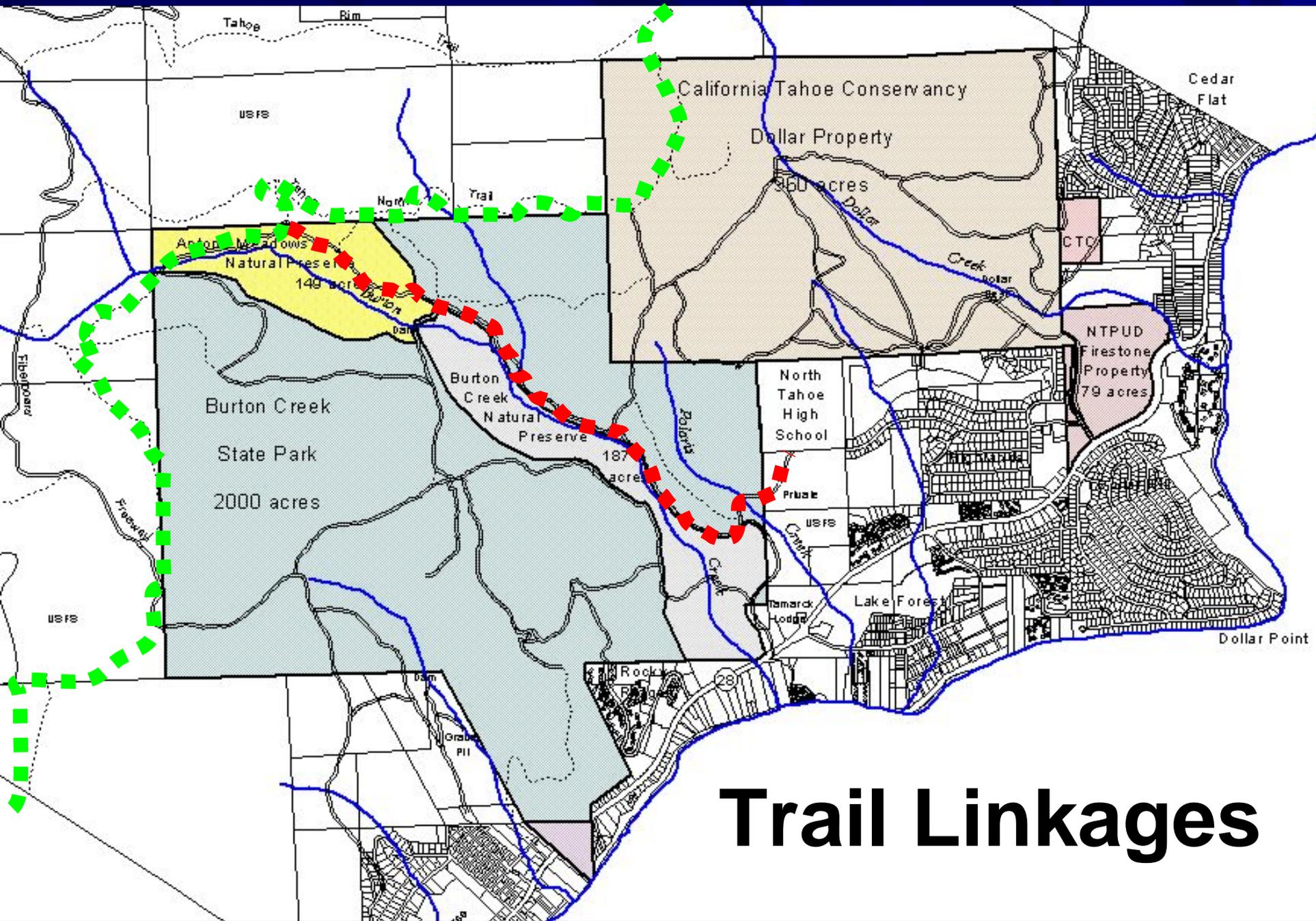
Criterion 4, Page 27



Provide linkages between homes, schools, work places, campgrounds, and/or resorts; to parks, trails, greenways, scenic corridors; or natural, cultural, historical or recreation areas.

Trails separated from highway use receive higher priority.





Trail Linkages



Number of Project Users Criterion 5, Page 28

Describe what the
estimated average annual use will be.
Provide a numeric figure.



Project User Accessibility

Criterion 6, Page 28



- Will the Project Provide Access to Persons with Disabilities?
- Does Your Project Meet the Proposed Federal Access Board Guidelines for Recreational Trails?
- If Not, Can You Show Your Reason for Departure?



Accessibility



Where Can You Get ADA Trail Information?

US Access Board
1331 F Street NW Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20004-1111
(800) 872-2253

info@access-board.gov

www.access-board.gov/outdoor/outdoor-rec-rpt.htm

Access to the Project Criterion 7, Page 29

Describe the Access to the Project
(transit, bike lanes, parking, staging areas) and/or
How the Project Will Improve Access



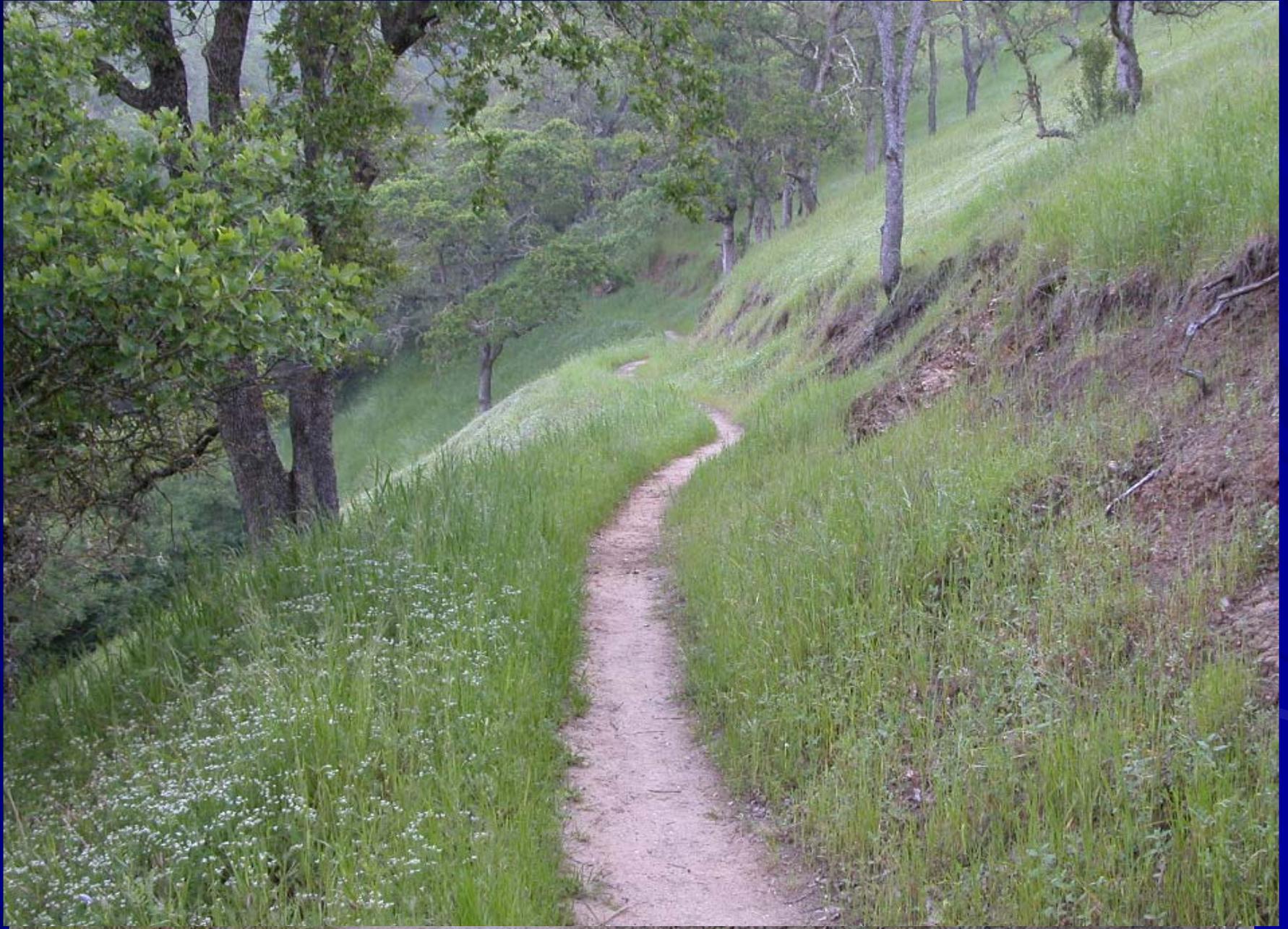
Points of Interest

Criterion 8, Page 29

How will the Project provide for viewing and interpreting natural, cultural, historical or scenic characteristics



Sustainable Design





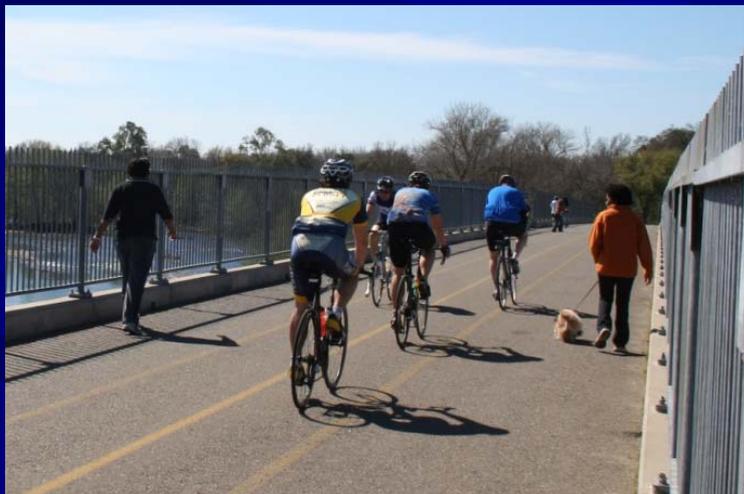
Sustainable Design

- **Make Your Application Competitive by Fully Addressing the Criteria.**
- **Review the Guide, Criterion 9, Page 30, and:**
 - **Describe each item, A – J; use “NA” if any items are not applicable.**
 - **Outline Your Sustainable Solutions to each item, as applicable.**
- **Remember, Make it Easy for the Reviewer.**

Diversified Use Criterion 10, Page 31



**Describe How the Project
will Provide for Multiple
Recreational Trail Uses
and/or Trail Corridor Sharing**



Including Stakeholders in the Process

Criterion 11, Page 31



**Describe Efforts to Include Stakeholders
in the Process**

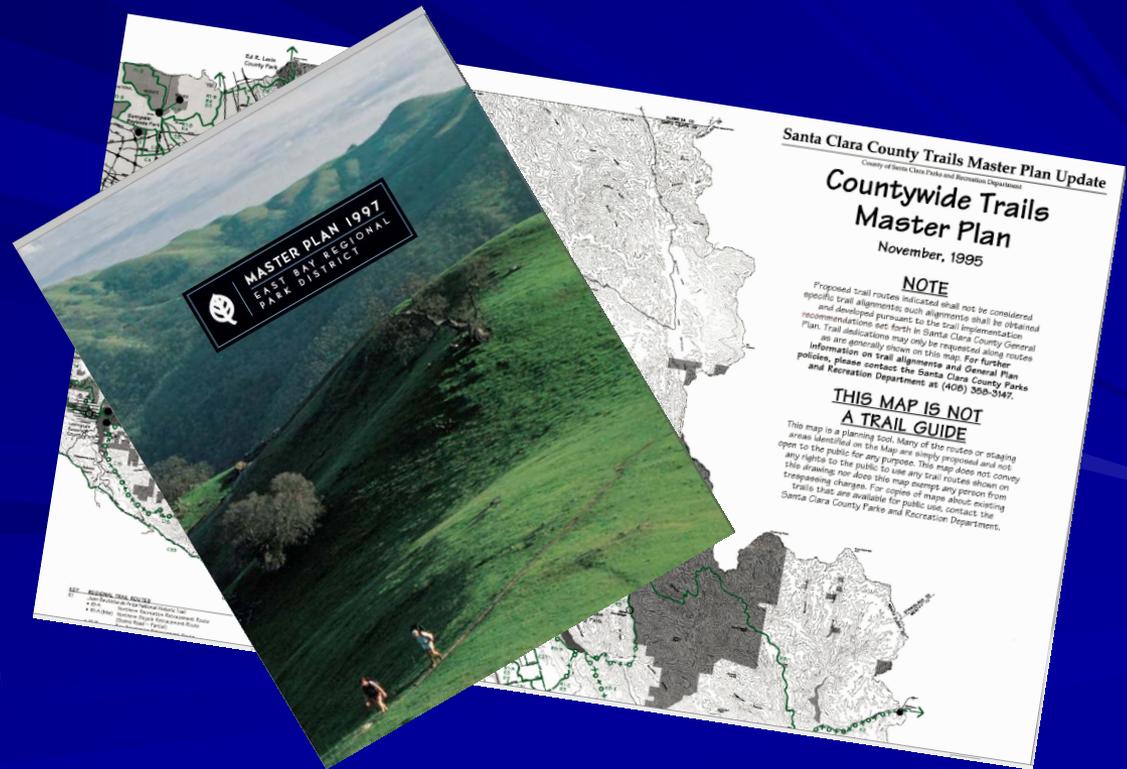
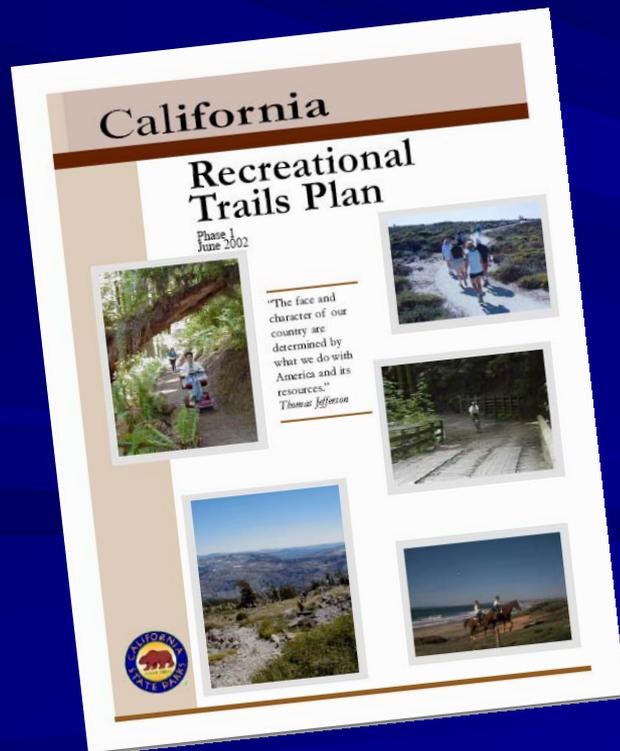


Consistency with Other Plans

Criterion 12, Page 32



Consistency with the Applicant's General Plan or Equivalent Planning Document-CORP, Statewide Trails Plan, city, county or regional master plan





Service Corps Involvement Criterion 14, Page 33



- Use of Local Youth Corps
- CCC or Other Service Corps

Suggested Next Steps



- **Read RTP Procedural Guide thoroughly.**
- **Begin forward planning elements as soon as possible.**
- **Contact California State Parks if you have questions.**
 - **For Non-Motorized Projects:**
Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS)
 - **For Motorized Projects:**
Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (OHMVRD)

