

# CAMP PICO BLANCO CONSERVATION PLAN



**Award-winning Project: Outstanding Environmental Resource Document Award, Association of Environmental Professionals (2015); Innovation in Green Community Planning Award of Excellence, American Planning Association California Chapter, Northern Section (2014)**

The Pico Blanco Scout Reservation consists of nearly 800 acres on the north fork of the Little Sur River, off Palo Colorado Road, in the midst of the Ventana Wilderness and Los Padres National Forest. In order to improve long-term environmental stewardship at this Big Sur regional camp, according to national Boy Scouts of America (BSA) goals and overall vision for serving youth, EMC Planning Group reviewed the 2011 BSA Council Conservation Committee Guidebook in order to identify national guidelines and general best practices applicable to the property. Then, in coordination with the local BSA Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Area Council, we developed an extensive Camp Pico Blanco Conservation Plan for the approximately 100-acre camp area following the guidance of the Conservation Idea Sheet: Conservation Planning for Boy Scout Camp Properties. The product was an adaptive management plan, expected to evolve over time based on the input from the Council Conservation Committee for Camp Pico Blanco. This conservation and environmental awareness plan included sixty initial recommendations for conservation practices at Camp Pico Blanco for initial implementation from 2014-2016. Peer review of the plan is expected to further refine and expand this list. Action item categories include: forest management, watershed management and steelhead protection, sensitive species protection, nature education, scientific research, and recreational use management.

## Location

Big Sur, CA

## Client

Boy Scouts of America,  
Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council

## Year Completed

2013

## Budget

\$22,623.00