

is subject to change with PAWTAC, CDFG, USFWS, and public input; this mapping is merely a talking/starting point; it does not indicate any conclusions by planning staff, as the noted groups need to be convened for their input on mapping and inventory per GP Policy 7.4.2.8. The initial assumptions (and items for discussion) will be released with the release of the maps.

PAWTAC was established with the adoption of the 1996 General Plan. Policy 7.4.2.7 states:

The County shall form a Plant and Wildlife Technical Advisory Committee to advise the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors on plant and wildlife issues, and the committee should be formed of local experts who will consult with other experts with special expertise on various plant and wildlife issues, including representatives of regulatory agencies. The Committee shall formulate objectives which will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

The Board, at their June 8, 1999 meeting, approved a membership consisting of 20 local resident and agency volunteers. PAWTAC has not had meetings for several years.

Next Steps

Next steps include completing the draft initial maps; documenting the metadata and assumptions; defining “large expanses”; verifying the status and interest of PAWTAC members; and bringing the results back to the Planning Commission on April 24, 2008 as requested for review, recommendations, and direction to staff.