

★ Plan says slopes will limit recreation

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Or, as a bureaucrat, might say, "This plan will provide the basis for future design memoranda and construction plans and specifications. The master plan may be revised in future years to reflect public attitudes and changed management options." That's how the consultants summarize it.

The Corps is soliciting comments and views of interested parties and individuals on the plan. Col. John M. Adsit, the Corps' San Francisco district engineer, says those comments should be received by the middle of February. Anyone who wishes to mail comments or obtain a copy of the draft master plan should write Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, 211 Main St., San Francisco 94105.

A final master plan, incorporating comments on the draft, will be released in August, a Corps spokesman said.

Among the information contained in the draft master plan: — "The extremely steep slopes, the potential for soil erosion and the sensitive and critical wildlife areas make access to the lake difficult and limit the areas where activity can take place. Therefore, auto camping and day use are located close to already existing relocated Rockpile Road and to the relocated Hot Springs Road."

— Lake Sonoma may have a capacity of 381,000 acre feet — 130,000 for flood control; 212,000 for water conservation; 26,000 for sediment accumulated during the project's estimated 100-year life; and 13,000 for maintenance of a minimum pool.

— Available moisture related to the lake will create conditions conducive to fog, high relative humidity. — The most serious soils problem is related to steep slopes and an erosion hazard. New slides may develop on unstable slopes which are saturated by the rising reservoir.

— The only significant area under a 10 percent slope is just downstream of the dam; most slopes are over 25 percent, especially along the lakeshore. — Very few structures exist on the project site.

— Poor water quality may limit development of a tailwater fishery for the first 3-5 years, but after that period a tailwater fishery can be established.

— Wildlife loss due to inundation can be "mitigated" by establishing 5,200 acres of wildlife management areas.

— The fish hatchery at the dam should produce more than enough fish to offset losses due to dam construction. — If the state ever builds the Cloverdale freeway bypass, the most likely route to the dam from Cloverdale will be via Kelly Road — which is now not even paved — with a new connection to Hot Springs Road, which will be relocated to serve as the prime access road through the northern part of the recreation area.

— County plans to promote Canyon Road as the

big southern entry to the dam site may make it the favored access route from Healdsburg.

Boating limited

— Boating will be limited to two areas on the lake — a power boat launching ramp at the northern end of the lake and another near the dam off to the right of the Warm Springs bridge. The report says "a simple diversion of the Lake Sonoma surface into various zones has been made." Each zone has restrictions as to the type of boat use permitted with the main arm of the lake allowing power boating but with speed and decibel restrictions enforced and with only smaller boats with motor and speed restrictions allowed in the small arms and coves of the lake."

Reaction to the master plan Wednesday was muted, with dam proponents and opponents saying they hadn't had much time to digest the big document.

"Our attorney said it was an environmentalists' paradise," said Milt Brandt of the Healdsburg-based Citizens for Community Improvement. "It seems to lean toward the nature lovers — it leans pretty heavily that way."

Brandt added, "Everything is pretty inaccessible." He said part of the reason there is a relative dearth of places for recreation is a "dog in the manger" attitude on the part of dam opponents who, having lost the battle to stop the dam, want to "destroy" the lake.

It's well done

Brandt and Les Ayers, co-chairman of the Warm Springs Dam Task Force, who usually don't even agree on what time it is, both agreed the master plan was masterfully prepared.

"I think they've done a pretty thorough job. I certainly think the thing was handled fairly," Brandt said.

Ayers said, "I think they've done a very fine job in preparing it — it's quite a good effort."

"It is a very fine plan — it has considered all the major concerns," Ayers said Wednesday from his Sonoma home.

On some of the plan's recommendations, he and Brandt were not surprisingly, in disagreement.

"The only thing I've noticed," said Ayers, "is that

there's a higher number of visitor days than the facilities and the roads in the Dry Creek area can handle and will be happy with."

The report says the "potential visitation" in 1985 is 1.7 million and the projected potential visitation in the year, 2,020 is 2.5 million. However, the project's "carrying capacity" is determined to be 1.7 million and the report says "to insure that project resources will not be depleted, carrying capacities will not be exceeded. Overflow parking is not planned in areas of high-intensity development since numbers of spaces provided

corresponds to the capacity of the proposed facility."

Brandt disagreed with Ayers' contention the roads and the Dry Creek Valley can't handle the visitors.

No Berryessa

"I don't foresee a Berryessa," said Brandt. "I think it'll be a credit to the community." Nothing is going to get too much traffic. It'll be spread around enough. It'll take care of itself."

Brandt voiced some misgivings about the amount of boating facilities available, but added, "If there isn't enough boating it's probably

their (boaters') own fault for not turning up at the hearings."

A Corps spokesman, Maj. Lamonte Allen of the Corps' San Francisco district, said, "We knew before we started on this that recreation would be limited. The basic requirement was flood control and water supply and recreation is just an added benefit."

Allen encouraged public comment. "We'll consider the comments and weigh them against what's authorized and the statutory limitations. We'll try to include them (comments and suggestions)

if they're authorized or legal. Those that we can put in we will; if they're not legal, we'll omit them," Allen said.

The final master plan — which the Corps said in a July 3, 1978 press release would be completed in February, 1979, is not expected until the late summer.

Comments will be accepted until Feb. 11 from the estimated 650 people to whom draft master plans were mailed. It will take the consultant another two months or so to submit the final plan and another two months for approval by the Corps' main office, Allen said.

Workers put new face on SF's Cliff House

San Francisco's famous Cliff House, now part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, is getting a \$100,000 face-lifting from the National Park Service. Painters from the Bill Wright Painting and Decorating are now giving the old building a glistening coat of off-white paint with a brown trim.

Repair work to the building includes replacing the windows on the west side, repairing weather-worn concrete, replacing gutters, and removing some carnival-like additions.

The Oakland contractor will receive \$95,500 to repair and paint the Cliff House which was purchased from private owners in 1977 for inclusion within Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Workers from the Golden Gate National Recreation Area's Young Adult Conservation Corps, a youth employment program sponsored by the Department of the Interior, are building a new visitor contact point for visitors who throng to the structure each year.

The new Park Service visitor contact station is being built by the recreation area's YACC team in a building which once housed machinery to propel a cable car to another rock promontory along the shoreline.

The first Cliff House was built in 1863 but suffered severe damage in 1887 when a ship loaded with dynamite was wrecked on the rocks below. The building was repaired and lasted until 1894 when it was destroyed by fire.

Adolph Sutro, a mayor of San Francisco and a mining tycoon, built a magnificent six-story Victorian gingerbread palace on the site in 1896. Although the Cliff House survived the 1906 earthquake it burned down a year later. Sutro replaced it in 1910 with the present structure which has been changed and added to over the years.

Lynn Thompson, general superintendent of the recreation area, said future plans under consideration in the general management plan call for restoring the building to its 1910 condition. The Cliff House was purchased by the National Park Service for inclusion in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in July 1977 for \$3.8 million.

Golden Gate U offers 300 courses

Golden Gate University will offer more than 300 courses in business and public administration during its 15-week spring semester beginning Jan. 29 in downtown San Francisco and seven other Bay Area cities. Registration for undergraduate and graduate classes opened Jan. 3.

Most courses will be held one evening a week on the university's main campus at 536 Mission St. in San Francisco, and others are scheduled in Martinez, Napa, Oakland, Palo Alto, San Jose, San Rafael, and Santa Rosa. The spring semester marks the opening of GGU's new facility at 536 Mission St., San Francisco.

The spring schedule includes courses in management, banking finance, accounting, taxation, arts administration, agribusiness management, project and construction management, in-

formation science, telecommunications management, transportation and physical distribution management, health services management, hotel, restaurant and institutional management, real estate, marketing, public administration and justice administration.

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Further information may be obtained from the Admissions Office, Golden Gate University, 536 Mission St., San Francisco 94105, telephone (415) 391-7800, extension 270 or 271.

First baby holding off

As The Tribune went to press Wednesday morning, Healdsburg was still waiting for its first baby of the new year.

A spokesperson at Healdsburg General Hospital said no births were imminent.

The first baby born in Healdsburg in 1979 and its parents stand to win a host of prizes from local merchants.

State buys land in county

The California Public Works Board last month authorized acquisition by condemnation of two parcels in Sonoma County.

The board approved \$944,539 in funds for acquisition of 890 acres for addition to Jack London State Park.

Also approved was \$45,000 for a parcel near Sonoma Coast State Beach.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

CUERVO — To Maria and Luis Cuervo, Healdsburg, at Community Hospital, December 21, a boy, 9 pounds 9 ounces.

BARBER — To Gina and William Barber, Windsor, at Community Hospital, December 26, twins, a boy, 5 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, a girl, 4 pounds 10 ounces.

GAITAN — To Alice and Elias Gaitan, Windsor, at Community Hospital, December 27, a girl, 8 pounds 8 ounces.



Wendy Woods, one of Ukiah's youngest fiddlers, has entered in the fourth annual 19th Century Old Time Fiddle contest to be sponsored Jan. 13 by the Cloverdale Historical Society. The contest, which will be held at the Citrus Fairgrounds, will offer divisions for fiddlers of all ages with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. Entry fees range from \$2.50 - \$5 and a total of \$895 in prize money will be awarded. More information is available by calling 894-3495 or 433-5103.

Farm show displays latest equipment

The 14th annual Colusa Orchard and Farm Equipment Show will be held Feb. 6-8 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on the 44th District Agricultural Association Fairgrounds in Colusa.

The show holds the title of being the oldest farm equipment show in the state and the largest specialty show for orchard equipment. For the third year, the show also includes row crop equipment, supplies and services.

The emphasis, however, continues to remain on equipment and supplies for use in orchards. The equipment and services run the gamut from a pollinating service for a heavier set of fruit on through spraying equipment, harvesting equipment and pruning equipment to prepare for next year's crop.

Pruning equipment ranges from hand-operated pruning shears, saws and ladders to powered pruning saws operated out of a hydraulic lift squirrel cage. Once the limbs and debris are down, there is another wide range of equipment for disposing of it, including chippers, flail mowers, and even log splitters, some with their own power source, others operating off a tractor power take off.

An equally wide range of frost protection equipment will be shown.

The ever increasing number of exhibits required the opening of an additional building for inside exhibits as well as expanding the area on the grounds to more than 15 acres.

As usual there will be a large number of exhibitors showing irrigation systems. Systems at this year's show will range from a new type linear sprinkler system to innovations in drip irrigation systems. Accompanying the irrigation exhibits are distributors showing pumps, both portable and stationary, engines for pumps, pipe,

automatic timers, some of which even measure the moisture in the soil and automatically turn on the irrigation system.

In addition to machinery and materials, some exhibitors are services oriented and are offering more and more sophisticated services for the grower. The grower will be able to subscribe to his own weather predicting service, computerized bookkeeping service, even a labor service to help him deal more effectively with his employees.

On hand to discuss their latest programs will be representatives of the state's leading lending institutions. Fertilizer companies, seed companies and building companies will be there.

Among the more unusual exhibitors will be those with products to help the orchardist overcome pests, ranging from bird-alarm devices and netting to the latest products on the market to control gophers and squirrels.

The show, sponsored by the 44th District Agricultural Association in cooperation with the University of California Cooperative Extension, is free. Ample parking, also free, is available both on the grounds and in the area.

California dairies raised their milk output 35 percent since 1968, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation. The increase is more than double the hike of the next most productive state, Wisconsin.

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