

El Dorado County Oak Woodland Management Plan



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Oak Woodland Management Plan - Presentation Purpose and Outline -

- To Provide an Overview of the Scope and Schedule for Preparing the Oak Woodland Management Plan (OWMP)
- To Describe Plans for County and Public Participation
- To Explain the Approach for Classifying and Evaluating Oak Woodlands
- To Discuss and Obtain Input on Some Challenges and Opportunities for Identifying and Conserving Important Oak Woodlands

Oak Woodland Management Plan

- Scope -

REQUIREMENT

GP Policy 7.4.4.4

GP Policy 7.4.2.8

GP Policy 7.4.5.2

GP Policy 7.4.4.5

GP Implementation Measure CO-P

GP Implementation Measure CO-U

SB 1334 (Kuehl) and PRC 21083.4

DESCRIPTION

Oak Woodland Management Plan

Integrated Natural Resources
Management Plan (INRMP)

Oak Tree Preservation/Permitting

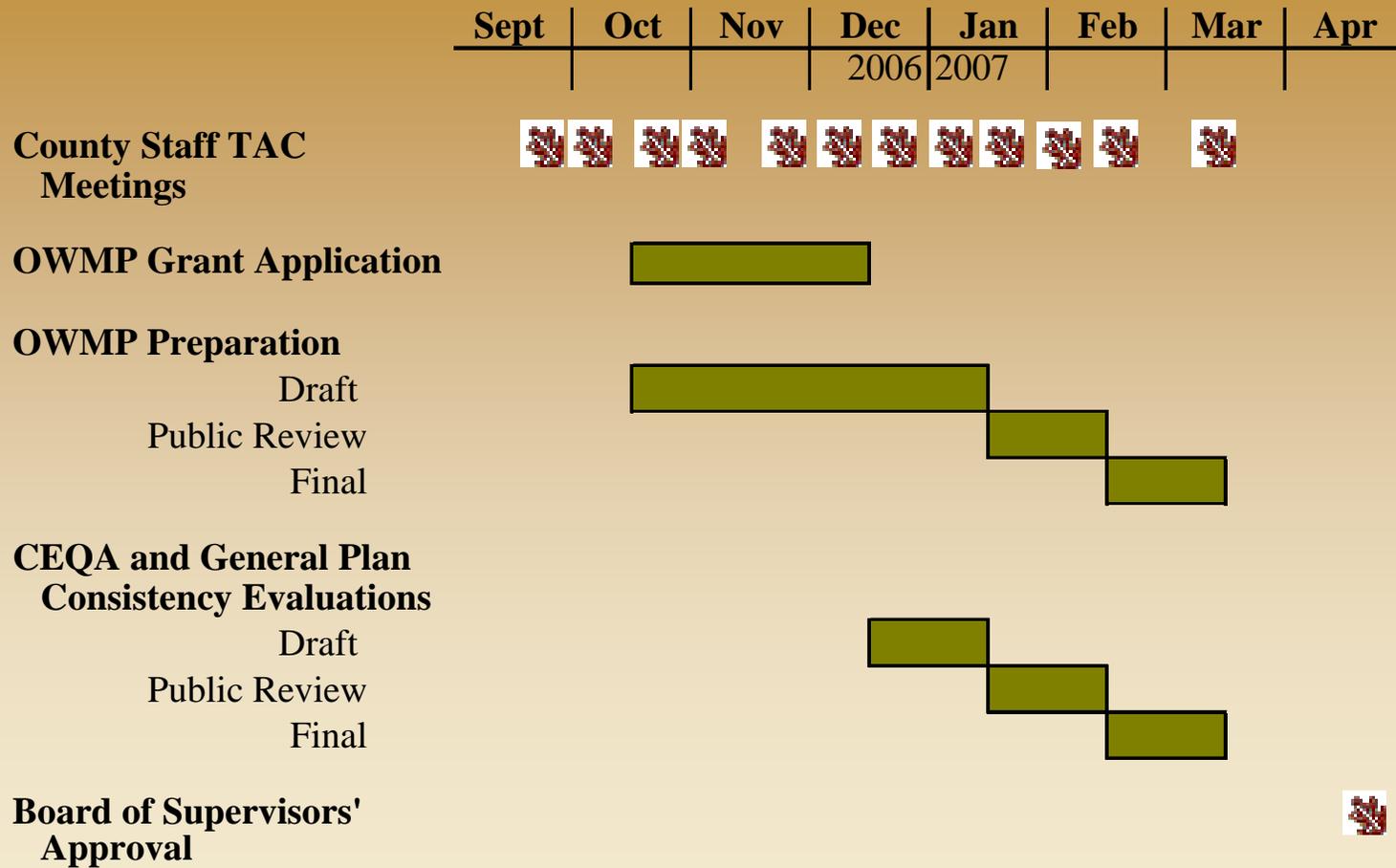
Oak Stand Continuity

OWMP Content

Mitigation Ratios/Funding

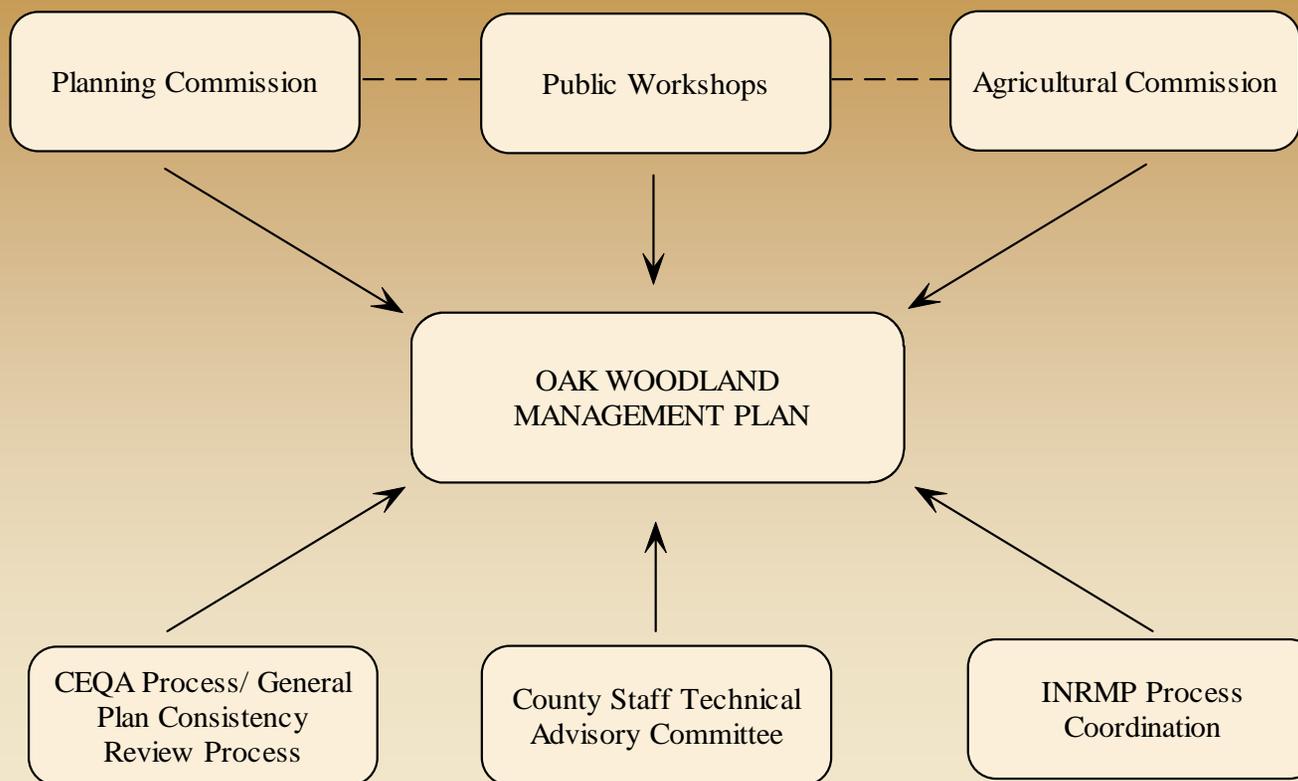
CA Oak Woodlands Conservation
Act and Law

General Timeline for OWMP



Approach for OWMP Preparation

- Review and Input During Plan Preparation -





County Staff Technical Advisory Committee Participation

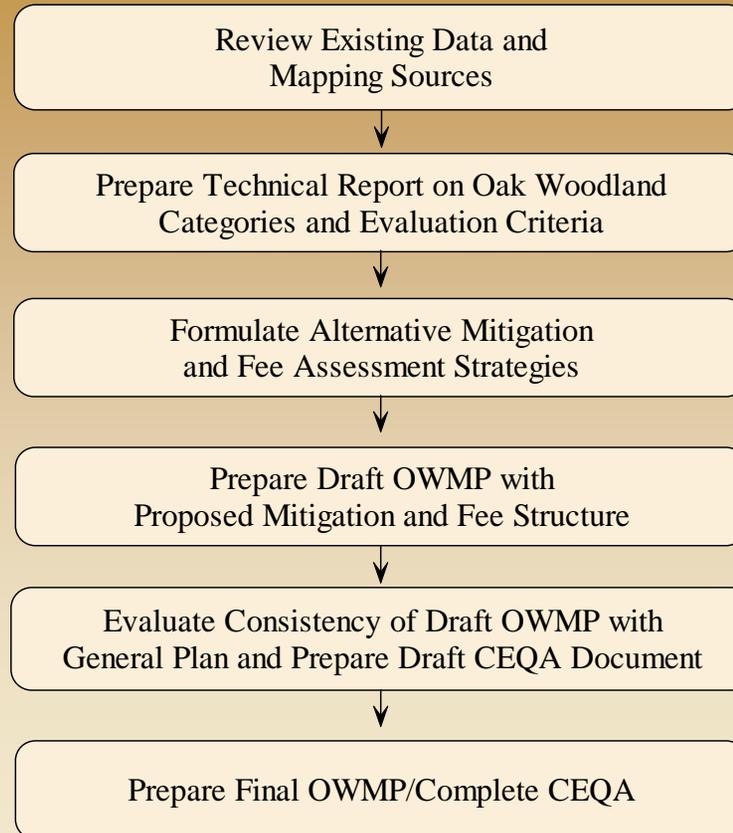
County Staff Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

- U.C. Cooperative Extension
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Transportation
- Planning Services
- County Counsel
- Surveyor's Office
- Consultant Team

Bi-Monthly Meetings to Help Maintain OWMP Preparation Schedule

Approach for OWMP Preparation

- Generalized Process -

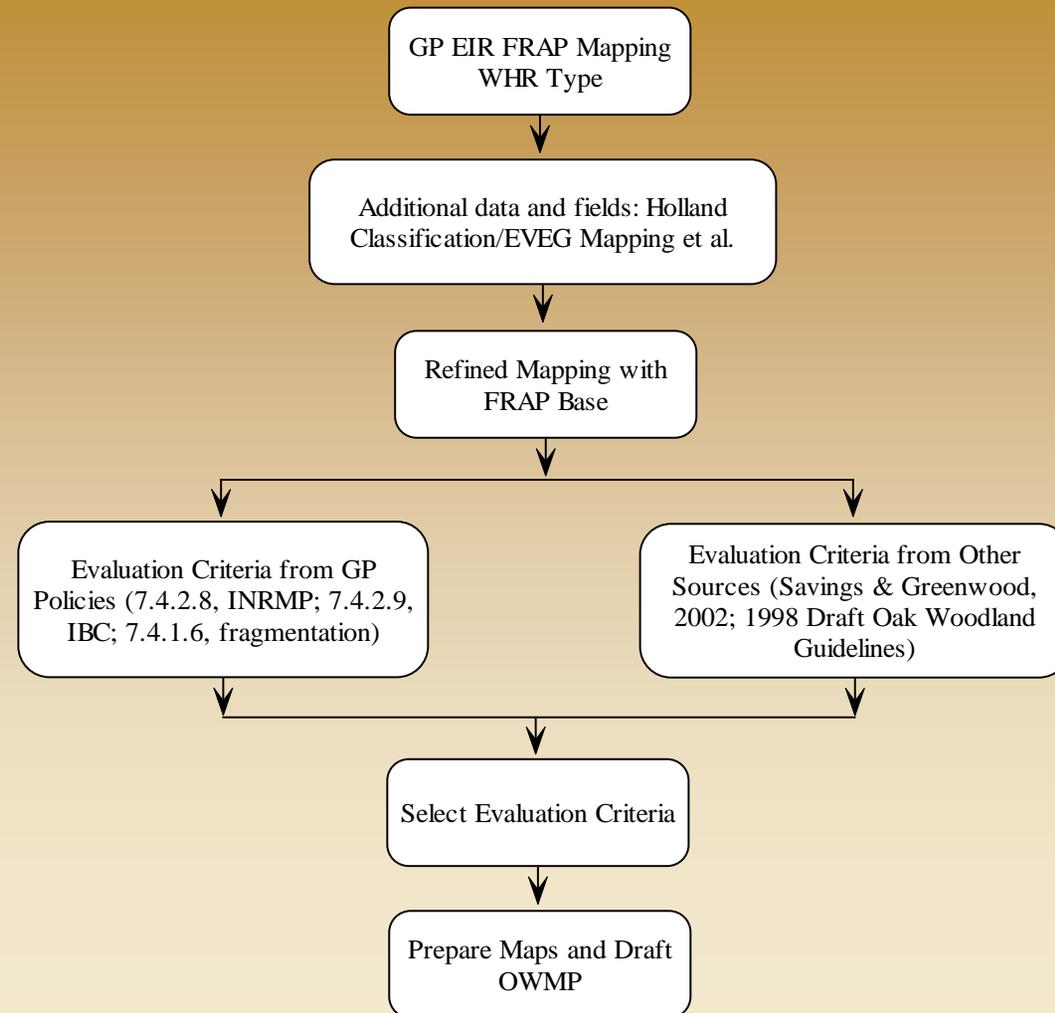




Identifying Important Oak Woodlands - Generalized Process -

- Step 1: Start with existing 2004 General Plan EIR mapping
- Step 2: Review other available mapping data
- Step 3: Consider available information and select ‘importance criteria’ based on 2004 General Plan Policies/EIR and SB 1334/PRC 21083.4
- Step 4: Overlay ‘importance criteria’ on General Plan EIR mapping
- Step 5: Assess distribution of important oak woodlands in El Dorado County
- Step 6: Recommend areas to be identified as important oak woodlands for meeting oak conservation goals of 2004 General Plan

Identifying Important Oak Woodlands (Cont.)





Oak Woodlands Being Considered for 'Importance' Designations

- Blue Oak-Foothill Pine
- Blue Oak Woodland
- Valley Oak Woodland
- Montane Hardwood
- Montane Hardwood-Conifer

Source: 2002 Forest Resource Assessment Program Wildlife Habitat Relationship Mapping



Preliminary Examples of Oak Woodland Importance Criteria - “Presence or Absence” -

- INRMP Important Habitats (Policy 7.4.2.8)
 - Large expanses of oak woodlands
 - Migratory deer herd habitat
 - Wetlands and riparian habitat
 - Aquatic habitat including streams, rivers and lakes
 - Special-status species habitat
- Important Biological Corridors
- Preserves and other ecological designations
- Oak woodland continuity within El Dorado County
- Adjacent county contiguous oak woodlands



Challenges/Opportunities for Oak Woodland Conservation in El Dorado County

- Simplicity and flexibility of the OWMP and Option B (off-site mitigation) fee method to accomplish the 2004 General Plan conservation goals
- Unavoidable fragmentation of existing expanses of oak woodlands
- Landowner and land manager interest in oak woodland mitigation options
- Availability and economics of conserving or restoring lands designated as important oak woodlands
- Possibilities for combining oak woodland conservation goals with other policies or goals of 2004 General Plan



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Next Steps/Near Term Actions

- December 14 – Planning Commission Workshop on Oak Woodland Mitigation and Policy 7.4.4.4 Option B Fee Method Considerations
- December 7 and 21 – County TAC meetings on Administrative Draft OWMP
- January – Public Review Draft of OWMP, CEQA document, and Option B Fee Method

Questions/Discussion



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