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Community Kickoff Meeting Greater Higgins Area Plan

October 21, 2021



WELCOME!

This workshop is to listen to you, the community of the South County / Greater Higgins Area, to understand your vision for the future.







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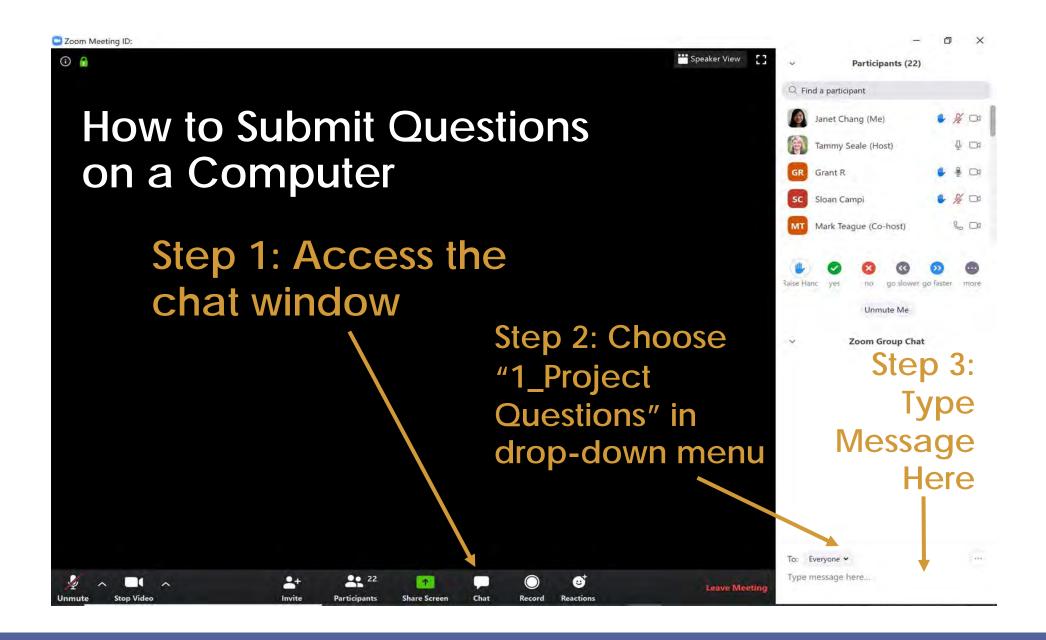
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT?

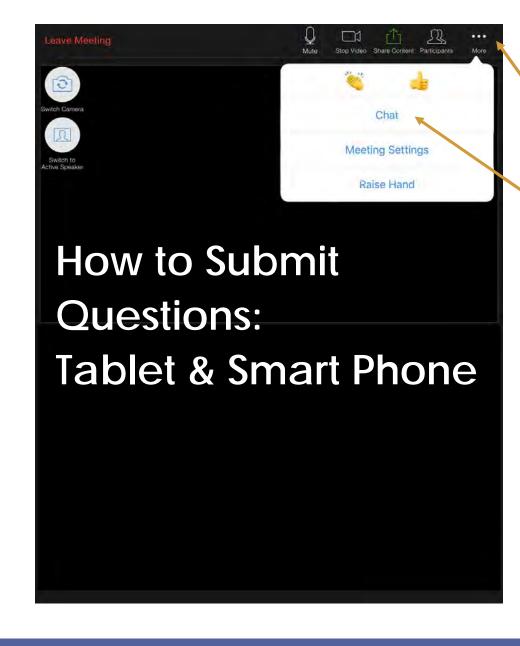
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Answers provided during Q&A

NEED HELP WITH TECH SUPPORT?

Send a chat message in Zoom to "2_Tech Support"



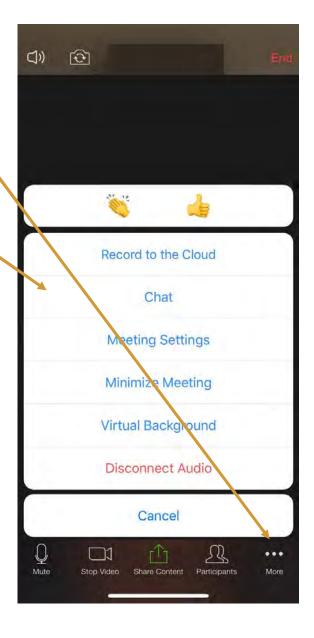


Step 1: Click "More"

Step 2: Access the Chat Window

Step 3: Choose "1_Project Questions"

Step 4: Type Message in Chat Window (not shown)



Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome
- Presentation
- Q&A
- Breakout Room Discussion
- Report Back and Next Steps

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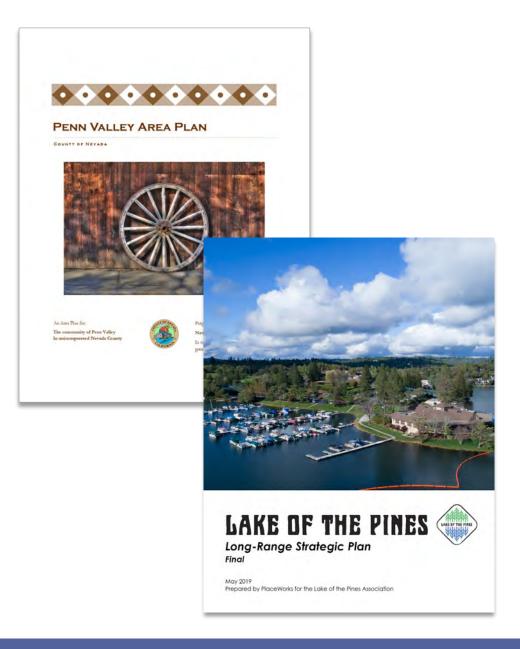
PROJECT BACKGROUND

What is the purpose of the Area Plan?

- Establish a comprehensive future vision integrating housing, commerce and culture.
- Serve as a blueprint for future development
 - Land Use
 - Economic Development
 - Public Facilities and Services
 - Design Goals, Guidelines and Standards
- Engage the community in an inclusive visioning process

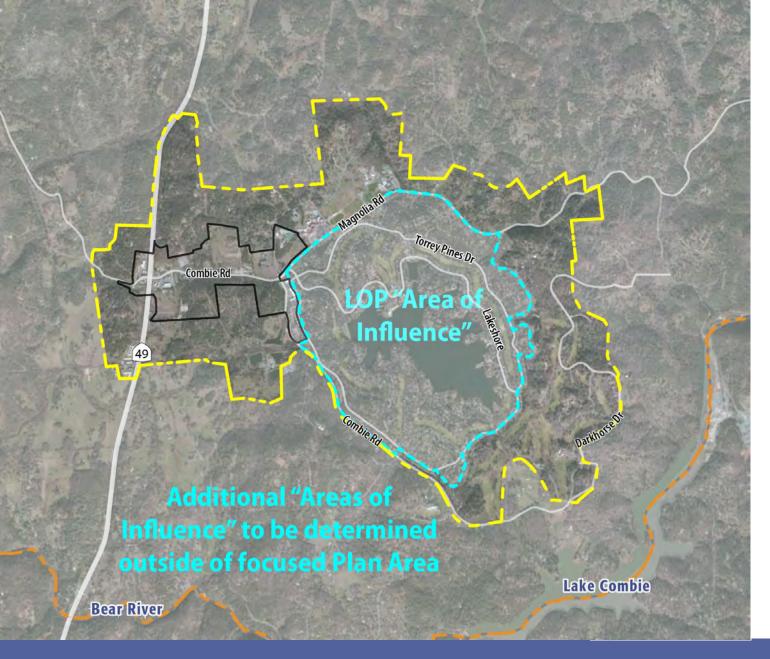
Planning Background

- Higgins Area Plan (2000)
- Recent/ongoing updates to the General Plan
- Other recent plans serve as models:
 - Penn Valley Area Plan (2020)
 - Soda Springs Area Plan (2016)
- The Greater Higgins Area Plan is funded through a Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grant.



Project Partner: South County Area Municipal Advisory Council (SCMAC)

- Helps engage the community and advises and informs on issues in and around the Higgins Corner/Lake of the Pines area.
- Advises the project team to ensure an inclusive participatory process and a final plan that promotes the community's vision.
- SCMAC meetings are open to the public, and you are invited to attend!



- The Plan Area will be the focus area for policies and recommendations.
- The planning process will engage residents from inside and outside the Plan Area.

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Plan Area
(Preliminary)
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Higgins Area Plan (2000) Boundary

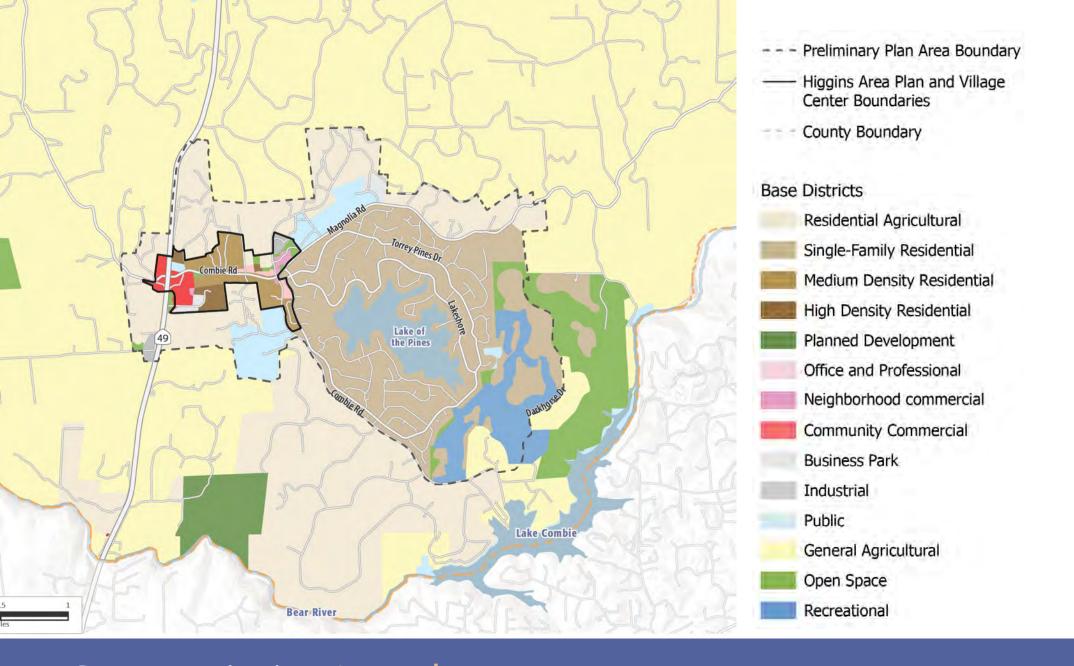
Lake of the Pines CDP Boundary

[___] County Boundary

Combie Rd Influence" **Additional "Areas of** Influence" to be determined outside of focused Plan Area **Lake Combie Bear River**

Initial Considerations:

- Expand upon the Study Area for the previously adopted Higgins Corner Area Plan to include surrounding areas with a nexus of culture and commerce to the Higgins Corner/Lake of the Pines Village Center and Community Region.
- Focus on areas that have potential for change, to guide future growth that contributes to community vitality



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Q & A

FOCUS GROUP VISIONING EXERCISE

1. Community Strengths and Identity

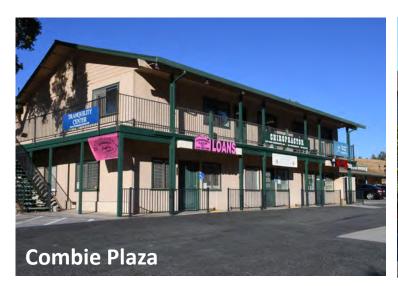
- What are the existing strengths and character of the Greater Higgins Area?
- Is there a community identity, and is it important to have one?





2. Housing and Development Vision

- What new commercial development is desired or needed?
- What types of new housing are needed and where should they be located?







3. Recreation and Public Space Vision

- What kinds of new parks, open space and recreation facilities are needed?
- Is there a need or desire for a public gathering/community space?





4. Transportation Vision

What ways should travel be enhanced for drivers, bicyclists, walkers or transit users?







FOCUS GROUP VISIONING EXERCISE

FOCUS GROUP REPORT-BACK

Timeline/Next Steps



Meetings of the South County Area Municipal Advisory Council (SCMAC) regarding the Area Plan will be posted to the "meetings and event" section of the project website.

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THANK YOU!

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