

Yosemite National Park

MERCED RIVER PLAN...*PROVIDING ACCESS AND PROTECTING RESOURCES*

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OVERVIEW

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY.
WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE THESE PRELIMINARY
ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS WITH YOU.

Comments received during the public workshops and in response to the workbook in Fall 2011 informed the development of these preliminary concepts. As you review these concepts please keep in mind that:

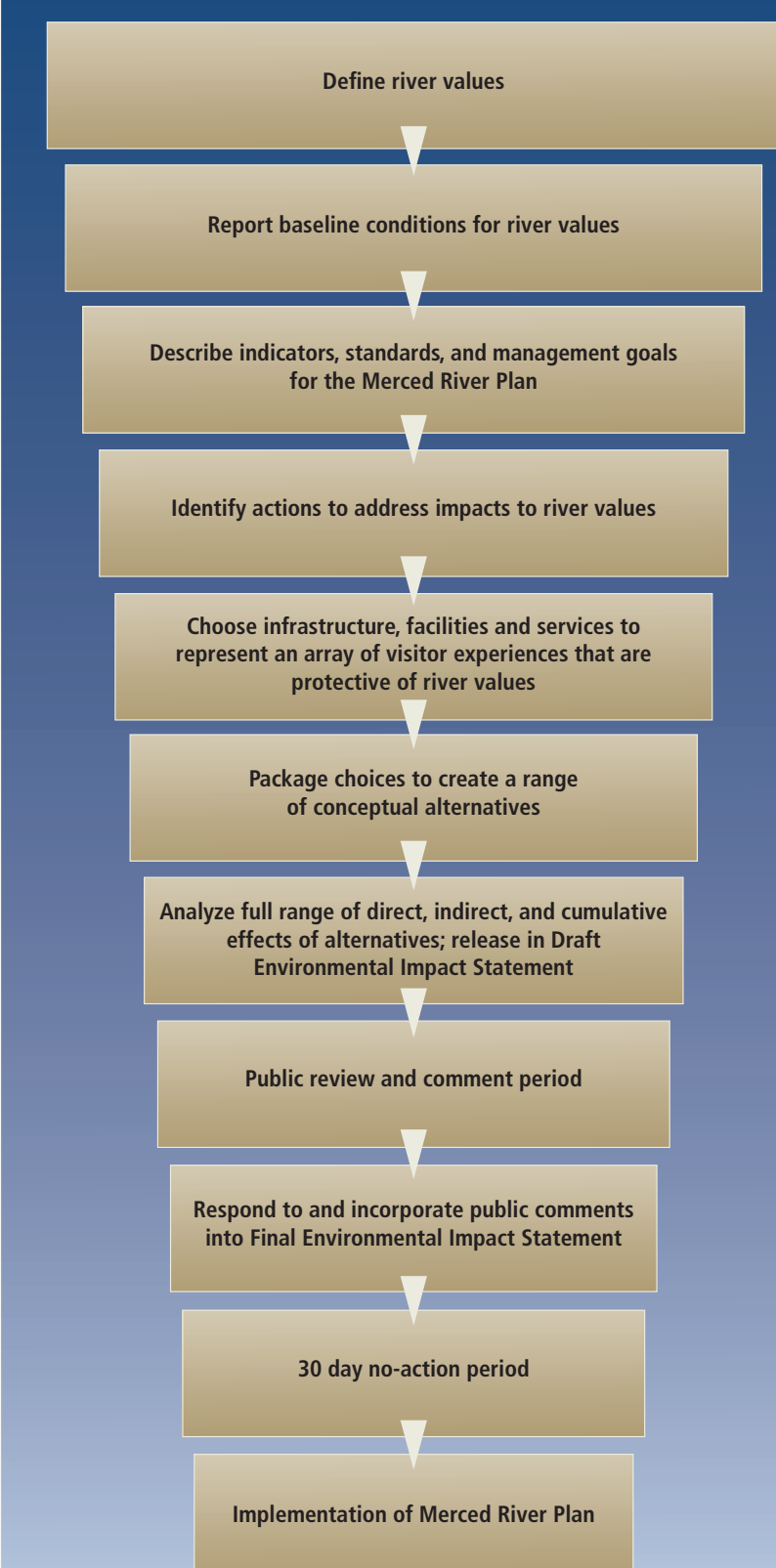
- ❖ the plan must contain a reasonable and feasible range of alternatives
- ❖ all alternatives must protect river values



Photo: The Merced River, designated as Wild and Scenic in 1987, flows between granite monoliths of Yosemite Valley. Photo by Christine White Loberg

THE PLAN

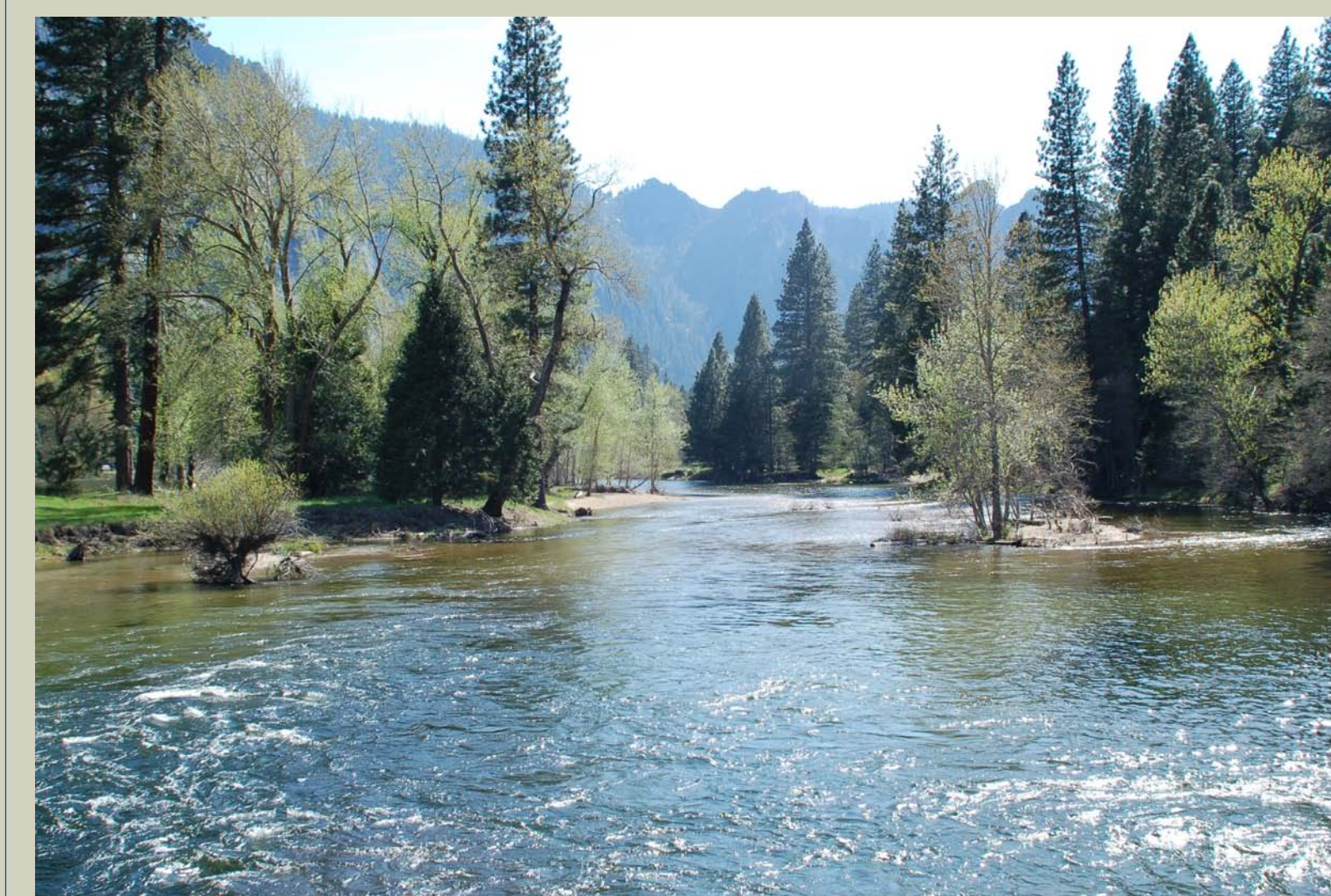
THE MERCED RIVER PLAN A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH



WHAT ARE ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS?

Components of Alternative Concepts

Part 1	Monitoring Scientific Indicators of Resource Condition
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outstandingly Remarkable Values• Free-flowing Condition• Water Quality
Part 2	Management Actions to Protect and Enhance (These Are Common to All Alternatives)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manage River Values• Manage Visitor Use and Capacity• Manage Land Use
Part 3	Site-specific Management Actions (These Vary by Alternative Concept)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Range of Vistation Levels and Recreation Experiences



WHAT'S NEXT?

Feedback received during these workshops, site visits, and review of these preliminary alternative concepts will be examined, synthesized, and used to refine the full alternatives that will be analyzed in the draft environmental impact statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be released in Fall 2012.

HOW TO COMMENT AND STAY INVOLVED

We've provided a comment form to encourage your feedback on these preliminary alternative concepts. The questions are also available online at the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/MRPAalternatives>

While electronic comments are preferred, we will accept your comments in any format. Check out page 2 of the workbook for more information about how to submit comments.

Please submit your comments by April 20, 2012.

