

Lake County 2050 Round 1 Local Area Plan (LAP) Workshop Series Rivieras Workshop Summary

In-Person Workshop
Monday, April 15, 2024

Workshop Series Overview

In April 2024, Lake County hosted the first round of community workshops kicking off the Local Area Plan (LAP) updates as part of Lake County 2050, the comprehensive update to Lake County's General Plan. The County hosted in-person workshops in each of the eight LAP areas. Each workshop was held as part of a meeting of the established advisory body for the LAP area.

Rivieras Workshop Introduction

The Rivieras Round 1 LAP Workshop, hosted by the Kelseyville Riviera Community Association (KRCA) and the County, with support from AmeriCorps, was held on April 15, 2024, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at the KRCA Office in Clearlake Riviera. Virtual attendance was not available at this meeting due to a lack of internet connection.

The workshop introduced community members to the project and gathered initial input to inform the updates to the Rivieras LAP.

The County's Community Development Director, Mireya Turner, opened the meeting by thanking attendees, KRCA members, and project staff and emphasizing the importance of community involvement in the Lake County 2050 project. County staff then presented an overview of the General Plan Update process, which includes updates to all eight LAPs and preparation of the General Plan EIR. The presentation included information about State requirements for the General Plan, the organization of the General Plan with countywide elements and LAP topics, the project timeline, and ongoing opportunities to participate. Following the presentation, the project team held a question-and-answer session before considering the discussion questions.

For the meeting slides, a recording of the meeting, and more information about the project, visit <https://lakecounty2050.org/past-meetings-materials/>.

Workshop Attendees

Supervisor Pyska (District 5) and CalFire Division Chief and South Lake County Volunteer Fire Fighters Association Chief Paul Duncan attended the meeting in addition to twelve members of the public, including KRCA members.

Small Group Discussion

Following the presentation, project staff answered questions from participants and then introduced the four discussion questions, which participants broke into small groups to discuss while project staff facilitated and recorded answers.

Small Group Discussion Summary

Working in small groups of 3 to 4 participants, each with a staff facilitator and note-taker, workshop participants discussed four questions about the future of the Rivas area. Participants were encouraged to collaborate and discuss their perspectives and emerging ideas in response to each question while notetakers recorded responses on large flip-chart paper.

The four questions are presented below, each followed by a bulleted list of ideas community members shared in their responses.

What do you like most about the Rivas area? What would you like to see supported, preserved, or enhanced as part of this planning effort?

- Land Use and Community Character
 - Preserve and protect the isolated, rural, small-town, and low-density residential character.
- Economy
 - Maintain the grocery store that serves the community, which is easy to access.
 - Preserve the strong agricultural base.
- Environment and Environmental Health
 - Preserve and protect the lake as a cultural and economic resource. Clean it up, protect the ecosystem, and promote green tourism uses at the lake.
 - Protect lake views and the natural beauty of the lake and shoreline.
 - Preserve and protect clean air, peace, and good views.
 - Preserve and protect open green space.
- Public Services
 - Support and enhance the small school in the area.

What are the challenges facing the Rivas area? What would you like to see changed to make it a better place to live and work?

- Community Character
 - Address issues related to abandoned cars and illegal dumping.
- Economy
 - Increase government support for local businesses.
- Environment and Environmental Health
 - Address concerns related to pesticides and herbicides washing into the lake and damaging the lake ecosystem.
- Parks and Recreation
 - Provide more parks and different types of parks, including a dog park and a family-oriented park. Provide park amenities like pickleball or a sport court.
 - Provide more hiking/walking/nature trails.
 - There are no activities for youth; the area is a “recreational desert.” Expand options for youth activities.

- Provide more 'blue zone' activities for seniors.
- Safety
 - Mitigate wildfire risks, including by increasing fire inspections in the area.
 - Enhance and extend the roadside vegetation clearing efforts that have been occurring in Soda Bay to happen throughout the county.
 - There is a lack of emergency egress/ingress. Prepare an evacuation plan and develop alternative evacuation routes for the area.
 - Improve roadway signage, especially to mark dead-ends and places where evacuees could become trapped.
 - Support access to affordable fire insurance.
- Transportation
 - Provide safer pedestrian routes and more sidewalks.
 - Improve roadways, which are in a poor state of repair and have low visibility.
 - Expand public transit serving the area.
- Public Services and Infrastructure
 - Transition from public/private to County-maintained.

Do you think changes are needed to the planned land uses shown in the General Plan land use map? If so, what changes are needed?

- Consider redesignating the former golf course for a public park (see map markup).
- Consider land use map changes that would support development of a hardware store, pharmacy, and public marina (see map markups).

Do you think changes are needed to the Local Area Plan boundary? If so, what changes are needed?

- Expand the southeast LAP boundary near Point Lakeview Road (see image).