

General Plan Biological Resources Policies Update - Project Fact Sheet



Public Workshop Schedule

The public is invited to attend workshops scheduled with the Board of Supervisors. These workshops are a continuing discussion of the 10 decision points presented to the Board on January 13, 2015.

- **Monday, January 26, 2015***
#2: Discussion of oak woodland measurement for impact calculations and mitigation area; #3: Wildlife under-crossings for future 4-, 6- and 8-lane roadway projects.
- **Monday, February 23***
- **Monday, March 30***
- **Monday, May 18***

***Dates subject to change. Times (to be determined).**

Workshop materials may be available up to one week in advance on the project webpage (*weblink at bottom of this sheet*).

Questions ?

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Project Overview

The County is updating the biological resources policies and implementation measures in the County's General Plan. The project requires the completion of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). A Background Memo and Decision Points Memo are posted on the project webpage (*weblink at bottom of this sheet*).

General Plan Biological Policies

The project will clarify and refine the six General Plan policies in the Conservation and Open Space Element regarding oak tree protection and habitat preservation:

- 7.4.2.8 - Develop and implement the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP)
- 7.4.2.9 - Important Biological Corridor (IBC) overlay
- 7.4.4.4 - Options A and B for mitigating impacts to oak woodland habitat
- 7.4.4.5 - Maintaining continuity within retained portion of oak stands
- 7.4.5.1 - Tree survey, preservation and replacement plan
- 7.4.5.2 - Develop and implement an oak tree replacement ordinance

Project Background

In May 2008, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Oak Woodland Management Plan (OWMP) to implement Option B provisions of General Plan Policy 7.4.4.4 and Measure CO-P. These provisions would establish an Oak Conservation In-Lieu Fee for the purchase of conservation easements for oak woodland in areas identified as Priority Conservation Areas. In June 2008, a lawsuit was filed challenging the approval of the OWMP. In 2010, the Court directed the County to prepare an EIR for the OWMP. In 2012, the OWMP and its implementing ordinance were rescinded. Only Option A of Policy 7.4.4.4 is available to mitigate impacts to oak woodlands. In September 2012, the Board determined that all the related biological policies should be reviewed and considered for revisions to ensure that the goals and objectives of the General Plan can be achieved. In March 2014, the Board approved a three-year contract with Dudek, a consulting firm to assist the County with this project. In July 2014, Dudek presented the Board with four approach options. In November 2014, the Board selected the Mitigation/Conservation Approach. In January 2015, the Board approved the project schedule below, and addressed Decision Point No. 1 regarding re-analysis of the 2008 OWMP In-Lieu Fee.

Anticipated Project Schedule

Board/Public Workshops	Jan - Jun 2015
Draft EIR Public Review Period	Oct - Nov 2015
Public Meetings on Draft EIR	Nov - Dec 2015
Final EIR/Board Adoption	Apr - May 2016



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For more information, visit the project webpage on the County website:

<http://www.edcgov.us/Government/LongRangePlanning/Environmental/BioPolicyUpdate.aspx>