Project Planning & VRM

Objective

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

- 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
- **<u>VRM Class Objectives</u>**
- 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.