

# Project Planning & VRM



# Objective

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Students will understand how to incorporate visual resource objectives into all phases of project planning and why it's important to do so.

# Key Points to Remember

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- Incorporate visual resource considerations early in and throughout process
- Understand existing constraints
- Team approach is best
- Field review is essential
- Don't jump to design details too soon

# Incorporate Visual Resources

Visual Resources should be considered in every step of project planning process.



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Incorporating visual resource considerations throughout project planning process will result in fewer or no mitigation measures.

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The cost of not incorporating visual resource considerations into project planning process may exceed the cost of doing so.



# Understand Existing Constraints



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- Laws, Management Strategies, Guidance
- RMPs, MFPs, City and County General Plans
- **VRM Class Objectives**
- Activity Plans, including
  - Travel Management Plans,
  - Transportation Plans,  
Master Plans,
  - Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMPs)
- Project plans, design guidelines/standards
- Existing Facilities

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Every Affected Resource should have appropriate representation on the planning team.

- Project Proponent
- Soils
- Wildlife
- Cultural
- Recreation Planner
- Landscape Architect
- Engineer
- Etc.

# Team Approach is Best

Get planning team together:

- early
- often
- on the ground



# Field review is essential

There is no substitute for on-the-ground project review!



# Don't Jump to Design Too Soon

Thoughtful planning leads to good design.

