

# TULE LAKE UNIT GMP/EA: PUBLIC REVIEW

## Consolidated Public Meeting Notes: November 2016 – January 2017



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### Meeting attendance

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Klamath Falls, OR	November 29, 2016	25
Los Angeles, CA	December 1, 2016	30
Carson, CA	December 2, 2016	35
Sacramento, CA	December 6, 2016	65
Sacramento, CA	December 7, 2016	28
San Francisco, CA	December 8, 2016	35
San Jose, CA	December 8, 2016	32
Seattle, WA	December 13, 2016	34
Portland, OR	December 14, 2016	<i>Cancelled due to winter weather</i>
Hood River, OR	December 15, 2016	<i>Cancelled due to winter weather</i>
Virtual Meeting 1	January 10, 2017	5
Virtual Meeting 2 (online and New York, NY)	January 18, 2017	35
Tulelake, CA	January 18, 2017	61
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>424</b>

**Note to readers:**

These notes were transcribed as precisely as possible to correspond to the participants' own words. In a few places in these notes, the meaning of a statement may be obscured or lost; this is a result of manual transcription and/or human error.

The numbering system applied to the comments and questions is for ease of identifying the comment or question. It does not necessarily represent the comment or question in the order it was received.

**The following acronyms and abbreviations were used in the transcriptions.**

BLM – Bureau of Land Management  
BOR – Bureau of Reclamation  
CA – California  
CCC – Civilian Conservation Corps  
CEQA – California Environmental Quality Act  
EA – Environmental Assessment  
EIS – Environmental Impact Statement  
FAA – Federal Aviation Administration  
GMP – General Management Plan  
GPS – Global Positioning System  
JA – Japanese American  
JACL – Japanese American Citizens League  
JACS – Japanese American Confinement Sites program  
JANM – Japanese American National Museum  
MP – military police  
NEPA – National Environmental Policy Act  
NHL – National Historic Landmark  
NHS – National Historic Site  
NPS – National Park Service  
OR – Oregon  
POW – prisoner of war  
SF – square feet  
SHPO – State Historic Preservation Officer  
TCP – Traditional Cultural Property  
TL – Tule Lake  
USFWS – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
VC – Visitor Center  
WRA – War Relocation Authority  
WWII – World War II

## **TULELAKE, CA: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016**

**6-8 pm, Newell Family Resource Center (“The Honker”)**

**Attendance: 39**

### Notes from Full Group (no breakouts)

1. Tule Lake, Segregation Center, should be a National Monument on its own.
2. Include signage, “historical sites” to improve/increase tourism.
3. Have numbers and GPS coordinates on stakes. Corresponding to driving guide/self-guide. Would need to coordinate with stakeholders.
4. Will visitors have public access to the Peninsula? Peninsula is off limits. It is frustrating that it has been off limits for so long. It is our land.
5. Is USFWS on board with roads and access to Peninsula?
6. Will the government force eminent domain on historic sites if the site is expanded?
7. The land belongs to everyone, but can’t access land. Response: Have to follow document.
8. Can there be a guarantee that the NPS will only remain at the current 37 acres? The threat of expansion causes lack of credibility. Our voices may not be heard in San Francisco or other big cities.
9. Expanding boundaries are a big concern. This will not get support from community.
10. Define National Historic Landmark Eligibility, p. 193?
11. What does National Historic Landmark Eligibility mean for private property?
12. Peninsula has been in community for a long time. Form a committee of locals and Park staff to explore possibilities.
13. Everyone is a stakeholder. It should be open and not confined to a certain group.
14. Someone somewhere else shouldn’t tell me what to do on my property. It matters who lives here.
15. Petroglyphs, damage to property, should have access and also think about protection of resources.
16. 37 acres a valid plan. Stick to it, but don’t go beyond.
17. Watch wording – guided tours, provide guidance so people treat area with care.
18. If there can be legislation introduced that everyone can read/ be informed of, then more people can rest easy if they are well-informed and can have an agreement. Like the bill LaMalfa introduced.
19. Rich history, but locally based. Deal with homefront, not just Japanese American history, but all aspects. Build good partnerships. Go past history of 1940s.
20. Will there be some form of recognition of all community members who have served in the military? We need to recognize those who built the town and their history.
21. Support Option C actions at the Segregation Center.
22. FM radio station broadcast to get more buy in from people on highway.
23. There are business opportunities because of the site. We need to build on what we already have.
24. Surprised how supportive people are to tell the story here. Including more locals equals more support.
25. Question about whether these three alternatives and the entire plan is a draft.
26. Will there be another meeting? This meeting took place so soon after the document was released.
27. Peninsula has meaning to locals.
28. USFWS – get connection to show what they are going to do. Need USFWS representation at meetings.

29. Guard tower – people will stop no matter what you do.
30. Good ideas but predicated on funds.
31. Where is the money going to come from to fund the plan? Will the NPS alone be maintaining it?
32. Donation money – does it have to be paid out? Funds earmarked for projects?
33. Show partnership match for projects is helpful to receiving federal funding.
34. \$25,000/year cyclic maintenance was given to Tule Lake Unit.
35. Hire locally.
36. Projection on how this will affect local economy?
37. Lawsuit – economic impact if lawsuit continues? If we don't have airport?
38. What will become of the Fairgrounds site when the visitor contact function moves to the site?
39. Support for Alternative C actions for Camp Tulelake. Camp Tulelake has so much unique history. It should be open for people to visit and learn.
40. Locals get stopped often by people confused about how to get to the Lava Beds. Need more signs.
41. NEPA/CEQA process for plan?
42. Water wells are going dry – how to deal with drought?
43. Pleased to get rid of sagebrush at the jail (and clean-up of area). Looks like it did in the past.
44. What's the end date for the public comment period?

## **KLAMATH FALLS, OR: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016**

**6-8 pm, Klamath County Library**

**Attendance: 25**

### Notes from Full Group (no breakouts)

1. Would like to see more of the area established. This history must be preserved. Parents took care of one of the sites in Idaho.
2. The area that has the latrine— is that being shared with someone else?
3. Can you point out where airport is?
4. When first attending the pilgrimages there were more artifacts at the latrine location than there are now. Would like to see more preservation happening on those locations and see those resources saved.
5. What was the difference between the insides of the stockade barracks vs. a residential barrack? As a visitor, would like to go to the site and physically see difference.
6. How big is the airport, how is it used?
7. Thank you so much for the hard copy of the draft, appreciate that. Excellent in presentation. Strongly support the preferred alternative. Particularly liked the efforts to preserve what is there vs. building new. Represents what local community wanted. Preserve historic significant buildings. Liked seeing oral histories being in there and research projects. Provision of money for oral histories, research, documentation – reflected what local community wanted. Only concern/suggestion – focus on local area, on Newell and Tulelake, with some mention of Klamath Falls. Suggest to expanding to Klamath Falls area. Relatively easy to find folks here, and folks in the Japanese American community, military police, etc. Important to tell whole story, gain experience of folks involved in the area.
8. Have you already been promised \$11.7 million? The Flying Goose lodges are privately owned, but there are still several barracks in that location.

9. Born and raised in Klamath Falls, 80 years. Had 3 travel agencies. Mad because people are going to Europe, and we have the best museum in the state, Klamath Falls, Favell, Stronghold museums. This will be an added feature to the Klamath Basin (and Tule Lake). Will make us a great gateway to Klamath. People willing to spend money if we give them something to see. The sooner, the better. We're not gateway for Klamath, but gateway for Lava Beds.
10. Will there be a space for people like me? Will there be a place for meetings or speakers or a movie?
11. Can you give me an approximate square footage for the ditch rider house and the carpenter shop? Those seem like too small of an area to tell this story, especially when comparing it to Manzanar.
12. Seems awfully small to tell a huge story, not enough space to tell this as a unique site. Does not seem appropriate. We do have the jail, that's a separate story – can't imagine telling whole story, don't want to mix two messages.
13. Isn't the ditch rider house going to be eliminated once the carpenter shop is up and running?
14. That amount of space will not be reallocated, so taking away space.
15. Recommendation to the NPS would be to look to the long term in a financially responsible manner - how are you going to get that message across in such a small location, why not dream big and ask for a larger area museum?
16. Worry about compromising the integrity of the historic buildings by converting them in to visitor centers, vs. building new.
17. Museum has artifacts to fill space and more. How many square feet did Manzanar use?
18. I visited the Nazi German camps in Dachau, Germany, and the barracks were the same as the barracks in the Japanese American camps. They didn't doll them up at all. German saying, "Work brings freedom" – no work brought starvation and death. Barracks were same wooden dimensional barracks we have here, but they were authentic buildings. Small, not large.
19. Could some of the buildings that are not on the site but are original, could those buildings be moved and used, vs. building new? Cheaper to move them. Would be an authentic building. Need to have the authentic items. Why not buy barracks and move them? Then the plan doesn't have to last that long.
20. Would also be in favor of using historical buildings. At the fairgrounds their barrack is set up to show different time periods, would or could that also occur at Tule Lake?
21. Will some of the exhibits be offsite?
22. As Modoc descendant, not being able to go up to the Peninsula is an issue. Don't mind sharing, but don't want to be shut out.
23. Is the park working on easement /access on to the Peninsula site? Also don't want to impact the raptor species that are there.
24. Could you talk a little more about Camp Tulelake and what you are planning there?
25. If Camp Tulelake is designated as a National Historic Landmark, does that make it easier to receive funding to do work at that site?
26. What does it mean that you have put the metal roofs on them, since they aren't original, in regards to the nomination?
27. When you did the scoping to determine the size of an interpretive center, what were the parameters used?
28. I understand the logistics of it all, but what happened here is a huge story that is different than the other sites. I hope we can put it in 2600 SF of space. Doesn't do justice to the story at this site. I feel the need to express that. Is that story going to be told, or pieced out at other sites? I feel saddened by how small the size of the interpretive center is and wonder if people's stories

and artifacts will be able to be shared in that small of a space. As we talk to others, they want their story at the place where they lived.

29. Since next year is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, what is going to be different at site by then?
30. In the interim, I want to commend you for the work you have done and the teacher workshops that you have put on outside the area. I think we should do more. Parks should collaborate with school districts, educators, get story out about what happened here and what's happening today. I don't see a lot of teachers, no new teachers taking mission to share story.
31. Has there been any resistance or are most onboard with the preferred alternative?
32. Do need partnerships – if you want bigger plan, you need bigger partners.
33. Where did the vision for all of this start?
34. When you say we – are you we? Did it just double your load at Lava Beds? Does it all come down on Lava Beds staff?
35. Would like to say thank you to the park staff for taking on this effort in addition to the work at Lava Beds. We owe you an incredible debt of gratitude.
36. Will this site continue to be co-managed with Lava Beds?
37. Is there anything that citizens and partners can do to help with securing funding and staff?
38. Do you foresee there will be a Friends of Tule Lake, like there is for Lava Beds and Crater Lake? Different living in CA, to help fund something in OR.
39. What's the timeframe? What's next?
40. Fully in support of the plan, wish there was more and sooner. Is there more that can be done online to gain more interest and understanding? A Friends of Tule Lake group could be a good thing. Is there a plan for educational outreach?
41. Was involved in the Hyde Street Pier education program where the students got to go spend the night on the ship, and that was the highlight of their education experience.

## **LOS ANGELES, CA: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016**

**6-8 pm, Japanese American Community Cultural Center**

**Attendance: 30**

### Notes from Full Group

1. Without the airport, what would the NPS do with the land?
2. Where will the proposed airport fence be located?
3. Is the airport the biggest hindrance in terms of private landownership around the unit?
4. Given the change in administration, what is the likelihood of future funding for the unit?

### Notes from Group 1

1. Encouragement and thanks for NPS efforts!
2. Stockade, jail, 37 acres should be priority. Other sites connected but not as high priority.
3. Message of security at Tule Lake should be highlighted – true concentration camp.
4. Differences between periods of time in TL's history (pre and post segregation).
5. Phases organized well – planning as quickly as possible in a coherent manner.
6. Try to capture the scope of Tule Lake (TL) – build a diorama. Guard towers are important parts of understanding the oppressiveness.
7. Flag poles (markers) indicating how large TL was – where the border used to be.
8. Should have more info about how people contributed to the Tule Lake Basin – those incarcerated helped to develop the agriculture of the area.
9. Incorporate oral histories into interpretation.

10. Important to note conflicts with Best (Director of TL).
11. Endorsement of Alternative C.
12. Things were much more severe at TL – 10 foot tall fence, guard towers – emphasis on high-security prison.
13. People should see what the fence was.
14. Most important thing is the visitor center – Maps, model of camp, demonstrations of what a room looked like.
15. Carpenter shop should be done first.
16. Photos, models, paintings help tell the whole story – books, library.
17. Fencing at the segregation center site needs to be done – public needs encouragement to stop.
18. Authenticity of site needs to be promoted.
19. Use 2 phases instead of 3 – phase 2 should be in phase 1 – make phase 3 phase 2.
20. Important to show fence around the camp – not just the stockade.
21. Important to talk about the 1200 MPs (military police) that were brought to TL and the martial law that was declared.
22. Alternative C is ambitious but positive – discourse to talk about constitution and other themes is urgent.
23. Prioritize getting educational materials and first-hand accounts available to public.
24. Stay on track to move forward – sense of urgency for people to see progress.
25. Important to compare other camps to TL – lots of stories to be told about TL – how much general history versus site-specific history?
26. TL is different because of the segregation center – no-nos and people who decided to stay.
27. Protests and civil rights movement started at TL – civil rights important theme to focus on both throughout America and within JA communities.
28. Hunger strike – important part of TL history – lots of relevance to events today – microcosm of events.
29. Breaking down stigma of those incarcerated at TL is important.
30. Role of JACL with TL history and during WWII.
31. Important for JACL to recognize TL significance.
32. In a good place in terms of people coming through .
33. Personal stories at Camp TL really show the abuse that people endured – buildings are good but backstory most compelling.
34. Hoshi-dan and other groups in TL important to capture – big factor in people’s lives.
35. What is the status of the name change?
36. More people might want to go up the Peninsula for other reasons but then might be interested in the history.
37. Many people at TL aware of what happened to Modocs – understanding of what whites did to people of color – Modoc history included.
38. “relocation” similarities between Modocs and Japanese Americans.
39. Modocs should be part of the history.
40. Thank you for efforts! Well thought-out plan – appreciate not having big spikes that would doom development to failure – realistic, not grandiose.
41. Fence is an important topic – fence makes people realize it was a penitentiary.
42. Guard tower will also grab people’s attention – should be at entrance.
43. Ten-foot fence in no-man’s land - visually important.
44. Stakes on the corners indicating where buildings were.
45. Mark boundaries so you could see the extent of the camp if up on the Peninsula.
46. Lots of support for Alternative C.

## Notes from Group 2

1. This is an issue of due process, not a Japanese American issue. Violation of the due process clause on all Americans, not only Japanese Americans. Violation of fundamental rights of American citizens. This allows you to defend yourself. Goes back to the Magna Carta. This should not happen in the American justice system. First thing that visitors see at Tule Lake should be the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment.
2. American story not just focused on Pearl Harbor. Importance of education and the real stories of the people affected.
3. Nikkei soldiers' stories need to be told.
4. Place matters, gives more context. Education and access is important.
5. Tule Lake's unique story in the JA incarceration story. Would like to see TL developed because the story is different from other camps.
6. Infant mortality was high, lack of medical attention during WWII.
7. Sense of urgency to have a place like TL due to the current political climate. Similarities to discrimination against other groups. This can happen to anyone again. There is a lot of fear. Prevention is needed, education is needed. Seeing something, having a physical manifestation of the story, of the camp, is important.
8. Tule Lake's unique story needs to be told. Development at Manzanar is an example: it would be good to see something similar at TL, good to get a sense of the size outside the boundaries of the unit.
9. A visitor center is important to have to get people introduced to the story, especially given that the three sites are spread apart. Initial visitor contact is crucial, especially for the Tule Lake story. Don't want to lose people.
10. Tremendous challenge, but it can be enhanced by a visitor center.
11. Barrack, mess hall at Manzanar are very effective, and the construction of buildings was also effective for student learning. Emotionally powerful to see how it was lived in, used. Hopefully TL can replicate.
12. Importance of having a visitor center for contact and introduction to story. Camp is an experience and a reality check. A reminder of current political talk and how there is talk of precedence and convenience, very scary. Sobering that some think this is a logical thing to do when instead it is a human rights violation.
13. The historical buildings should provide the opportunities to hear personal stories first-hand, to tell the reality of the experience and have voices heard. We are losing our elders who gave testimony. Need to find creative ways to capture this information.
14. Heart Mountain/Manzanar/Japanese American National Museum have interactive exhibits using oral histories. They provide an immersive experience; look for ways to make reading/absorbing information exciting. Would like to have that at TL.
15. Visitor Center is really important and essential to help students understand.
16. TL is remote unlike Heart Mountain (near Yellowstone National Park). How do you get people to go there?
17. At Manzanar, it is critical to get people out to experience the site: how would that be addressed at TL, especially because the NPS doesn't own all the land?
18. No place for access at TL; TL version can be challenging.
19. Manzanar's visitor center ranger: helps with orientation and research and provides a point of contact to talk to you. That is really important for orientation and adds to the experience when you leave the VC. This can help visitors find sites associated with their family members. First contact with a person is important and provides important context for the experience.

20. NPS visitor centers are all over; I look for them. I think that you don't want to build everything around the VC, but as a guide to help people figure out how to tour the place it is helpful.
21. The words "Segregation Center" mean something else to me, please clarify. Not many people know the story and understand it was first a WRA site, there were families there, and then it became a segregation center. TL was totally different: it has the same common history but is so different. Segregation needs to be defined. My friend does not like the term "no-no"; terminology can be sensitive. The Tule Lake Pilgrimage is a safe place where you can experience and not be judged. Curriculum needs to be clarified.
22. More engagement with the youth and digital online content is an interesting point and provides access to understanding and bridging that digital gap. Interpretation and Education: would like to see NPS youth summits at the site; it is important to allow programming to occur physically onsite. This could allow increased access with more frequency than the pilgrimage or VC open hours. Important to deepen engagement.
23. I call my experience at TL "Camp." My wife can't relate to the camp experience. Not wasting rice/food; that was from camp times.
24. Creating a trail at Camp Tulelake for hikes could be a visitor draw. Folks like to hike at parks and it might draw them there.
25. Do people get confused with all the Tulelake, Tule Lake, Camp Tulelake, etc.? Signage might be needed for clarification.
26. Whose signs go where? We need more signage and collaboration with local/ small town politics. Get the locals to buy into the TULE story and their farming activity. Lots of support shown in the last few meetings.
27. Three different locations. The real Tule Lake is in Newell, not in Tulelake. Lots of signs needed.
28. At Manzanar attitudes changed over time, local community support increased. Not only NPS but other community groups are needed to help build support in the local area and become part of the community.
29. Would like to see more access to the Peninsula: would like NPS to continue efforts to expand access. You hear stories of folks from camp hiking up.
30. 1996: went to Tule Lake and met the Castle Rock potato farmer who sends potatoes to Maui for the Maui potato chips. NPS could connect/partner with this farmer.
31. Doesn't understand the relationship of the Peninsula to the camp, but if this can help with bringing people in, that is good. If it helps in the marketing, include it. This is a remote area, and we need to attract people.
32. Good story of Castle Rock and the connection away from the barbed wire.
33. Recommend that we codify NPS support of the Tule Lake pilgrimage in the GMP. This was done for the Manzanar GMP and was important.
34. Castle Rock is important for the viewshed as well as Abalone Mountain. Distinct features: capitalize on the area's natural beauty.
35. Castle Rock perspective is important. Have some interpretive text or map up at the viewpoint to explain the site and illustrate the historic camp extent.
36. Put a wayside up there.
37. A wayside showing the size would illustrate the immensity of the site and also the power of the federal government and the injustice that took place here – illustrates that the government can do this to you for no reason.

## **CARSON, CA: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016**

**10 am–noon, CSU Dominguez Hills University Library**

**Attendance: 35**

### Notes from Full Group

1. The systematic commitment of the NPS for widespread outreach and input from the stakeholders is great. Suggest revision to the current GMP to add information about the TL resisters and the passion of the controversy that still divides the Nikkei/ JA community. The tension went back to the camp with socialization issues of post camp experience. Sherman tanks during WWII were at Tule Lake that were brought in to terrorize the population. Full-fledged military combat equipment: that was a horrific situation. The GMP does not reflect it. I am a friendly witness not a hostile commenter. Manzanar has a guard tower that was done through private funds and made a difference for the visitors going there. Please add the image of the Sherman tank into the GMP, and the acquisition of a Sherman tank should be included for interpretation. What was the need to have that there? Tule Lake was not an ordinary concentration camp. This can be taken into an international tribunal.
2. I remember a military sweep from one part of the camp to the other looking for contraband. Soldiers were lined up on one side of the camp and swept across.
3. I don't like the 20-year aspect of the plan. Your staff provided good hospitality at the pilgrimage. One thing that is missing: how did incarcerated get to the camp? My sister Pam was crying as they traveled to TL, and I think that maybe adding trains might help with telling that story.
4. NPS is not taking a stance on the airport issue, what can the community members do to help advocate for that?
5. Elaine Chao is a potential cabinet member for the president-elect, maybe coordinate with Elaine Chao who will be Secretary of Transportation.
6. Living history: the stigma of the No-Nos, renunciants, we need to bring it to life today.
7. Are you going to have tents in the stockade area? They were put in tents in the winter.
8. Will the funding be in danger for the 20-year plan?
9. We need to get Alternative C approved.
10. A Japanese American man has it in his will to give \$10,000 for the purchase of a Sherman tank. Endorsement for the Sherman tank!
11. What is the most effective way for commenting?
12. The tanks and tents were a part of the scoping but not in the GMP. With no funding, when should we have a Friends of Tule Lake to fundraise?

### Notes from Group 1

1. What is there now?
2. By not mentioning the airport it seems that the NPS is ignoring it. Airport fence would undermine integrity of the site. Political issue that needs to be dealt with.
3. Airport fence cannot be near stockade.
4. Can addressing the fence at the airport be included in Alternative C to talk about developing the site with integrity?
5. Is TL Committee addressing other issues in respect to the airport?
6. Is there military archival footage? Lots of documentation – should be part of Alternative C. Use of historic footage and documents.
7. Need to have a copy of tank photos in GMP.
8. Important to have physical things that talk about the real story and don't sanitize the story.
9. How will you ensure guided tours will not be sanitized and will be told accurately?

10. Tule Lake requires certain expertise – bilingual expertise. Have a permanent scholarly advisor committee. Historians, linguists. How can we appropriately capture people’s histories and stories without the appropriate training? Need historians and academics who know their disciplines and are fluent in Japanese.
11. Cassette or auditory presentation can ensure that people’s stories do not get lost.
12. Many people who did oral histories spoke Japanese, so need to make sure that those are translated and understood accurately.
13. People who were not Japanese should also be included in this history (i.e., Wayne Collins).
14. If the goal is educational, have there been oral histories that can be displayed for future generations to interact with
15. Amount of money set aside for oral histories is insignificant. Should collaborate with other institutions.
16. Talk to Bill and Jimi Yamaichi and capture their oral histories.
17. Need to explain what “segregation center” actually means. NPS uses it to talk about 37 acres that NPS manages. During incarceration it included the administrative, residential, and farm areas.
18. Plan should address the different stages of Tule Lake’s history. Very complicated story.
19. Hard to understand differences between stockade, jail, and other portions of the site.
20. Stories of people’s movement from camp to camp are important.
21. Visitors need to experience the feeling and space that TL was made up of. Need to tell TL’s story and the different areas through diverse interpretive techniques.
22. Tule Lake is not the same as the other camps. Focus on Segregation Center area is good, but it doesn’t come through well enough.
23. Alternative C and moving forward quickly are very important.
24. Legal cases that relate to why TL is unique should be a focal point.
25. Difficult because TL is so spread out and made up of different non-connected portions.
26. Interesting how community has evolved--different from Manzanar. Photos of how the landscape is still being used and how it has evolved. People don’t make the connection between past and present.
27. Place markers could show the past and present. Use of interactive maps overlaying different historic moments. Make concrete connections about how the past has developed into what exists now.
28. Websites with audio tours could be useful for education at TL.
29. History Pin is a tool that could be useful. Citizen historians contribute to donating maps, drawings, etc.
30. Correspondences and letters help to keep people engaged and capture the spirit
31. Wayne Collins part of renegade group of ACLU. Groups like ACLU should be called out.
32. Areas around TL privately owned with some original barracks.
33. What is general sentiment of locals about the development of TL?
34. Including non-Japanese people who helped during WWII makes history more applicable to present day non-Japanese people.
35. Local residents can separate themselves away from past history. Homesteading was not offered to Japanese American GIs. Some barracks were given away. Gift of public funds could be an issue with giving away barracks – crime.
36. Plans to acquire barracks?
37. Unanimous support for Alternative C. Go forward with all things necessary to historically preserve the integrity of the site.

38. Greatest thing about America is that we can go back 50 to 60 years and right a wrong. Japan has not fully accepted responsibility for their actions during WWII. Lots of similarities between incarceration history and today with targeting certain groups.

#### Notes from Group 2

1. Concern with the limited space that you are dealing with and the distance between the units within. Do you see that as problematic? My other concern is the kinds of things that are not included like latrines and foundations. The open barrack in the stockade might not give a true sense to the barracks in the residential area. Heart Mountain just moved a barrack back to their site, although not in the original residential area. Small footprint vs. the larger area beyond the NPS property.
2. Once we open up the 37 acres it will open up access and opportunity to educate. We are not sure what is underground. We want to consolidate as much as possible. Guided tours, self-guided tours, accessibility, and use technology to get the best experience that they can get.
3. I heard that there is dissent from the local landowners, can you please talk about that? Are you getting cooperation of landowners? Will that continue?
4. Thank you for supporting the name change.
5. Will the barracks and the guard tower at the fairgrounds be moved?
6. As a sansei, I went there a year and a half ago. The 3 locations were hard to get to. Needs better connection. Only info was at the Butte County Fairgrounds.
7. As a sansei, I have no concept of what camp was like. I hope that when I bring my sons there, they can experience what it was like at camp; like the way it's done at Manzanar.
8. The latrine is not in the plans; when there we were asked to move for a funeral. Will access be included?
9. Thank you NPS staff for doing the scoping. At Manzanar the guard tower was controversial. Thank you.
10. Alternative C had no mention of the tank. I think that it is important for TL to have the tank like Manzanar has a guard tower. These are critical to differentiate the TL story and the division of the community. Ripped the community apart, with the "traitors" aspect and the enormity of TL compared to the other WRA and Department of Justice camps. Global impact of TL: it touched the rest of the country and the world, with people being sent back to Japan.
11. Do you have plans in terms of curating the exhibits?
12. Do you have plans for an exhibit in the administration area?
13. It is interesting to come together with the community to address the plan. Contributing technology seems like a great asset.
14. It is important to have representation for land use and a detailed personal story. You can get nitty-gritty and listen to oral histories like at Manzanar. But the bigger picture and the history of the land is important.
15. Question: for the archival project at CSU Dominguez Hills, should we designate the camp location as Newell or Tule Lake?
16. The whole idea of maximizing the experience for the youth. For people who can't really get out there, how do you get to them and allow the visitor to get into the shoes of those incarcerated? The loyalty questionnaire has been a useful tool to allow others to experience it. Or some of the other issues, like keeping the family together or renunciation, if you can capture that in the experience, I think that it will help maximize their experience. I think that is really important.
17. Going into the prison (jail) and the barracks at the fairgrounds helped bring some of the experience to it, but not the same as going to Manzanar. It's weird to have to go from Lava Beds to the fairgrounds, to the Jail, and to Camp Tulelake.

18. Are you getting support from families who were POWs at Camp Tulelake in the area?
19. The contrast of the freedom of the POWs vs. incarcerated and resisters.
20. Not important to have visitor access to the Peninsula, but there needs to be interpretation about the difference of access before and after segregation.
21. Expand access to the Peninsula for visitors.
22. Prioritizing the interpretation is more important than Peninsula land use, acquiring extra land, but it is really popular among pilgrim goers. It is iconic for many reasons.
23. Peninsula provides time and a place where people can contemplate. To overlook the site brings things to mind. For example thinking about how on the way to Manzanar, my mom thought that they were going to be shot on the side of the road. This will allow contemplation.
24. My mother said no to my father who wanted to return to Japan. Split the family. I was the youngest and stayed behind. In TL, my brother and sister were very politically active. My sister would tell me stories of people who killed others in jail. There were interesting tidbits that she didn't share; didn't share all her stories while they were still alive. It is important to highlight the social/political aspect that TL had, gathering of dissidents, powerful and savvy people. They printed their own books in Japanese and had Japanese schools. Compared to other camps-- other camps can be compared to country clubs. That was my experience as a little girl. The Shakers pitched in and were the reason I went to bible school because they would bring presents for Christmas. To this day I am very supportive of the Shakers [Quakers?]. Unique powerful history.
25. Maximizing the unique experience. What constitutes loyalty? Focus on all the different angles. It is such a complex issue that can be paralleled today. This would be great for education. Pro-Japan and Hoshidan movement and how people were pulled into to it and sent to Santa Fe.
26. My brother was a part of the Hoshidan. They were so disciplined, and women were pretty active so they had a women's group. There was a lot of violence going on. My brother was sent to Bismarck to work in the beef industry. The FBI took my father, and I didn't see him until after the war. The isolation was terrible. TL has a unique story that didn't happen in the other camps. This will be a very powerful statement if you can focus on that.
27. Ditch Rider house, what is the interpretive content? How will it transfer over to the permanent contact center?
28. Renunciation and loyalty questionnaire are included in the GMP. Will the draft resister story be a part of it, with the story of Judge Goodman?
29. Jail will have jail themes. But where will you put the other themes?

## **SACRAMENTO, CA: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016**

**6–8 pm, Buddhist Church of Sacramento**

**Attendance: 65**

### Notes from Group 1

1. How did Valor get in the name in the first place?
2. Is the airport privately owned?
3. I am the president of the Stockton JACL and am interested becoming a partner.
4. Interested in the stockade area and would like to see the guard towers put up.
5. Did any locals take photos of the camp?
6. Is there anything in the plan about extending the boundary if options become available?
7. Is the plan based on the idea that you are going to have funding to do what you want to do?
8. Is there an order of what will be funded first?

9. Back in 2014 we donated money at the pilgrimage. Barbara explained that it was for the jail plan, so now the work on the jail is shovel ready as money arrives. The Tule Lake Committee is in support of Alternative C. It is doable plan, but we would like to hear how you would dream bigger. One of the goals of the committee is to try to get access to where people lived on the camp. The committee would also like to encourage people to write in their support for C.
10. Will the projects be weighted to decide when they go out for funding; will there be ones on the back burner?
11. Is there a preservation plan for the existing buildings to take care of them?
12. I read the whole plan and strongly support plan C. I also hope that exhibits will be created that take into consideration people who are visually impaired, some hands-on ones, etc.
13. Is there an in-processing center within the 37 acres? That is where everything really started.
14. Will the carpenter shop have exhibits and items like that?
15. What is the square footage of the carpenter shop?
16. When will you be accepting items?
17. Happy to see that the jail area is within the managed area. I would like to see all 4 guard towers put up.
18. One of the suggestions that came out of the LA meetings was to have a Sherman tank. Dominguez Hill just purchased some photos of the camp and there are armored cars within the camp. In addition to the jail there was the stockade in front of it. You also have Camp Tulelake that was used to hold people. Tule Lake has such a unique story.
19. Is there a list of those who were put in the jail?
20. Have there been any talks with the Tulelake museum to see if they want donate the building or any of the artifacts?
21. If anyone wants to acquire a Sherman tank there is one in Stockton that is currently painted red, white, and blue. The city of Stockton was interested in buying it thinking it was built there, but it wasn't.
22. Is there any interaction with the California state parks and should there be?
23. Is it true that barrack buildings were sold to locals in the area, and if so are there still some around?
24. How would the Camp Tulelake piece be incorporated into the visitor center on [highway] 139?
25. One of the things that has bothered me about Camp Tulelake is that the WRA used it as an isolation center, and it should be interpreted in that way. I don't know if the name Camp Tulelake was ever used during the WWII era. There are 3 different stories at the site that are very different. POWs were able to move around freely and work on local farms, while U.S. citizens with Japanese faces were not. The site is perfect for discussing the racism that was occurring. The WRA called it the isolation center.
26. So many think that Japan started this war with the attack on Pearl Harbor, but relations between the two countries were not good prior to that event. School kids knew the war between Japan and USA was coming prior to the start. Father was working for the US government by summer of 1941, as he was a missionary with knowledge about Japan.
27. As far as Camp Tulelake, have you talked to other agencies who might be interested in the restoration of the buildings, since it was a POW camp, maybe the Department of Defense would be interested?
28. Even though there has been an apology, the US government still wants to forget what happened. You only see a little bit about it in the history book. The NPS is the one leading the cause on making sure it gets remembered.
29. Are you getting any feedback from the Native American tribes about the Peninsula?

30. I talked with Cheewa James, who is Modoc, and she feels that artifacts should be protected, while another Modoc in Klamath would like access. It is a really difficult issue.
31. It seems like you need to figure out a way to have access while protecting sites. It might mean that the only way you can do that is through ranger-guided tours.
32. It is one of the things on the pilgrimage that people really like to do [hiking Castle Rock]. The locals support it and feel like it should be enough. We want to have access to Castle Rock, but we also want to visit where people lived.
33. What is the position of the Modoc on accessing the peninsula?
34. What do locals say about the plan?
35. I think at Tule Lake that is very important to emphasize the jail, as Tule Lake is the only camp to have that.
36. I appreciate the work the NPS is doing, and everyone who is here to keep this story alive as many of the Issei and Nissei are no longer here.
37. I think the general plan is great and the work you have done. Do you have a grant writer? For the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> generations, this is a newer story. It is a growing movement as they are considering doing away the mission project.
38. I hope the NPS will continue to work with the local community to try to get space within the barrack area.
39. Credit to the NPS and the Obama administration for taking on this project.
40. Thank you, and I agree with alternative C. This is really interesting story.
41. I understand there has been a push back on changing the name.
42. Thank the NPS for providing all this insight into the site. The JA story at Camp Tulelake really needs to be told at that isolation center.
43. In regards to the airport, is there eminent domain that the NPS can use?
44. Would like to see if there were any positive stories of support towards the JA community. Would like to see some orientation to sites outside the park associated with getting people to the camps.

#### Notes from Group 2

1. Visibility of the area, limited by airport – one could get a better view from Castle Rock, so access to that area is important. Would help to show how large the area is.
2. Latrines commonly come up when people are relating their experiences. Is there a plan to reconstruct a latrine? Stopping at the latrine on the Manzanar tour is a big deal. Should be a part of the Tule Lake tour.
3. Is eminent domain a possibility to get resources outside of the current boundary?
4. Prefer alternative C.
5. Use technology to list (database) family names, etc. onsite. Could be in visitor center.
6. Preservation of oral histories important.
7. Use related historical examples of discrimination, etc. to help bring the Tule Lake experience alive. The 442 museum in Los Angeles does a good job of this, uses exhibits to describe the concepts generally.
8. This IS a story of valor – courage to dissent, like the other WWII Valor in the Pacific sites, the story is about a battle, but an internal American conceptual battle. Courage in the face of overwhelming social pressure.
9. Agree to change name to Tule Lake National Historic Site, but should recognize that there is an element of valor in Tule Lake's history.
10. Selected Japanese immigrants were "interned." Most were not interned, they were incarcerated, detained, imprisoned, etc.

11. Peninsula and Camp Tulelake – getting out of the car to walk (trails, etc.) is important.
12. Outdoor experience is so educational and important to the visitor experience.
13. Natural vista from Peninsula would be very powerful. Naturally evocative.

### Notes from Group 3

1. How far along in the plan are you? When will it be implemented? When will the plan be finalized and who does it?
2. The cemetery isn't in the boundaries. Is there a chance of getting it later?
3. Who owns the airport and how long is the lease?
4. Who owns the hog farm area and are there plans for the NPS to get that?
5. Is the primary reason the current size is so small financial?
6. Are there plans to move the barracks and mess hall from Camp Tulelake to segregation center?
7. Were all the buildings taken away by the local farmers? How will the story of the buildings that weren't barracks (mess hall, laundry, etc.) be represented?
8. I like the idea of protecting the jail, opening site to public whether it's reconstructed or rehabilitated barracks.
9. Are there plans specifically to honor the dead with a memorial?
10. Will be there a museum?
11. Is there still a cemetery in Linkville? Would any of those remains be returned?
12. Are their plans to do archaeology digs? We left everything there.
13. Do you see partnerships as viable long-term to access the sites off of the NPS land?
14. Is funding stable going forward?
15. I like the name change [most in group also supported that proposal].
16. Would staff be at Camp Tulelake full time? Only seasonally and would it be a docent or employee?
17. It's a good idea to have someone at Camp Tulelake. It could be run like Bainbridge Island with a small trailer/exhibit space.
18. Restrooms could be historically accurate for experience.
19. Would the focus be on what life was like? Is there room for things less literal, such as art?
20. Are you looking for donations, such as the shell art-work? A lot of the grandparents still have them. What about photographs?
21. Is looking like Manzanar the goal?
22. Could you make shell jewelry as an outreach activity?
23. Is there a specific fundraising group?
24. Isn't Castle Rock owned by the refuge [USFWS]? Isn't it a raptor habitat so wouldn't it remain closed regardless?
25. What about access to Abalone Mountain?
26. Would the peninsula have signage for people to explore on their own?
27. The timeline seems very long. My goodness, twenty years. Is there a shorter timeline to get people onsite?
28. Why are there three options? We all want C. Do you add the others just in case you don't have the budget?
29. Where is Lava Beds?
30. I like the plan. The site is rundown but the museum in town has nice relics. It's also important to be able to tour around the site and see footings, etc. to connect with your family's past.
31. *Life* magazine did an article in 1945 with lots of photographs that are useful.

32. At the pilgrimage, we did a ceremony near the cemetery. Do you have to always get permission for that?
33. Partnerships seem important, but story is much bigger than 37 acres.
34. The digital proposal is interesting: important to realize that the plan is moving much slower than technology.
35. Need to replicate “what it was really like” besides pictures and stories. For 9/11 memorial, they used lights to illustrate size, maybe TL could do that.
36. We need to make sure people understand how bad it was when they arrived and what steps were taken by internees to improve facilities.
37. Focusing on the loss of privacy is important. I always felt bad for my mother and grandmother. We were all just herded into the area and told that was our new home.
38. Looking at the internal dynamics and relationships between the people is unique and noteworthy.
39. It’s important to record oral histories immediately.
40. The Sacramento college has a lot of oral histories in their collections as well.
41. Getting the word out with education with the incoming administration is important and the timing might be good because a lot of people are supportive of efforts to protect this cause.
42. We appreciate the NPS reaching out to us for comments.

**SACRAMENTO, CA: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016**

**1–3 pm, Sierra 2 Center**

**Attendance: 28**

**Notes from Group 1**

1. Traveling exhibit of photos.
2. Would like to see it preserved as an historic site and expanded.
3. I am curious, what are the impediments to opening Castle Rock? What needs to be done to allow it?
4. Why the focus on the jail?
5. Aren’t the terms jail and stockade interchangeable?
6. Wasn’t there a different starting date for each location?
7. If using the ditch rider house will allow for earlier access, then I am all for it. I have friends that will go to Manzanar vs. visit Tule Lake because there is a visitor center and such to see at Manzanar. Once developed, I see there will be additional interest from people wanting to visit and schools.
8. I agree with using the ditch rider house to get started, and then moving to the carpenter shop, but they both seem small. The easiest comparison is Manzanar, and they have a wonderful and huge visitor center. You can still find the foundations for the Tri-State high school, could that be reconstructed? Since we are taking a long-term perspective, if there is a willing seller, that would be a great site for it.
9. If it came to money, you could raise the money to build a bigger structure and just build it within the 37 acres.
10. Manzanar also has [highway] 395, which helps bring in people and people willing to spend money.
11. How far out in the future till you will be able to use the ditch rider house?
12. What are the demographics of the people who live in the area?
13. Who owns the land within the Flying Goose?

14. Who owns the high school location?
15. How and/or will the story of the guards be told? How did they feel about the situation? I've always wondered what it was going through their minds. Having their side will help to give a full story of all sides of the story. Would just like hear from all aspects.
16. Did Manzanar have more buildings left on site and more to work with?
17. Dr. Jake Tekoti [sp?], worked at Tule Lake and wrote a book about it. He felt that what he was doing was right.
18. Dillon Myer, who headed the WRA, he did a lot of self-justification.
19. What kind of work will be done on the building and how will it change it? When you stabilize a building, does that also mean electricity and water and such will be done?
20. How does camp land become private?
21. Most of the camps' lands are now privately owned. Gila is now a reservation.
22. Was there a cemetery onsite and what happened to the bodies?
23. Not all bodies were removed by families and some were left behind.
24. I want to say that I am glad that all alternatives have the name change within them, I am very happy about that. I also really like the terminology page and alternative C.
25. The WRA had three facilities to isolate people from the camps: Moab, Lute, and Camp Tulelake. Of those Camp Tulelake is the only one still standing. I am wondering about calling it something that better reflects that history.
26. Weren't Moab and Lute run by the Department of Justice?
27. Wasn't Camp Tulelake also a POW camp, has there been anyone from those communities to come forward?
28. I would like to see the peninsula open up, I have memories of hiking it.
29. Would like to see the name change to national historic site.
30. Go, Go, Go.
31. Would like to see Alternative C.
32. Appreciation for the work that has been done and continues to be done.
33. Needs to happen.
34. Thank to NPS for having the Sacramento meetings. Go, Go, Go.
35. Comment, Comment, Comment.
36. Definitely C, but I hope we leave the door open for a bigger facility. It is a very important story that needs to be told and spread. The only way we can prevent mistakes in the future is to learn from the past. Tule Lake has the responsibility to get this story out.
37. I am for Alternative C and grateful for the people who are still around to tell their stories to the younger generations.

#### Notes from Group 2

1. Likes the idea that we will have more public access and opportunities for education at Tule Lake.
2. Important to have sites of remembrance so that we don't repeat history.
3. Preservation of sites like this, making them more accessible, making people aware of what has happened in the past: this is really critical given current issues associated with immigration, Muslim Americans, etc.
4. My initial reaction is why would we choose alternative A or B? Not really a do-nothing option, because in each alternative you're identifying doing something. We're not left with any other alternative beyond alternative C. Wouldn't it be nice if there were a phase 1 or phase 1.5 in lieu of alternative C, to show that at least we thought about something that cost very little?
5. Has anyone priced out what it would cost to acquire the original footprint of the camp in total? Are landowners adamantly opposed to federal ownership?

6. Education for the children is a big part of this. Wouldn't it be great if there were really an interactive center that was there? A classroom where children could go and spend the night, for example in the jail? Boy scouts go to Alcatraz, Angel Island. That's really experiencing it. Packing one suitcase to get on a bus to go to Tule Lake...that's really experiencing it. When I went with my two sons (14-year old twins), it was all up to their imaginations to understand it. Besides visiting the jail, there's no purpose to going to the site.
7. Document: does anything preclude future development plans? As funds and other things become available, more could be added. If that's the case, I'd like to see even a cursory treatment of long-range goals...you could state why it's not feasible at the moment, but I'd like to see longer-term goals articulated. For example to allow visitors to go to certain areas when the airport isn't in operation. Reconstruct one block fully to give a sense of living conditions. Map out/delineate where the high school was. We get so close to where our family was, but we can't get there. And it's emotionally very hard. Articulating these long-term goals would go a long way toward providing comfort for those who have connections to and concerns about Tule Lake.
8. I remember the guards in the watch towers as a little girl, with machine guns. As a child, that's very frightening, and I don't see any of that sort of thing remembered in the plan.
9. In terms of outreach, I like the idea of increasing access, number of days open. In terms of getting the word out down here – what about barracks set up at the Japanese American National Museum or the museum in San Jose? This can help get the story out before people visit the site and before these can be constructed – I know this is a 20-year plan.
10. That's a really good idea – not everyone will go up there. Makes it more accessible. Traveling school program, film, then go into a barracks. I experienced a refugee camp exhibit in Bethlehem: visited a room that a family lived in—only 9x9 feet – until you're physically in that space, you don't get that impression of what it was like to live there.
11. Has the park been able to develop any programs in Spanish? 60% of population up there is Latino.
12. Will provide comments in writing; support alternative C. Make this a meaningful park site for education and commemoration. I was there in 2004. Full experience of the site –open area, visiting. Could feel all the generations of people who had lived there, been born there, died there. So important for this plan to have all of this open space. Unsure of zoning. 37 acres is too small, and doesn't capture what people experienced. The experience of walking the site, gravel road, red rock trucked in. Walking with George Takei, he said this was where his family lived. It was like going to a holy site, Gettysburg, Bethlehem. The open space where people lived is an extremely important part of this national park site. Even a placeholder that says that the Park Service would like to pursue public access to these residential areas would mean a lot. Those roads are still there.
13. I walked from one end of the camp to the other to the high school. Snow, icicles.
14. Day to day human experience, layered on top of the injustice, constitutional rights violated, families torn apart, renunciants. Expand Alternative C – be aspirational, go further.
15. Tule Lake was so different in terms of the horrible things they did to people. Hard to get out, random beatings, torture, etc.
16. Challenge with plan: 3 different phases and the total cost, what I find difficult to understand are the different projects related to each phase. Don't know what is in each cost breakdown. Want to be transparent, up- front, full disclosure. In the newsletter, should be including these cost breakdowns for each phase and treatment as well as in the full document.
17. What has been the reaction to the plan in the local community? In enthusiastic support of folks arguing for plan C as a minimalist plan; something with a bigger vision needs to be outlined. Is

there any concern about people getting frightened about the NPS taking things over, desire to avoid opposition in the community?

18. Leave door open in a very concrete way for future, larger, longer-term goals.
19. Do you have a feel for how many people in the local area may feel that the incarceration was a good idea?
20. How long do we think the phases will take? Don't know about the historical significance of the ditch rider house, but I notice that it will be removed in phase 2 – why? What is included in the NHL? Just the area, or the buildings as well? Does the unit encompass all three sites?
21. What's the likelihood that the NPS will be able to spend the full amount for the three phases? What can the community do to support, contact Congressionals, spread the word, get people to comment?
22. Is it okay if one were to say I support alternative C, but I would like something larger and more complete?
23. Plan process has been a goal that the Tule Lake Committee has worked for for a decade. Grateful to see it come this far. Alternative C is a very modest, do-able goal, we understand why it was done this way. But it's a little too modest, we need to do more. Important for those of us in this room to fill out the forms, encourage those we know, friends, family, to fill out the forms. We want to experience the site, we want to feel the ground, this place has spiritual meaning for people.
24. Thank you for engaging in a very robust public comment process.
25. As the planning process plays out, it would help to try to build in things that bring in the local community, cross-understanding of the Tule Lake perspective vs. the local community perspective, help the local community economically. This needs to be a benefit for everybody, that's the only way it works out.

## **SAN FRANCISCO, CA: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016**

**10 am–noon, JACCC of Northern California**

**Attendance: 35**

### Notes from Full Group

1. What is the use of the airport?
2. Is the airport privately owned?
3. Is there room to move the airport to another site?
4. The peak number of people who want to visit the sites who will want to visit the barrack locations will want to come during the summer, is that correct?
5. The people who maintain the land, could they remove the historic foundations for the site? Who would oversee the compliance?
6. Do locals want to see the airport expanded?
7. The Tule Lake Committee is in mediation on the airport issue.
8. Could a fence be put up all the way around the boundary of the camp that would also encompass the airport? That would provide visitors with a sense of the size of the camp and what it was like.
9. I think it's a brilliant idea of putting the whole fence back. I do think it is sad that the whole area of the camp where the barracks were would be closed. It's hard to be on the ground and imagine what the set up would be. Have you considered re-creating a block?
10. I understand that the airport provides a huge economic impact to the area, but wouldn't the development of the park provide just as much of an economic impact?

11. I've been to all 10 camps. I am in favor of leaving the airport because the community needs it. Visitors will come in, but people need to understand that only certain businesses will benefit from those visitors, not the whole community. You can use technology to get the visual effect of where the camp was.
12. I would hate for us to just say it's ok to have it without really thinking out to the future. I've been to Crystal City and part of it is now a school, and it's very disorientating.
13. I don't want people to think that doing a fence around the whole camp will solve the issues, because a fence will still need to be directly around the airport area.
14. Has anyone looked at seeing if any of the nearby farmers would give up their land to put the airport there?

#### Notes from Group 1

1. I think the entire camp area should be under consideration.
2. I agree, I don't think the plan goes high enough. It would be nice to see the whole camp area included in it. We need to think about it. There is nothing in the plan about the unmarked graves. There were eyewitnesses who saw people buried on the site. Visited the site with Jeff Burton and the site has been disturbed. First identify where the site is, who was buried there, and then determine if there are bodies there and maybe do [missing word].
3. I am in support of Alternative C. Get C going and then look at how we can expand from there. Using technology will help, but if areas become available. I am also concerned about what impact the NPS site will have on the local community, I live near other NPS and federal and state lands, and it has an impact.
4. It looks like there has been a lot of work put into the plan and it's good, but it needs to be expanded before the resources are gone. I would like to see something in writing that says that once the plan is complete, what you are going to do next.
5. We are very appreciative of plan C. Maybe take what is in Appendix C and put it towards the front of the document.
6. Does the fence issue have any impact on the name change?
7. I agree with the plan but I agree with adding additional area.
8. I am interested in the educational possibilities. You're going to draw the NPS staff from the local area, and it is important that they are trained correctly. I think it would be nice to see volunteers who were at the camp be docents and provide programs.
9. I didn't realize there was so much separation within the site— the Segregation Center, Camp Tulelake, and the Peninsula. If you go the route of virtual reality, use the home videos that were taken in camp, stuff that brings people into the picture of the camp, not just the buildings. As technology grows there will likely be lots of new ways to bring people into the sites.
10. Went to the CyArk offices in Oakland they were shocked that we didn't like what they did.
11. When will everything be functional and open to the public? I feel there is a really important need to get people out to the site. The NPS has been collecting artifacts and such for a visitor center. I was at the site where there was a school group there and all they had was the latrine foundation to look out, but they needed someone there to tell them where the shower room was along with all the other.
12. There should be some reconnection of the people who died there, since the cemetery location has been desecrated. Maybe that could be expanded to something that honors/recognizes all those who were at the camp.
13. I like the idea of engaging more locals. During the pilgrimage last year there was section where locals came and we heard one person who talked about his dad building the tables that likely

were in the mess hall, and he didn't know what they were going to be used as. It was moving to hear, and if we can keep that going it will help build local engagement.

14. I am for plan C, I would like to have a place that would encourage people to come back. Having a memorial that is living and breathing that can be used at all times vs. just during the pilgrimage.
15. Three years ago we went to Manzanar and before we went there I showed pictures and DVDs. It was interesting to hear the people who were at Manzanar tell about their different stories. I hope to lead a group to the site.
16. The story is that bachelors who died in the camp were buried in mass grave that was unmarked.
17. What do you mean when you say segregation center?
18. I think the comments have been great, and I agree with what people have said about plan C. I also really agree with the comment about the site being fragmented: you have some parts here and others there. It makes me uncomfortable that nothing is said about the expansion or access to the other areas. I am also curious if there is a Modoc reservation nearby and have they been involved? There are lots of linkages between the Native American story and the JA story.
19. Making sure we have first right of refusal for the private land is important to make sure we don't lose it. The people story, the human story is really a key component that needs to be told.
20. With respect to Camp Tulelake, is there any involvement from the Italian or German communities?
21. A few years ago there was a reunion of the POWs and the local farmers. They had a relationship with the locals unlike the JAs in the camp.
22. What is the process to getting to the final discussion? What impact will a new administration have on the process?
23. When in 2017 do you hope to finalize the plan?

#### Notes from Group 2

1. Plan is a good starting point; ambitious; people would like to see more, but given the realities of what is going on, it's ambitious. We'll need to wait a few years to see how much more money comes in from tourism. With more money, may be more accommodating to changes with the airport, local community, etc.
2. Question about the jail. Students visited, worked with the NPS to document the writings on the inside walls. How do you plan to preserve those writings? Some are in pencil.  
Archeologist/conservator: is one needed to preserve?
3. A couple of times on the Pilgrimage, barbeque at someone's home constructed of two barracks. That was an amazing thing: the owner provided food, allowed us to walk through their home, walls inside were covered with writing. What is happening to those barracks that folks bought for \$25 all those years ago? A lot of writing on those walls—will that be part of the preservation effort?
4. Support the preferred alternative (C): my thought when I was listening to the presentation (at the Pilgrimage this past summer)- -the one thing that still needs to be addressed is that this was the largest camp. Somehow this needs to be addressed as part of the experience. I know that willing sellers were noted, but I'd like to see something in the plan that more aggressively addresses the interest/stated desire in acquiring property/expanding the unit. It did hold the largest number of internees. It would be a shame to restrict it to a smaller area. It would be good to see this expressed in the plan so that people can see that this is of interest to the NPS. Passive approach – I understand the complexities, but it would be good to see this stated somewhere.

5. I know that Tule Lake had imprisoned some German and Italian citizens – to reach a wider audience beyond the Japanese American community, could there be wider interpretation associated with those stories?
6. Have those communities [German and Italian] provided any input at all? About Camp Tulelake? Could they be possible partners with us in our position to preserve the integrity of the camp?
7. I'm interested in the education piece. The Korematsu Institute distributes curriculum to teachers nationwide. I went to TL this past summer, was very moved. This site needs to be shared with everyone, because people don't know about the resistance piece. I want to share this story in multiple ways. Has there been more discussion about how the education and outreach will work? We would like to be a part of that; have discussed it with Angela. Curriculum is K-12, is there a pot of information/resources that our curriculum writers could access and use to write curriculum and distribute to teachers?
8. Recalling pilgrimage experience: where is the cemetery on the map of the segregation center? Our memorial service is held at that area; what happened to those who were buried there, what will happen to that location? That is also a very sacred area at that camp
9. We don't know that all the bodies were exhumed. It was bulldozed over into a landfill. One of the more disturbing points to the Tule Lake Committee; private landowners can do whatever they want. Don't do the memorial service there. Important site for experts to go in and determine exactly what remains and what happened.
10. Near the dump site.
11. Plan is thoughtful. The favored alternative is the most expensive. How much of that could be awarded in the next 5 years in terms of appropriations?
12. Given the new administration, is there any idea that it will be better or worse in terms of securing funding?
13. Urge NPS to move as quickly as possible; we still have the benefit of survivors from the camp experience. Possibility that we could have as much done as quickly as possible, because there is so much more meaning for our community to have our elders and people who were in the camps to share stories and see the redemption that comes from preservation.
14. Involving young people: to make it as engaging as possible, visitor center will be a critical part of the experience. Very important. Only concern is the size of the carpenter shop: from my standpoint, I'd like to approach it from what should be in the visitor center – how can we make it as engaging an experience as possible and then look at the carpenter shop and see if it is big enough to provide that experience. Will there be a public process around the visitor center design? This would be important to help determine what is most valuable for young people to experience. Don't want the size of carpenter shop to be the determining factor: would rather make sure that we have the space that we need; focus on what it should be, not what it can be based on its size.
15. Have you talked about the possibility of the airport paying for an interpretive center?
16. We restored an old airplane hangar and used it to supply visitor services (restroom). Most emotive experience is the jail; bringing young people in the jail is a life-changing experience. Close to carpenter shop. Layout looks very feasible, with visitor facilities.
17. Fairgrounds museum: barrack and guard towers: are they real? Would the barracks be moved back?
18. Alternative tour during the pilgrimage. Visited a warehouse with the jail doors: very moving. What are the plans for those? Will they be built into the jail?
19. For the resources on private land, protecting them or trying to protect them can't be in the plan? Is there any mechanism whereby the federal government can designate those buildings as a historic district? I just want the buildings that are tied to the camp to be protected.

20. They could donate.
21. Is that outreach included in the GMP?
22. What kind of tax breaks can residents get from this? Could they get federal tax breaks, that could help...potential of getting the property, land at some point? Tough to get the national historic district, stepping on a lot of toes.
23. Staffing: understand that there is mostly summer staffing. Is an increase in staffing part of the GMP to assist in outreach? 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade elementary school program – Angela has described history of the town, how she found things in her house. Is that part of the curriculum, to tell students that they may have artifacts at home? Will kids know that their own house is part of history, will there be enough staff? Would staff be hired in the first phase?
24. Group thoughts on increasing access to the segregation center: absolutely [agreement around the group]. My aunt was there and isn't able to get out there right now. Access is so important, to be able to stand where she was incarcerated. Most citizens in America understand sacred ground for Native Americans, but they don't seem to connect that idea for those of us who were in these camps. Have there been meetings with local citizens, teachings in the schools to share that these lands are sacred with the local community?
25. At Manzanar they've been successful about talking about the layers of history, from Native Americans to the townspeople to the Japanese American incarceration. Those stories are relevant and they need to be told across the board. Helps to have joint ownership in caring for the resources.
26. Modoc and Klamath tribes: their stories should be included.
27. What else can the people of our community do to support NPS efforts before the February deadline? Clear so that it's not just a small handful. Clear that it's a strong sense of commitment. Letters to political leaders who are involved would be very helpful. Federal, state, local. Connect to leaders in the Tule Lake area: understand that there are different pressures between local and nonlocal interests, but would like to support/collaborate.
28. Two bills in Congress right now to advocate for the name change to Tule Lake NHS.

## **SAN JOSE, CA: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016**

**6–8 pm, Japanese American Museum**

**Attendance: 32**

### Notes from Full Group

1. When did the fence construction start, and is it being done for security reasons?
2. Does viewshed mean what you can see from the camp? What would you see? Would it be a really tall fence?
3. How frequently is the airport runway used? Is there a plan to show visitors the extent, the vastness of the camp that existed there? You need to show that between point A and point B, we had this many thousand people living here. So there's no plan for a high point to oversee the whole thing?
4. What about the guard tower? Will people be able to go up that?
5. For the pilgrimage, we could walk up the Peninsula. Is it Indian land, did you say?
6. From the map I see, there are some areas along the right hand side of the Peninsula that were part of the camp. Who owns that land?
7. Isn't the landfill on BLM land? Have you considered doing anything with that? All of the detritus from the camp is there, it's an amazing collection.

8. The line that comes down [on the fence map]: the angle of that came farther down, was all part of the airport. According to the picture that I have, there are 10 cemetery plots that were completely desecrated. Moved the fence again, you can't disturb those graves, we know for sure there were 10 plots there. The gravel was strewn all over Tule Lake for the roads; camp roads were all red cinder, new graves were all local gravel, gray. Where did that rock come from? The cemetery. Where they were buried. So sad. [Description of perfunctory burials]. The landfill – private property – tremendous resource, pans, pots, dishes, unbelievable. I've been walking through there. We should save all of that, save the resources.
9. The original fence cuts where the blue line, fence on the southeast side. That's where the original camp site was approximately. Could you propose mitigation where you put fencing along the highway, maybe a smaller fence to secure the airport? Just a thought.
10. Is there a possibility to have a perimeter easement, where you could have a path for Segways or golf carts or something that could tour around the perimeter? Gettysburg is using Segways now; if you could get a permit or path to completely surround the area, you could have a tour that goes all the way around.
11. Follow up to Jimi's question: under what circumstances are people required to do an EIS before digging things up?
12. There's an airport in Klamath Falls, that's not very far. Why is there a need for this one?

#### Notes from Group 1

1. How did you come to those budget numbers?
2. There were some fundraisers done, can private funds come into these national projects?
3. Are the JACS grants a different pot of money?
4. How bust is your organization that oversees support for you?
5. In 1944 or 45, the camp had 5 pumps that pumped water into the camp. After segregation they added 2 more that were near the highway. The pumps weren't working well enough to pump the water into the camp so they were going to have to start having the military haul water in, so they started using the M canal for watering the roads, gardens, etc. and only used the pumps for drinking water. They started regulating which wards could use water on which days to keep the dust down. Over 500 personnel, plus the 1,200 military in addition to the 18,000 there.
6. I think there should be some way to give the visitor an idea of the size of the camp. Allowing people up in the guard tower could be one possibility, or using technology with a phone.
7. What does the stabilization and restoration of the jail include?
8. The story of all the pressures on people that led them to do what they did is a very powerful story that needs to be told. A lot of people lost hope while in Tule Lake and that needs to be made clear. The whole process was pushing people to the edge and needs to be incorporated into the experience.
9. The use of technology could really help, but if you can add the stories into that using the oral histories, it would really help. Jimi has all this knowledge of the construction that will be lost when we start losing these people. The interviews could be more specific to topics vs. the really long academic ones and then use clips from those to include in exhibits.
10. The water tank that sat on the hill had the water pumped across camp to it from the [missing word].
11. Maybe there could be something that could explain what happened to the "no, no" and renunciants postwar within the JA community.
12. What are the groups that you work with locally?
13. Is the management plan online?

14. As an academic I think about how the sites are interpreted and to me TL provides an opportunity to connect the history to WWII and all along the Pacific. Also, how did Japanese imperialism function within the camp and how did American imperialism function within the camp? It was quite chaotic within the camp, and the NPS is usually pretty good about interpreting this and it needs to continue with TL.
15. I would like to see Angela develop something about the outside-the-fence story.
16. Along those lines, it's important to get the military men perspective.
17. Something about the benefits of having the camp so close to the community. The military men coming back after the war getting land.
18. One of the men working for the camp wasn't able to find housing in Tulelake. No one would rent to him because of his connection to the camp, so he had to go all the way to Klamath Falls.
19. I don't have any idea what the NPS does, but this kind of event, reaching out the community from Washington to LA is amazing. You should be commended for that.
20. I was wondering if you have the people who have studied the history. Should there be something put together to gather those resources that are out of the park (oral histories gathered by others, etc.)? I would like to organize people like me (the Tule Lake babies) to get them to provide support.
21. There are fancy dishes in the museum, but we didn't use them. They were in the warehouse until 1944, then people had to take them and store them in their barracks. Then when they left camp, they left them behind and took the army dishes because they were heavy duty. The fancy dishes were then thrown away in the landfill.
22. Fire for effect book about the 522<sup>nd</sup>, that book is stories by the people who were enlisted. They look like they were written by the person. It looks like it is going to take a lot of partnerships with the local community to get where you are wanting to go.
23. If somebody wants to sell, what do you do?
24. I just wanted to reiterate the focus on youth and technology. It would be great to have all the work you are doing accessible for everyone since TL is so far away.
25. I didn't really understand the last slide about the resources being around the boundary but you are not going to do anything about it.
26. I was in charge of about 250 men who were working around the camp doing the car [missing word].
27. Is there some kind of organization that is helping push this politically?
28. I think the NPS has done some amazing work. Stay the course. You've done an amazing job documenting and preserving these sites.

#### Notes from Group 2

1. Agree with previous comments on scale of plan – need to consider a larger vision. There's a potential for partner involvement/donation to help with a greater plan. Outreach with private, NGOs, and others to accomplish more.
2. Need more outreach generally to reach objectives and raise money
3. Crop dusting during wind – is there a safety issue?
4. Tulelake airport – often very little use. Airport is important locally, but marginally effective.
5. Find ways to connect Lava Beds tourism with Tule Lake visits.
6. Such a remote area. A camping facility would be nice to help visitors coming from a long way away.
7. Might be worth making a relationship with a youth hostel group or something.
8. Would be nice to have school groups stay overnight at Camp Tulelake barracks.
9. Support preferred alternative at Camp Tulelake, especially toilet and stabilization.
10. Support stabilizing Mess Hall. Impressive building. A big plus for visitors.

11. If possible, it would be good to reconstruct a Mess Hall at the Segregation Center. We have lots of memories as children, snacks were served at 3pm.
12. Suggest exploring reconstruction of a full block.
13. Has there been an inventory of intact barracks throughout the valley? Suggest completing a full inventory.
14. The three areas are not near each other. How would they be tied in so that visitors can see everything? Support methods that help visitors learn about and find the sites.
15. Podcast would be an ideal way to take visitors from site to site, especially if you can't put staff on the sites.
16. Need staff at the sites to open up the buildings.
17. Cell reception?
18. Manzanar did a good job with their unit. Learn from the history of Manzanar visitor services development and apply the lessons to TL.
19. Part of the educational message should be about other actions taken against Japanese Americans, beyond just rounding up 120,000. Rounding people up without cause is something that can happen again – important to get that message out.
20. The site needs an anchor. Something to pull people in. At Manzanar, it's the visitor center. Find the anchor.
21. If money wasn't an object, a shuttle service would be useful in taking people between the 3 sites.
22. Viewsheds. What are the threats? What about solar farms or wind turbines? Keep an eye on what's happening.
23. Support collecting oral histories.
24. Important to tell the stories of resilience so that young people can learn how people dealt with hard times and moved on.
25. At Gettysburg, there were displays of letters between family members. It would be more meaningful to use personal effects and stories to reach visitors.
26. Individual stories are really important, even prior to internment. Very important to convey feelings. Make it personal. Use and preserve the (literal) writings on the walls.
27. At Rosie the Riveter they have a wall with pictures and blank paper and pencils – it's a nice way to elicit feelings from visitors.

## **SEATTLE, WA: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016**

**5–7 pm, Japanese Cultural Community Center of Washington**

**Attendance: 34**

### Notes from Full Group

1. Would any tours be able to show the former agricultural lands, as well as the former residential areas?

### Notes from Group 1

1. There are 3 options, who are you telling those options to?
2. Who decides?
3. On that question, so you put it into your budget, and it gets approved?
4. Should we contact our Congressperson to lobby to push it through, and who?
5. A lot of people in this area were in Tule Lake. Legislators here have a duty to perform.

6. GMP is outstanding, I support Alt. C. NPS should go further. Visitors should be able to walk through barracks. Work with FAA to enable access to the airport area, even if it means moving the airport. Whatever it takes.
7. Strongly support Alt C. Today it's more important than ever to get this information out. Concerned about how much money it takes. We should get together and do a writing campaign to write senators and others. Provide a link to a letter that goes to the appropriate people.
8. NPS should be more aggressive in opening up the barracks, and it's more than the place, it's the stories. Need strong digital presence, showcase website for TL. Powerful timeline and stories are so powerful.
9. Support C, would be great to go further. Stories are important. Segregation center, large-scale resistance, content needs to be clear. What role did the government play? Great to move airport to another place. If we cannot stop fence, reconstruct fence on historical alignment, and reconstruct guard towers.
10. C+ option.
11. Rebuild an entire block, or indicate with chalk lines.
12. Question about acquiring property.
13. Make the fence bigger to keep the deer out.
14. I think what struck me was what Tom said about oral histories of the people. My dad told us many stories of all the conflict, individually what they went through being there. There was so much individual conflict, not knowing why they were being incarcerated.
15. In alt C – interpretive engagement with youth – is that through classes?
16. I would like to see if anything can be done to alter the airport. I don't think it is a good idea to have an airport so close to the site. I think the area should be dedicated to the history of Tule Lake.
17. I missed one word – Army. Other camps guarded by less than a platoon. There were up to 900 men at the time. The army was very big there. People need to know that. Martial law was mentioned, but that doesn't mean anything to most. Some attention has to be made to the fact that the army is an important part of the story.
18. There were pictures of tank tracks in the snow. It was the best they could do to document.
19. There are military reasons why there weren't tanks. There were motorized vehicles. With rubber tires, machine guns on top. But not meant for combat, just to scare people. There would have to be all kinds of maintenance people. It wouldn't be impossible.
20. That's a real way to have crowd control.
21. Scary would be an operative word, people would be frightened on a day-to-day basis.
22. I like the idea that you have a general overview.
23. You're putting in guard towers to scale?
24. Are there different sites where guard towers were?
25. How many? 29? There was one at Castle Rock.
26. Good grief! Did they have a phone there?
27. How many people visit Lava Beds?
28. My wife and I travel to these camps. Of the people we bump into, almost all are not Japanese. I met white people who know more than JAs. People who get really emotional and cry are hakujins. Not us. Almost like shame. Surprising how many white people know about this. Topaz and out of the way places.
29. Look, in the 70s, this episode had been erased from American life. I found out on the night of 9/11 that it had not. Every national TV tried to get me to talk. I could only go to one of them. ABC, NBC, CBS called. We got on late at night, and I shared with George Takei. We were being interrogated by a not very informed reporter. These were not Japanese, these were American

citizens. It wasn't in the history books, it's now part of the American consciousness. My wife was reading chick lit, reading about 3 bright law students, and one talked about 3 cases, Korematsu. When I taught law school, all but 2 students didn't know any of the 3 cases. A lot of white people know about this.

30. But Tule Lake is not a phrase that most white people know. They know something shameful was done.
31. Media and self-guided tours, would there be resources there? Audio device, or other onsite resources? Would be important if don't get to other sites.
32. The most meaningful part was Castle Rock.
33. I like going up there to see the overview of how big the site is. Concerns about wildlife. Make sure access is limited.
34. Broken glass, empty beer cans. Would there be any interpretive things up there or on the trail?
35. One farmer said he used to farm and see petroglyphs, and below can see Japanese writing, and more recently can see spray paint. Would like to take into consideration Native American perspective.
36. Occurs to me that focusing on stockade, cut out that there needs to be notion that this was not like internment. This was men, women, children, pregnant women. That's an important part of the story.
37. Survivors that were in high school, or toddlers, talk to bachan about stockade, but she was busy being pregnant, so had a different experience. So many "babies" were at last pilgrimage.
38. I think it's great, done a lot of work, incorporate comments, good alternatives, especially C.
39. Thank you, I'm excited, hope it happens, hope there is an artist residency. It would be a nice way to draw more attention, social practice.
40. An airport can be moved, a story cannot.
41. What happened to us is still relevant, even more now. The way things are now, were relevant.
42. Glad for Park Dept. to get this plan going. I know goal is beyond the years I may be alive to see it. I go to the pilgrimage, and it's so huge, now we have to get back in bus and go to the other site. I get confused. I look forward to this coming to fruition.
43. I think alt C+, and urge Park Service to take an aggressive stand. Partnerships – have huge collection and expertise to give a starting point that's farther ahead. Always an asset. There is so much already done. That should make a stronger proposal.
44. I would like to express appreciation to the NPS and all they have done. Which wasn't always the case. The NPS has changed, interpretation. Would like to see more done at TL. Entire campsite is still there. And it is unique, maximum security, anyone disloyal sent there. Crucial story to preserve and get out there.
45. It will be interesting to have it all come together.
46. It is very necessary, and this project is more important than ever. Did research project using internment documents looking at treatment of how people were treated in camps.
47. Include culture shock that went on when people were ripped from community, midwives were banned. If women requested midwife they were denied. Emphasize this was incarceration for children and American citizens. Thank you.
48. Emphasize historical significance of TL. Of all sites, TL stands out as historical importance. Recommendation, need to prioritize, urge you to prioritize TL, most important.
49. I appreciate the work you've done. We're in the Seattle community. We are insular. Bought house, neighbors were Suzukis. In their 90s. Talked about wanting to have official memory, historical significance of TL. Talk about that a lot. His brother delivered my sister in camp. And the story continues. The significance is so widespread.

50. I just moved back from east coast. Wanted to be in on these projects, back to community that raised me so well.
51. Visitor center should recognize the role of Mike Masaoka and JACL. Advocating for recognition of the segregation center at TL.

### Notes from Group 2

1. Tule Lake is really important: we're lucky that the NPS has Manzanar, Minidoka, and Tule Lake. Here to support the NPS in telling this tragic story. Shouldn't do anything else like this again.
2. Tule Lake – important physical place that people can still visit. Powerful, support work of NPS.
3. I feel so sorry for the Japanese American people who were put in the camp. If there is anything I can do to help the people who were moved into the camps, I'd like to do that today.
4. We would like to do everything we can do and we hope for peace in the future.
5. I hope there is a lot of room planned for exhibits and objects, and things that people have made in the camps.
6. Very doable plan, and unique for a government agency to put something together that is so realistic. I think it's great, and it's okay that the scope is more limited, as long as progress is made.
7. C is by far the only alternative that is acceptable to me. At Tule Lake, there is no iconic symbol. At Manzanar, there is the memorial at the cemetery. At Minidoka, there is the guard tower. I've seen the guard tower in the museum at Tulelake. It would be nice to have something like that that people can see and understand. The segregation center provides that, but you have to go there to see it. Is it possible to find that iconic symbol? Maybe a guard tower (could reconstruct).
8. Airport area, I know it's a touchy situation: there is plenty of land outside the segregation camp area. My desire would be for that land to be traded so that the airport could be located in another area. I've been to the Manzanar Pilgrimage: they're planning to put some footprints down to illustrate where the camp was.
9. Digital outreach in the plan is a really good idea: do more of it.
10. Rise of virtual reality programs/glasses: could this be online, or maybe provided to people when they are there? This would have a great impact and could lessen the cost of building physical buildings.
11. That place was vast, it was really huge. When I went back to Hawaii and looked at the landscape there, I realized how big Tule Lake was.
12. In terms of outreach and education, good that there is an emphasis in the plan on partnerships. Having partners like Densho and the Japanese American National Museum who can help get the word out.
13. At the risk of over-intellectualizing the site/plan, have you considered what it means to propose building/reconstructing something for the long term that was originally intended to be temporary? Are there any plans for bringing an artist into the site to grapple with this question? That would be an interesting approach.
14. Instead of saying Abalone Mountain, we should call it "Awabi" like the Japanese Americans.
15. Important to get the names right.
16. Historically and currently a lot of farming has occurred around the camp; the Japanese developed a lot of the farming practices. Japanese farmers developed a lot of the farms and did a lot to make them fertile/functional. When they left, other farmers came to take them over.
17. The only connection I have with the Peninsula is the hike during the Pilgrimage. If the plan includes the hike, that trail is terrible. No path, you slide down the hill. If you're going to open it to the public, you have to have medics, etc.

18. First thing that you should be doing are the do-ables, focus on the segregation center site up by the airport, then Camp Tulelake, then the Peninsula should be the last phase.
19. Amazed by the complexity of the site, different sites, and time schedules. Supportive of the fact that you're interested in developing resources that people can still experience, with digital media and personal stories, and in ways that people can interpret in deeper, more contextual ways. Great to have multiple ways to experience the Tule Lake Camp. The LA main library currently has a great exhibit about Nazi propaganda: looking at real pieces of history, then contextualized with contemporary examples. Left up to the viewer: do you think that this could happen again? I thought this was really impactful. Asking, "what do you think?"
20. Something like that would be good to put on the internet, with lots of pictures. At least one guard tower should be built. Put up a tall pole at each boundary corner of the site, so that people could have a visceral reaction to the size. Cheap way of doing it. I personally would say, build all of the guard towers if you can afford it, though.
21. Marker on the side of the road: I know the state of California put up that monument: saw it many years ago, but perhaps it could be made more prominent, cleaned up. That was the first time that a public agency used the word "concentration camp." Big fight in Seattle right now about terminology; using the word internment. Not correct. The word "internment" refers to German, Japanese, Italian aliens— located in Department of Justice camps. WRA camps should be called incarceration camps, or concentration camps. These are places where political prisoners are kept; different from camps where aliens are kept during a time of war. Tule Lake has already accepted the word concentration camp; that's one of the first ones. I'd like us to make it clear that it was not an internment camp. How can we work with state of California to highlight the monument? Also, it would be good if we could locate all the barrack foundations by locating the foundation stones: otherwise we don't know how large it is. Minidoka was a smaller camp, but the superintendent at the time was able to collaborate with the people who owned the land locally; it took many years for Mr. King to be able to do that, but it opened up the boundaries of Minidoka. It would be nice if a segment of Tule Lake could include the actual barracks area.
22. At Minidoka we learned that at the end of the war, Japanese Americans incarcerated made the farms really productive, and when they left others came in and grabbed land for free.
23. In terms of the unit funding sources, are they grants, debt, equity, federal funding? Are you allowed to undertake any public/private partnerships?
24. Could you work with the Conservancy fund [Nature Conservancy]? Would they give grants to NPS?
25. What about an archive? This would be an important part.
26. Is anyone taking oral histories from Tule Lake? My son was interviewing all the soldiers from the 442 and MIS (through Go For Broke). Is there a way to get volunteers to do that? Are there any students out there who would be interested in interviewing incarcerated?
27. At Minidoka, there's a youth-oriented program (junior ranger). Have to get the young kids involved. Little badges at the ranger station in Twin Falls. Got to get the young people to know that it's their story, an American story.
28. At Manzanar, junior ranger programs are very helpful. Support for NHS designation for Tule Lake.

[PORTLAND AND HOOD RIVER MEETINGS CANCELLED DUE TO SNOWSTORM]

## VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING 1: TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

10 am – 12 pm PST

Attendance: 5

### Notes from Full Group (no breakouts)

1. Are agricultural buildings on the other side of the highway in the boundary? What were they used for? Who owns and manages Horse Mountain?
2. What is the square footage of Carpenter Shop? How does that compare with Manzanar and Minidoka?
3. I worked at Lava Beds as an archeologist; also as a consultant. Thank you for all of your time. In consideration of the local community--this GMP misses the mark in not considering the whole of the 6,110 acres. The whole of the Tule Lake segregation center and features and landscapes qualify as a traditional cultural property important to the JA community. If you haven't gotten that message through all of the outreach efforts you've undertaken... This is no different from my work with tribes -- important to tribes and rooted in history. Discouraged that this hasn't been brought up in Section 106: consultation with numerous groups identified in the plan. Identify those attributes that make the historic resource important to groups to assess effects of management plan and the property. This is a big failure of the plan -- it's not broad enough. The whole of the properties are significant at the international level, should be highest level of significance we can give it. Consider the attributes of the entire resource for the JA community that identifies with this property. We've brought this to the State Historic Preservation Officer, and it has proven a viable concept, and we'd like to see the NPS follow through with it.
4. How would this work through section 106?
5. Through 106 we can look at what is still left in 6,110-acre footprint; can do it through remote sensing. Appreciate that you want to do this the friendly way through willing sellers, but seems absurd to try to interpret the whole thing from the 37 acres. Features existing on the land on the airport--structures, places where people made sake. Want to get a hold on what the resources are out there. Avoid issues of incompatibility with existing uses. I'm concerned that a population of 300 people at Newell -- that there isn't some way to figure out how to relocate, respect their history, but this is a much bigger history and issue. As far as the Traditional Cultural Properties identification of those National Register values, you can go ahead and do that without getting on the landscape -- talk to the people, like you would talk to tribes. You have a lot of that information in the plan and in the notes from the many meetings that have been hosted at JA associations. For historic preservation, you need to understand what is important for the people who find it significant, and manage to maintain those qualities. In the introduction, you note that there is a long-lasting stigma associated with this place. People can work out the issue of their civil rights having been violated.
6. The plan is something that is long overdue, bringing this forward. I will be working on behalf of the plan and contacting our local legislature. It is also something that is current. At this point in time, we have a whole lot of folks near the end of their lifetime who lived at Tule Lake during the internment. I'm finding through outreach that they want their story told. Best example may be the Broadway play staged and produced by George Takei, called *Allegiance*. That is getting a lot of interest within the JA community and among the elders. When their generation is gone, it is only going to be through verbal translation that the story of Tule Lake continues. We need to do something now to augment what is there, and the general management plan is a great step forward.
7. I will probably submit written comments. Thank you for all of the work that you've done to put together the plan. I echo the comments about the plan being long overdue. As the daughter of a

formerly incarcerated American at Tule Lake, I'm excited to see progress on this. I'm also inclined to agree with the comments about the need to identify extant resources outside the boundaries that are currently managed by the NPS. I don't know how to do that at this time, but possibly more discussion on that needs to take place. I have a question about the public scoping process: are the public comments available somewhere?

8. For a really phased back plan, only 37 acres, it's a good starting point. You've looked at buildings and identified good options for adaptive reuse. The reconstruction--from what I heard during the Pilgrimage--ideally for the near term it would be great to construct more features than one barracks building and a fence and one guard tower in the stockade. It still feels empty, not like a complete setting. Trying to communicate with people what it was like. It was the concept of the guard towers and the fence that were the most shaking for people. Talk about using new modern media -- how do you communicate the scale of the original camp? It was suggested that some guard towers be located, if you're able, at the maximum extent of where the old guard towers were. Even if it was a balloon floating through the air, that people could look across and see how vast it was. Virtual walking tour through what was the camp, access for JA people who are trying to heal themselves is a good thing.
9. Perhaps a phase 4 would be a research and education facility. Truthfully, NPS has the best collection of photographs and other historical documents related to Tule Lake, and I would hope that that is maintained and even upgraded. More outreach to the JA community could bring in more photographs and details. I'd like to see a secure dedicated area for all those materials for those who'd like to do academic and personal resource. Also education -- reaching out to junior high and senior high students, developing a specific education coordination area for those youths. Adding some of this to their curriculum. Not much has ever entered the academic curricula—it's time we moved up this history. Education and outreach facility, if financially and physically possible at some point.
10. Great ideas. I thought about school curriculum that could reach beyond the Tule Lake Basin, about this part of American history that could go up and down the state and across. I never learned about this as a youth growing up in Florida.
11. For the temporary visitor center -- is the plan to have that present interpretive elements?
12. Camp Tulelake: it's an important part of the story; you're pointing out that it is on the road to Lava Beds, makes it an important feature to attract people to the 37 acres and learn more about the resource. It's going to be critical. When I was out there for a couple of hours this summer, I didn't see any apparent archaeological stuff happening: this indicates the need to coordinate with the Klamath and Modoc tribes to make sure we're not at cross purposes to Native American cultural resources. I sat as a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, so I'm familiar with working with tribes. One of the things repeated in the GMP is putting funding toward a Modoc ethnographic overview/study: importance of the GMP for the Tule Lake story is WWII history, and for all Americans. But consultation with the tribes to make sure that you're not going to impact tribal cultural resources is critical. Ethnographic Overview already exists for Lava Beds (by Deur). Former shoreline of Tule Lake is really an important landmark for folks, Modoc descendants today. Most of incarceration camp was in the lake; Peninsula you certainly do [have resources], and maybe Camp Tulelake. Almost feels gratuitous that you've thrown in that you're going to do another ethnographic study with the tribes. But this is really about the Japanese Americans. Consulting with the tribes is important, but not the ethnographic study: put the effort toward an ethnographic (TCP) study with the JA community. That would be my advice.
13. Am I correct to assume that the former cemetery was within the boundaries we see on the screen for the Peninsula?

14. Incarcerees were able to visit the Peninsula before privileges were taken away. Strong emotional tie, part of the landscape very important to JA people. I hope you refer to Horse Mountain as Abalone Mountain too in the document. The peninsula is an important area for the Modoc as well; consult with them to avoid interference with their traditional practices is important.
15. Is this a process that is in motion that will continue on a steady basis, despite the fact that we have an upcoming administration change? March on.
16. Section 106 process for this undertaking has not met the mark. I might suggest that you enter into a Programmatic Agreement with the SHPO for a more complete and systematic identification of archeological and structural features across the entire 6,110-acre footprint. That agreement document for the long term would help develop plans for long term management of the sites, future acquisition and expansion of the boundary, ideally from willing sellers. Section 106 as presented in the document is incomplete: fail to identify TCP associations and lay out all the reasons beyond the boilerplate for the NHL nomination for this historic resource.
17. Do you have a notification list? I'm going to send the e-mails to us for those organizations. Can you please add Asian & Pacific Islanders in Historic Preservation and the Save Our Chinatown Committee to your notification list regarding this project?

### **VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING 2: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017**

**6 – 8 pm EST, Japanese American Association of New York; New York, NY**

**3 – 5 pm PST**

**Attendance: 35 (including web and NY venue)**

#### Notes from Full Group (no breakouts)

1. Question regarding project costs, different phases, different site arrangements. Peninsula, SC, etc. Are the costs for each phase run simultaneously, or do you finish one project and carry on? If you don't get the full funding, do you have alternatives for fundraisers?
2. I'd like to comment on point 1 about the GMP. I agree that alt C is preferred over A and B, but I don't think C goes far enough. Create an alternative D? One of the concerns that I have is that of the thousands of people who were imprisoned at Tule Lake, only a small fraction were confined in the jail or stockade. Yes, that is one of the most important features that has to be brought out and explained. But for the people who were not imprisoned there, it has no direct relevance: people want to experience the expanse, visit the block where it existed and their ancestors lived. Scope of the camp, how large it was. Creates a difficulty for those whose friends and ancestors were imprisoned there, to see what conditions were like in the areas where people lived. I realize that property isn't owned by the Park Service, but I'd like to see plans for properties that could be obtained. And priorities for those properties. Airport, 10-foot fence: it would be horrendous if that fence were built. The existence of the airport itself is objectionable. The Tule Lake Committee is trying to find an alternative site for that airport that really only services crop dusting planes. Keep the area that used to be the camp free from intrusion from the fence, crop dusting planes. I'd like to see Alternative C go further in terms of protection of scenic resources, visual borders.
3. Could expansion plans at least be added to the alternative, so those aren't set aside and not mentioned? It would be helpful and encouraging to have the Park Service say they'd like to see this in the future in terms of expansion and boundaries.
4. Could you go back to map on the slides and point it out?

5. You mentioned the possible name change to Tule Lake National Historic Site? What's involved in changing the name?
6. Why would we want to separate Tule Lake from the other WWII Valor in the Pacific sites?
7. Other camps, some are NPS managed and some aren't. How can we coordinate that, aside from people attending pilgrimages, how can the other camps be visited?
8. Is there some point, a way to see how plan C progresses in terms of funding for that plan? Is there a way to weigh in, let whoever is responsible know?
9. My ongoing concern is the presentation of existing historical material and establishment of a small research library area. With many former internees reaching their senior years, the potential for adding many artifacts to the collection is great. Housing and collating these artifacts should be a priority in the management plan.
10. Concern that a primary research facility be established because the interest in Tule Lake and other internment camps is growing; 75th anniversary. I'd like to see that we do what we can to maintain and acquire new artifacts for the collection. Right now we have the tiny facility at the fairgrounds; I'd like to see that expanded.
11. I totally 100% support alternative C. Of the 3 options, the highest and best use of the site. I agree that it would be nice to have a little bit of push room, set the sights higher. My experience with GMPs is that 10 years from now, people will say that no one cared because it wasn't mentioned. Saying there is no push for expansion is not a message NPS should put out there. Structures scattered around in radius of camp: we'd like to add them all if possible. Looking at other confinement sites and issues: cultural competency training for staff members is very important. People interpreting, prioritizing, setting goals need to understand the cultural and ethnic significance of the communities impacted; I've seen that fail at other sites. Example-- cemetery at Minidoka. We don't have definitive proof that remains were removed: dump site, swimming holes; could be additional research. Talking to community members now about what priorities are, 20 years into the future, all the Nisei will be gone, silenced, if you don't talk to them now, hear them, this is an important priority. Education and interpretation, gathering of artifacts is really important. A box is just a box, a building: it's going to be about interpretation and education: public coming into contact with the reality of the barracks and what life was like there. Hope that is being built into the priorities as they're set out today.
12. I really appreciated the comments about cultural competency training. Really happy to see that the slideshow used the term incarceration instead of interment. Very important to be using the correct and accurate terminology to describe these experiences (i.e., forced removal instead of evacuation). My question is does this GMP include efforts for cultural competency and utilizing these correct terms? This is the Power of Words Handbook created by JACL:  
<https://jacl.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Power-of-Words-Rev.-Term.-Handbook.pdf>
13. I am wondering whether the efforts for the interpretation will include the tensions that existed in the camp, particularly Hoshi Dan, etc., and the efforts that they made to convince other prisoners to renounce their citizenship? That was a unique situation compared with what happened in the other camps; that tension was one of the reasons why people were sent to the stockade. To what extent does plan intend to address these issues?
14. I know alternative C calls for construction of representative barracks within the area of the stockade. I believe that Manzanar has done something similar, but they went further and created typical barracks, with a mess hall, latrine/shower area. People can see what the lives of the incarcerated were like. Would the plan include provision for more structures to show what life was like then, in addition to the barracks within the stockade?

15. Are there any details about the visitor contact center that you'll plan to build quickly/the initial one (ditch rider)?
16. In the carpenter shop, will there be any examples of some of the byproducts created during the period?
17. Because it is located a fair physical distance from the segregation center, will there be signage to direct the public? How will you manage the fact that these sites are quite far away from each other?
18. What do you expect in terms of money being allocated by Congress? How likely is it that we'll get any money to do any of these things?
19. Ditch Rider house seems too small. Can the Carpenter's Shop be used instead from the outset?
20. Carpenter shed is much larger, and if you don't need to use the space right now, it is very convenient for expansion purposes.
21. Can we post presentation slides online or send them?
22. Thank you for using the term incarceration.
23. My ongoing concern is the presentation of existing historical material and establishment of a small research library area.
24. Thank you for the virtual meeting format. It makes it easy for people to participate; accessible.
25. Thanks the Park Service for their efforts for the past few years, particularly Anna. We owe you and your staff a lot of appreciation for the work you have been doing and hopefully will continue to do.
26. When I look at the GMP schedule, everything ends in 2017. Can you give us a timeline for the next 11 months about when the decision/Finding of No Significant Impact will be made?
27. Really appreciate the opportunity to listen to the presentation and get a better understanding of GMP. Look forward to seeing these implemented.
28. Regarding Castle Rock, is there a sense that tours would always have to be ranger-led? Or is there a possibility that this could be open and self-guided if ranger led tours would be limited?
29. Is it possible to put both the slides and the audio presentation on the web? It's a very good presentation.
30. I had the opportunity to visit Angel Island, historic landmark but also a beautiful park. Knowing that people didn't know the historical significance of the site until it was brought to light in the 1970s. Also participating in Tule Lake Pilgrimage and seeing barracks: knowing that this plan will allow people to learn about the JA experience at the site. Honored to be attending and to see the work that everyone is doing.
31. With the hike to top of Castle Rock done at the pilgrimages: I understand the path the incarcerated took was different. Would be nice to know that route too.

### **TULELAKE, CA: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017**

**6–8 pm, Tulelake City Hall; moved to the Newell Family Resource Center due to size of group**

**Attendance: 61**

#### Notes from Full Group (no breakouts)

1. The barrack photo in the slide was Brodie Bettendorf.
2. What do you mean by an immersive experience?
3. What does your budget look like in total and annually?
4. Fear is a form of belief. We have a belief that things can happen in our country even if it doesn't go with what people have said they want or don't want. We saw this locally with the dam situation, which has led to a fear, caused by the government to justify things happening in the

name of political correctness. You can title it how you want, but it has made us a vulnerable group and makes us concerned that it could happen here. We have been lied to by the government and this has led to this lack of trust and if someone comes in trying to take the airport or our land we will stand and fight.

5. Have you been to Washington D.C.? In D.C. there is monument after monument, I want you to take a look at what you are honoring. Here we have a camp that was created because of Japan attacking us and during the time Japanese could have been shot on the street during the time. You are proposing to take our livelihood through our tax dollars by creating this site. You are wanting a legacy, but you need to realize what you are sacrificing, because you are sacrificing us. In 75 years from now are we going to do the same thing for what is happening now? You are already changing the wording by not calling it an internment camp. What are you going to do when you take all the jobs in America to keep creating monuments for all groups? 75 years from now what kind of monument are you going to create for ISIS? What is the government going to do 75 years from now for ISIS, is it apples to apples?
6. No it is not, these were Japanese Americans who were American citizens if they were allowed to. It is not the same as ISIS. *[Some notes missing, 3 people started talking over each other and things got heated and note taker was not able to capture full conversation.]*
7. It doesn't address what happened to the citizens that lived here.
8. I want a daily comparison to what daily life here was to what the Axis powers did to our citizens during WWII.
9. Where the camp was supposed to be located at was Copic Bay (south of current area). In March of 1942 it got really wet so they couldn't get the trucks and equipment into the location. So they scrambled to move the camp to the current area because of the sandy ground. That is the same reason the airport was placed there in 1952. During that time they were developing the town of Newell that was named after the Bureau of Reclamation employee. When the airport was placed there nothing was there, all the buildings were already gone.
10. The proclamation that put the people in the camp was decided by the government not by the people. We did not ask for the camp to be there. We were a small community that did not have the political clout to fight the decision. The other reasons were because the area had the farm land and the railroad. The community has stated that they will support something that will support the community and we have always stated that we will support the story being told. The story does need to be told so that it never happens again to American citizens. During the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting you stated that the removal of the airport would be devastating. During the San Jose meeting and the Sacramento meeting you spent a lot of time talking about the airport. The WWII monument in D.C. is 5 acres, you have 37 to tell that story. During those meetings you mentioned doing 10 tours a day, and starting those after we are done flying. The city of Tulelake has said they will keep the airport the airport. Is the funding in C what is going to allow you to do the 10 tours a day and have access to private property? Within the plan you need to focus on what you will be doing on your property and not worry about what private owners are doing around you. This creates a lot of heartburn from the community. What I want to hear from you is why we should vote for plan C. The plan doesn't talk about the airport, but during the meetings that was talked about a lot.
11. The whole community of Tulelake was established by veterans: after the war they put down their guns and rolled up their sleeves and created a community. They do not feel sorry for themselves nor do they want pity for what they did during the war. *[More was stated but note taker was unable to capture. After meeting commenter said they will be submitting full statement through website or e-mail.]*

12. I had the opportunity to see the USS Arizona. There was nothing sticking out of the water, but the monument consists of a big parking lot, a building. They did a good job in a nice limited amount of space. I think the amount of acreage you have is good. While it is nice to let people stand on the latrine or their block, I still think you have enough land to tell the story through videos, displays etc.
13. What is the Park Service doing at the other 10 sites? Are all of them building up as sites?
14. How many acres are at Manzanar and Minidoka?
15. I went down [highway] 395 and drove by Manzanar, they have that big area and there were only 2-3 cars in the parking lot, it seemed like all of the infrastructure was being wasted.
16. The war was going on while I was in high school at Tulelake. If you wanted to do it better, you could go out and pick up one of the barrack buildings around the area. You could also build an observation area that is 30-40 feet up where people could go and use a huge map to show them what was there vs. spending 2 hours walking them around the site...that seems like a waste of time. When it was going on we would go down on horseback and the lights and sirens would go off and the guards would come running out and tell us to go down away from the camp and they would forget the whole thing. We could hear sirens and such going off on random nights. I had a German uncle in the LA area who was a merchant marine who would go out, but would not speak a word because people would realize he was a German and the fight would be on. He would take someone else with him when he went out so they could talk for him. If they had been going up in the city areas there would have been pushed around and picked on. You need to concentrate on the acreage you have. You could walk around over 2 hours, but if you go up you could tell a lot more in 15 minutes.
17. My concern is with more people coming in, what's going to stop others (presidents) from coming in and pick other locations around the area to become monuments or convert private land into federal land?
18. Can private organization donate into the project? How much good would it do if the Tule Lake Committee donated what they are spending on the lawsuit and donated it to the projects?
19. How would the community feel if something like a flagpole was put around the boundaries so you could go up in the platform that see the perimeter of the camp?
20. What would your budget be if you went with plan A?
21. There were some things that concerned me that were said to the San Jose group. It was said that we would not have the ability to tell the story without partners. It felt like you were telling them one thing and us another. It sounded like you wanted the airport closed down since there was talk about moving the airport to Klamath using helicopters. We need to partner first.
22. It sounded like you wanted to decide when the airport could operate so that you could offer tours in the afternoon.
23. Did you say that Castle Rock is no longer on the table and that you are only focusing on the 37 acres? It did seem like at past meetings, that access to Castle Rock was something that the public wanted.
24. Are you still planning on telling inside vs. outside the fence story?
25. LaMalfa's aid got turned around the road due to snow, but they wanted me to tell you thank you for setting up the second meeting.