



LAKE COUNTY

Lake County 2050

Environmental Justice Stakeholder Meeting

May 20, 2024



Meeting Overview

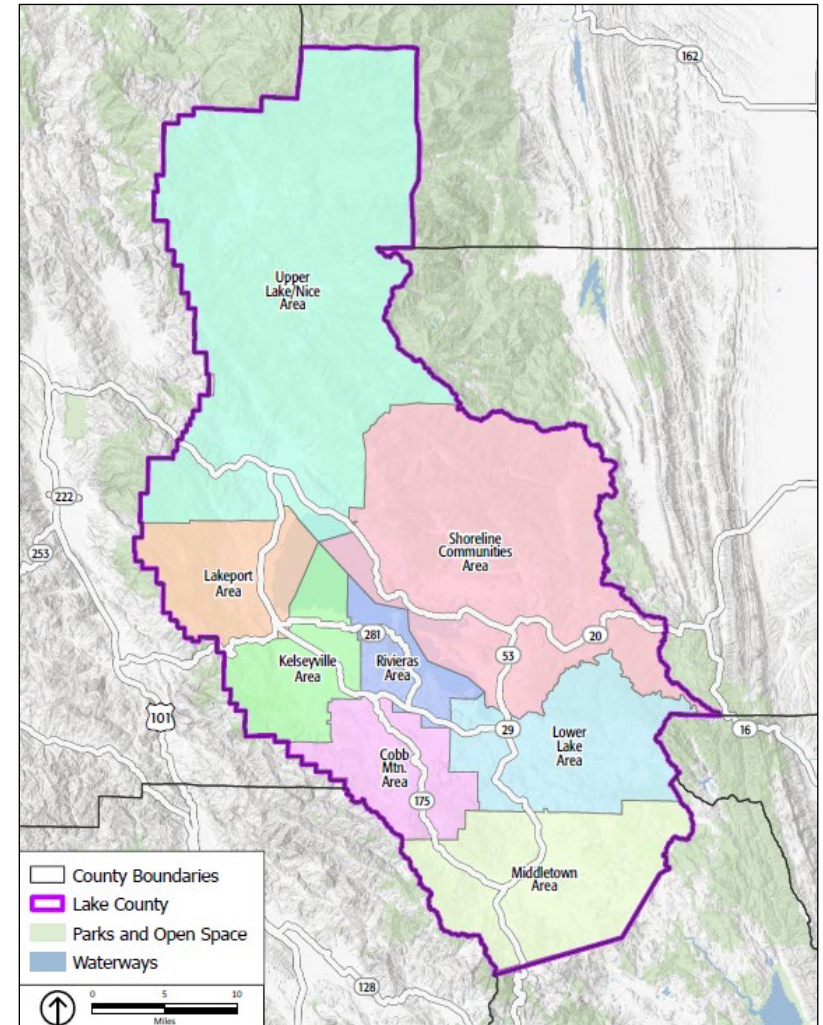
- **Presentation (15 minutes)**
 - Overview of Lake County 2050
 - Environmental Justice Element - Senate Bill 1000
 - Disadvantaged Communities
 - Lake County 2050 Process and Opportunities to Participate
- **Questions and Answers (15 minutes)**
- **Small Group Discussions (1 hour)**
- **Reports Back and Conclusion (20 minutes)**



Lake County 2050 Overview

Overview of Lake County 2050

- Comprehensive update to the General Plan, including all eight Local Area Plans:
 - Cobb Mountain
 - Kelseyville
 - Lakeport
 - Lower Lake
 - Middletown
 - Rivas
 - Shoreline Communities
 - Upper Lake-Nice
- Environmental review
- Climate Adaptation Plan
- Housing Action & Implementation Plan



What is a General Plan?

- Long-range plan, mandated by State law
- “Constitution” for development and conservation
 - Establishes countywide vision and supporting goals, policies, and actions
 - Provides consistent direction for future development
 - Balances growth, conservation, and quality of life
 - Documents baseline environmental conditions



Components of the General Plan

- **Required Topics**

- Land Use
- Open Space
- Circulation
- Housing*
- Conservation
- Safety
- Noise
- Environmental Justice

**The Housing Element will be updated separately on a different schedule.*

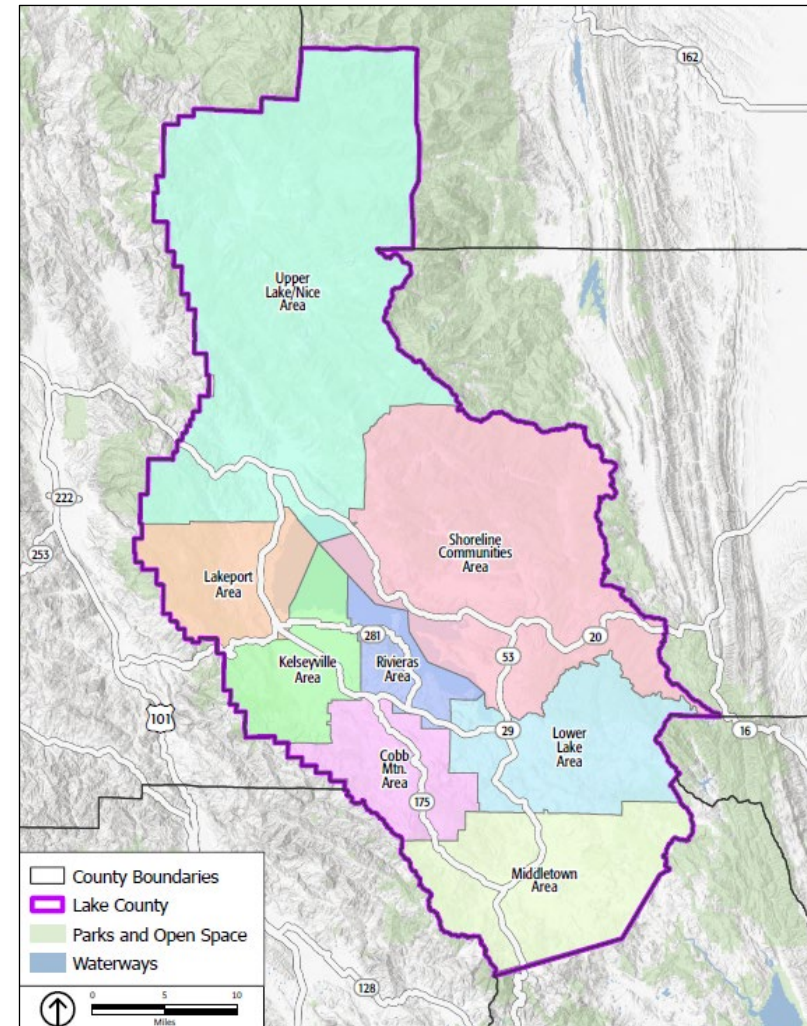
- **Optional Elements in Current General Plan**

- Aggregate Resources Management Plan*
- Agricultural Resources
- Geothermal Resources
- Public Facilities and Services
- Water Resources

**The Aggregate Resources Management Plan will be updated separately on a different schedule.*

What are Local Area Plans (LAPs)?

- Cover some required General Plan topics as well as additional, optional topics
- Consistent with all countywide elements and carry equal weight
- Reflect local characteristics
- Provide detailed policy and design guidance for the LAP area and for some communities (“special study areas”)
- Include zoning maps that correspond to the LAP land use designations



LAKE COUNTY 2050 General Plan

COUNTYWIDE ELEMENTS



Health and Safety



Noise



Geothermal



Agricultural Resources



Water Resources



Housing



Aggregate Resources Management Plan

LOCAL AREA PLANS



Land Use



Circulation



Open Space, Conservation, & Recreation



Environmental Justice



Public Facilities & Services



Economic Development



Special Study Areas

Community-Level Policy

Community Design Guidance

Environmental Justice Element

What is Environmental Justice?



The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, incomes, and national origins, with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §65040.12(E)



Environmental Justice Element – Senate Bill 1000

- **In disadvantaged communities:**
 - Reduce pollution exposure and improve air quality
 - Promote public facilities
 - Promote food access
 - Promote safe and sanitary homes
 - Promote physical activity
- **Engage the community in decision-making**
- **Prioritize improvements and programs that address needs in disadvantaged communities**

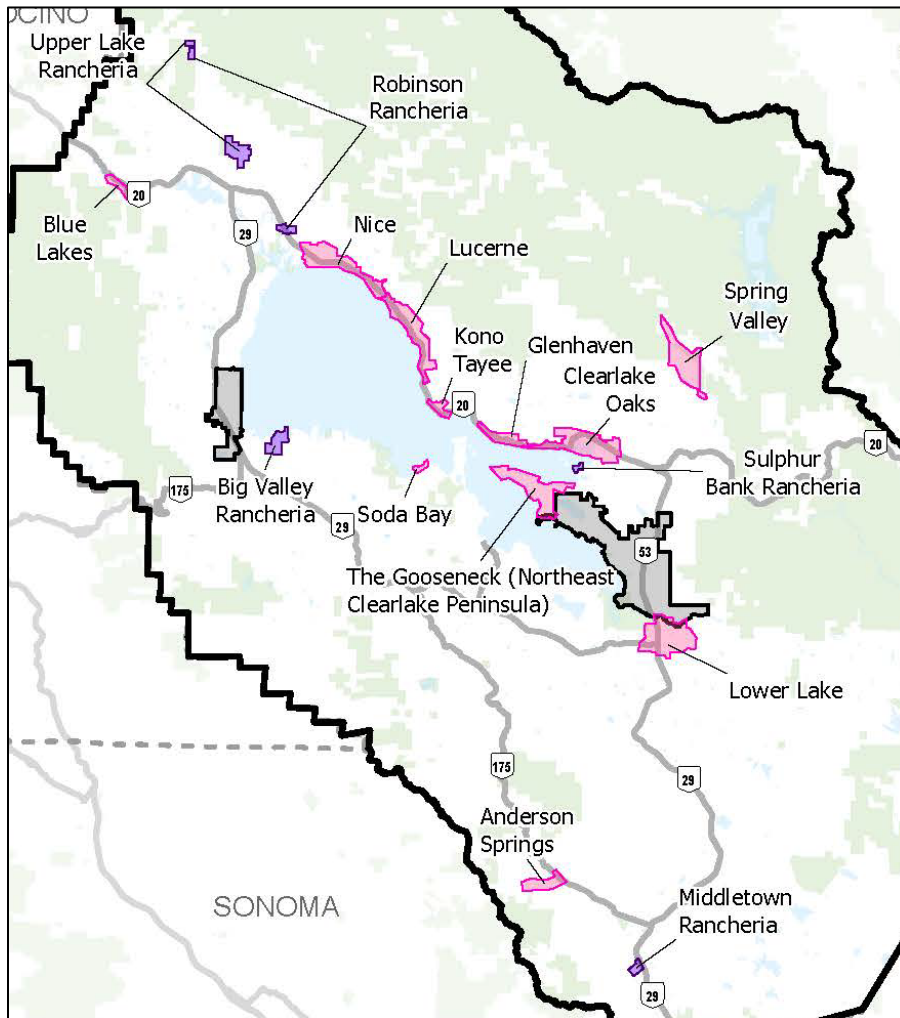


Identifying Disadvantaged Communities in Lake County

- The State of California provides guidance to identify disadvantaged communities based on several indicators related to:
 - Pollution Burdens
 - Exposures
 - Environmental Effects
 - Population Characteristics
 - Sensitive Populations
 - Socioeconomic Factors
- **Senate Bill 1000** also allows local jurisdictions to map disadvantaged communities themselves by considering:
 - Where are low-income areas?
 - Which of those low-income areas are disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution and other hazards?



Draft Disadvantaged Communities



- County Boundary
- Incorporated Jurisdictions
- Other Counties
- Parks and Open Space
- Water
- Preliminary Draft DACs
 - General
 - Rancheria

Lake County 2050 Process

Phase	Schedule
Project initiation, background research, website/initial outreach	Fall 2023 – Spring 2024
Draft Countywide Element updates, Local Area Plan updates initiation and alternatives	Spring – Fall 2024
Draft Local Area Plans	Fall 2024 – Spring 2025
Environmental Impact Report	Spring 2025 – Spring 2026
Public review and adoption	Spring – Fall 2026

Opportunities to Participate

- Other Stakeholder Focus Group Meetings
- Local Area Plan Community Workshops
 - Community-focused workshops at key milestones for LAP updates
 - Upcoming rounds:
 - Fall 2024: Policy and land use alternatives
 - Spring 2025: Review Draft Local Area Plans
- Local Area Plan Advisory Committee Meetings
- General Plan Advisory Committee Meetings
- Planning Commission Meetings
- Board of Supervisors Meetings
- Project Website
 - www.lakecounty2050.org



Questions and Answers

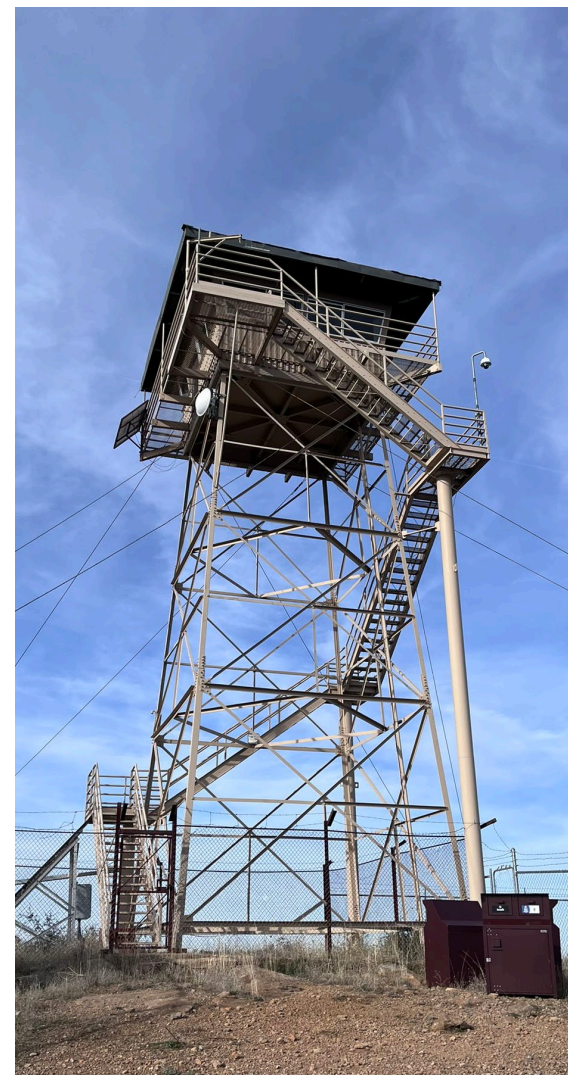
Discussion Questions

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1. What do you see as the key issues related to the SB 1000-identified EJ topics in Lake County (pollution exposure and air quality, public facilities and services, food access, safe and sanitary homes, physical activity, community engagement)? Are there other aspects to environmental justice you would like to see the General Plan address?
2. Does the preliminary draft map of disadvantaged communities that is based on available data look right to you? Are communities missing or should any be removed?
3. In addition to these geographically located groups, are there any other general populations vulnerable to environmental justice issues in Lake County that you would like to see special policy considerations for?
4. What are the best ways to engage disadvantaged communities in Lake County as part of the General Plan Update? And should we consider using a different term to characterize these communities? If so, what term would you suggest?

Reports Back

- Choose a representative from your small group
- Representative summarizes highlights of your small group discussion to the larger group



Next Steps

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- **Your input today will inform:**
 - Refinement to disadvantaged communities mapping
 - Identification of key environmental justice issues and potential policy solutions, to be discussed in Community Workshop Series #2 this fall
- **If you are looking for other ways to stay involved in the project...**
 - Consider applying to serve on your Local Area Plan Advisory Committee
 - Visit the project website: lakecounty2050.org
 - Join our mailing list
 - Find details on upcoming meetings and events, including Community Workshop Series #2

