

# Yosemite National Park

## Merced River Plan

**Distribution:** Public Workshop on the Protection & Enhancement of River Values

**Date:** Thursday, August 2, 2012

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Garden Terrace, Yosemite Lodge, Yosemite Valley



Time	Topic	Primary Speaker(s)	Duration
9:00	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Don Neubacher	<b>10 minutes</b>
9:10	<b>Merced River Planning Framework – Foundation</b>		<b>30 minutes</b>
9:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORV Condition Assessment/Baseline Conditions</li> <li>• Indicators, Standards, and Definitions</li> <li>• Management Concerns and Corrective Actions</li> <li>• Enhancement; Improving Conditions in the Corridor</li> <li>• Monitoring and Course Correction</li> </ul>	Kathleen Morse	30 minutes
9:40	<b>Questions &amp; Discussion</b>		<b>20 minutes</b>
10:00	<b>Recreation ORV &amp; River Use Study</b>		<b>40 minutes</b>
10:00	<p><b>Recreation ORV</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basics of the rewrite of Baseline Conditions Report in response to public comments</li> <li>• Recreation ORV does not include all recreation, although WSRA does not say other types should or could not be allowed</li> </ul> <p><b>Capacity Related Findings from River Use Study</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current condition of this major component of the Recreation ORV in Yosemite Valley</li> </ul>	Jim Bacon / Doug Whittaker / Bo Shelby	40 minutes
10:40	<b>Questions &amp; Discussion (Short Break)</b>		<b>30 minutes</b>
11:10	<b>Facilities &amp; Services Analysis</b>		<b>30 minutes</b>
11:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Use and WSRA</li> <li>• Facilities/Services: Foundational</li> <li>• Facilities/Services: Moving Parts</li> </ul>	Kathleen Morse	30 minutes
11:40	<b>Questions &amp; Discussion</b>		<b>20 minutes</b>
12:00	<b>BREAK FOR LUNCH</b>		<b>1 HOUR</b>
1:00	<b>Background to Addressing User Capacity</b>		<b>10 minutes</b>
1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of user capacity expert involvement</li> <li>• Overview of process to address user capacity</li> </ul>	Jim Bacon	10 minutes
1:10	<b>Questions &amp; Discussion</b>		<b>10 minutes</b>
1:20	<b>Outcomes of Addressing User Capacity</b>		<b>1 hour</b>
1:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definitions and FAQs about capacity</li> <li>• How capacities fit with and protect river values</li> <li>• Tradeoffs in developing capacities</li> <li>• Illustrating tradeoffs at both ends of the range: infrastructure, conditions, other actions and capacities in alts 2 and 6:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Key access issues: circulation and parking availability</li> <li>○ Key ecological use-related issues: riparian/meadow values</li> <li>○ Key social use-related issues: densities at beaches and attraction sites</li> <li>○ Limiting factors and finalizing capacities for an alternative</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Doug Whittaker / Bo Shelby	1 hour
2:20	<b>Questions &amp; Discussion</b>		<b>30 minutes</b>
2:50	<b>Close-out &amp; Next Steps</b>	Don Neubacher	<b>10 minutes</b>