



# City of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp Permit (46690)

# UPDATE

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**There's no place like Camp Tuolumne  
There's no spot that I would rather be.**  
*Berkeley Tuolumne Camp Song*

### **MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Since April, the City has conducted a series of workshops and an internet survey to solicit campers' ideas for how Berkeley Tuolumne Camp, reconstructed, may be sustainable and improve the quality of the Camp experience. A robust response to the internet survey from 440 campers provided some insights into the areas of the Camp most in need of a little rethinking. Over 80 campers attended workshops held in Berkeley, Groveland, and Echo Lake Camp. In addition a staff workshop was conducted and a presentation was made to the City of Berkeley Parks and Waterfront Commission.

The views expressed at the staff and public workshops generally reflected those of the internet survey. However, because of the workshop format and opportunity to discuss the plans in detail, many great ideas surfaced about the particulars of the Camp, its operation, and ways to improve the Camp without losing its unique sense of place and experience.

Summaries of the ideas expressed at these workshops and the internet survey, updated Master Development Plans, and additional information can be found on the City of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp Website:

[http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/Parks\\_Rec\\_Waterfront/Recreation/Tuolumne\\_Camp.aspx](http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/Parks_Rec_Waterfront/Recreation/Tuolumne_Camp.aspx).

### **NEXT STEPS: SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The City is currently working with its partner, the Stanislaus National Forest (STF), to assemble a "Scoping Package" that will describe: the expansion of the Camp's permit area as an amendment to the STF Forest Plan; a description of Camp facilities to be constructed in the near term; the operations of the Camp; and a framework for the revegetation of the Camp, emphasizing those areas burned by the Rim Fire.

The release of the Scoping Package is being targeted for mid- to late August. Receiving public comments about the Scoping Package is the first formal step

of the STF's environmental review process being conducted under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidelines. There will be a 30-day review and comment period.

An announcement of the availability of the Scoping Package will be posted on the STF's and City's web pages and e-mailed to everyone who signed in at the public workshops or who participated in the internet survey and requested their address be added to the City's e-mail list.

### **LOOKING AHEAD: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The City will also be preparing a environmental document for the Camp under the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Completing a CEQA document is necessary before the City Council can adopt the Master Development Plan. A completed CEQA process and document is also required by some permitting agencies, and is very important to many possible grant funding sources being explored to help rebuild the Camp.

Based on the comments received about the Scoping Package, the City and STF will refine the Camp's plans and then prepare separate NEPA and CEQA environmental documents for the Camp. These will also be available for public review and comment. It is anticipated that those documents would be available sometime in the fall, 2015.



High Water at Beaverhead Rock

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### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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