

## INRMP Work Program

July 814, 2008

The Board of Supervisors directed that the INRMP follow the requirements of General Plan Policy 7.4.2.8. The INRMP will only include components required by the El Dorado County General Plan and would not include components necessary to meet the requirements of the Federal or California Endangered Species Acts or the California Natural Community Conservation Planning Act. General Plan Policy 7.4.2.8 requires that the INRMP be developed and implemented within 5 years and include a habitat inventory, habitat protection strategy, mitigation assistance, habitat acquisition, habitat management, monitoring, public participation, and funding components.

Information regarding the Pine Hill rare plant species will be incorporated into the INRMP through attachment of the Pine Hill Preserve Program and Chapter 17.71 Ecological Preserve Overlay.

Information regarding oak woodlands, excepting connectivity, corridors, and habitat issues, will be incorporated into the INRMP through attachment of the adopted Oak Woodland Management Plan.

The Board of Supervisors has directed that the INRMP study plan area shall be limited to the 4000' elevation on the east, and county boundaries on the north, south, and west.

Due to budget constraints, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will complete the starred (\*) italicized tasks, with County staff completing the remaining unstarred items.

### **Task 1. Initial Inventory Mapping - completed and map adopted by the Board of Supervisors on April 1, 2008.**

General Plan Policy 7.4.2.8 states that the habitat inventory will map the following important habitats in El Dorado County: 1) Habitats that support special status species; 2) Aquatic environments including streams, rivers, and lakes; 3) Wetland and riparian habitat; 4) Important habitat for migratory deer herds; and 5) Large expanses of native vegetation. The Board directed County staff to prepare an initial inventory map which they adopted on April 1, 2008.

“Habitats that support special status species” was mapped using CNDDDB data for special status species known occurrences, California red legged frog Recovery Plan area, Pine Hill ecological preserve boundary, Pine Hill Preserve boundaries, and Pine Hill Recovery Plan area. Habitats that *support* special status species were not mapped.

The “Aquatic Environments” layer and “Wetland” layer was limited due to the limited hydrology layer available to the County GIS specialist at the time the map was created. Similarly, “riparian” habitat buffers were limited for the same reason, and perennial and intermittent streams could not be differentiated or named. NRCS/RCD or NHD (National Hydrologic Dataset) could be used.

“Important habitat for migratory deer herds” was mapped using CDFG layer for critical winter range, critical summer range, fawning areas, and holding areas. However, the layer is not current; coordination with CDFG/USFWS/USFS is needed.

“Large Expanses of native vegetation,” for the initial inventory mapping was illustrated using the Oak Woodland Management Plan’s Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) which include contiguous oak woodland of 500 acres or more that coincide with 40 acre or larger parcels. Other habitat types were not included.

Although not occurring in one of the five mandated “important habitats,” valley oak woodland was included in the mapping as a “sensitive habitat,” notated as such in the General Plan EIR. Other “sensitive habitats” which are montane riparian, valley-foothill riparian, aspen, wet meadow, and vernal pools were not included in the mapping.

***Deliverables:***

- Adopted (Board of Supervisors, 04/01/02008) initial map.

***Assumptions:***

- Prepared by County staff with available data.

The adopted initial map is located here:

[http://www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/planning/genplan/Final\\_Initial\\_Composite\\_040408.pdf](http://www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/planning/genplan/Final_Initial_Composite_040408.pdf)

**~~Task 2. Re-convening of PAWTAC (to assist with items below in coordination with CDFG and USFWS)~~**

General Plan Policy 7.4.2.8 states, “The inventory and mapping effort shall be developed with the assistance of the Plant and Wildlife Technical Advisory Committee, CDFG, and USFWS.” Although the policy does not include USFS, their knowledge of deer and other animals that use many land types is valuable.

At its June 8, 1999 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved a membership consisting of 20 local resident and agency (including CDFG and USFWS) volunteers, and directed Planning staff to report to the Planning Commission the majority and minority opinions expressed by the Plant and Wildlife Technical Advisory committee votes on advisory recommendations. The members of PAWTAC are as follows:

<b>PAWTAC Committee Member</b>	<b>Organization Represented</b>
Alan Ehgott	American River Conservancy
Banky Curtis	California Department of Fish & Game
Bill Frost	U.C. Cooperative Extension
Bob Pine	U.S. Department of the Interior Fish & Wildlife Service
Charis Parker	
Connie Wade	
Craig Thomas	
David Witter	El Dorado Irrigation District
Ellen Day	Taxpayers Assn of El Dorado Co.
Enid Deibert	
Greg Greenwood	
Guy Nixon	
Keith Murray	
Pat Couch	
Ray Griffiths	
Rick Russell	Carlton Engineering
Robin Kelly	Carter Kelly Construction
Susan Britting	
W.A. Hamilton	
Wendy West	El Dorado County Farm Bureau

Staff will return to the Board as soon as possible to review and confirm appointments.

**Deliverables:**

- County staff will prepare a staff report and schedule an agenda item for the Board of Supervisors.

**Assumptions:**

- The Board will direct staff in confirmation of appointments.
- County will be responsible for formation of the PAWTAC.

**Task 32. Meetings\***

The project manager or principal and technical staff, as needed, will attend regularly scheduled and, as needed, specially called meetings with the County Point-of-Contact (POC), County Management Team, Board, Planning Commission, PAWTAC, and Advisory Committee/Stakeholder Committee.

Over the estimated 12 month term of the contract, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will attend up to 30 meetings with an average of up to 2 staff per meeting. These meetings would support efforts under all tasks described in this scope of services. Conference calls lasting more than one hour are considered meetings under this subtask. In person meetings are assumed will be held at the County offices and meeting rooms in

Placerville, at Federal or State resource agency offices in Sacramento or Folsom, and at ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ offices ~~in Sacramento~~. The County will be responsible for preparing and distributing meeting minutes or summaries.

**Deliverables:**

- None

**Assumptions:**

- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will attend up to 30 meetings with an average of up to 2 staff per meeting
- Conference calls lasting more than one hour are considered meetings under this subtask.
- In person meetings are assumed will be held at the County offices and meeting rooms in Placerville, at Federal or State resource agency offices in Sacramento or Folsom, and at ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ offices ~~in Sacramento~~.
- Average meeting length will not exceed 3 hours.
- The County will be responsible for preparing and distributing meeting minutes or summaries.
- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ assumes that support of this task will not exceed ~~xxx~~ 180 hours of ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ labor.

**Task 43. Identification/Refining of “Important Habitats”\***

The initial mapping effort provided a preliminary identification of habitat that could be deemed “important.” ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will work with local, state, and federal agencies as directed in General Plan Policy 7.4.2.8, and with ~~PAWTAC and~~ County staff to further identify and refine “Important Habitats.”

**Subtask 43.1 Coordinate with Federal and State Resource Agencies\***

The General Plan requires that the INRMP “be developed with and include provisions for...informal consultation with local, state, and federal agencies having jurisdiction over natural resources within the county.” ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT) (CONSULTANT)~~ County staff will coordinate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to request assistance in the identification of resources over which these agencies have jurisdiction and in the identification of appropriate techniques for the conservation of these resources. Coordination via telephone conversations and email messages are included in this task.

**Deliverables:**

- None.

**Assumptions:**

- All meetings with these agencies are included under Task 32.
- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT) assumes that support of this task will not exceed xxx hours of SAIC (CONSULTANT) labor. County staff will conduct this task.~~

**Subtask 4.2 Define plan study area/overview\***

*SAIC (CONSULTANT) will facilitate the discussion with the Management Team, County Staff, PAWTAC, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Supervisors regarding:*

- ~~The geographic scope of land use issues expected to be addressed under the INRMP;~~
- ~~The distribution of vegetation communities in the county;~~
- ~~The known or recorded distribution of special status species; and~~
- ~~The opportunities and constraints for conserving natural habitats.~~

*SAIC (CONSULTANT) will prepare the Plan Study Area Report as an appendix of the INRMP. This report includes the list above that will provide PAWTAC the information necessary to provide a recommendation to the Board.*

*The Management Team may request that SAIC (CONSULTANT) prepare the Planning Area appendix before PAWTAC is reconvened for its subsequent review once it is established.*

*Due to sensitive species and special status species being found in the Lake Tahoe Basin as well as the West Slope region of the county, in developing this work plan and cost estimate it is assumed that the plan study area encompasses the entire county. All tasks described in this work plan are based on this assumption.*

**Deliverables:**

- ~~Plan Study Area Report formatted as appendix to INRMP (Microsoft Word format via email to the Management Team POC)~~

**Assumptions:**

- ~~To develop this work plan and cost estimate SAIC (CONSULTANT) should assume that the Planning Area encompasses the entire county.~~
- ~~County assumes that this Report shall be an overview in format, a summary of information; not to exceed ten pages, preferably less.~~
- ~~All meetings are included under Task 3.~~
- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT) assumes that support of this task will not exceed xxx hours of SAIC (CONSULTANT) labor.~~

### **Subtask 3.2 Inventory and Map Protected Lands**

To prepare for developing a Habitat Protection Strategy, County staff will review the regulatory environment as applicable to Important Habitat and define existing regulatory constraints and map existing "Protected Lands," utilizing existing data.

#### **3.2.1 Publicly owned property or land otherwise undevelopable due to conservation easements or similar constraints**

This section of the "Protected Lands" map shall illustrate lands which are publicly owned, lands which are undevelopable due to conservation easements, lands federally or state designated as critical habitat, or similar type constraints.

#### **3.2.2 Property with land use designation, overlay, or other local regulatory constraints**

This section of the "Protected Lands" map shall illustrate lands whose standards, while protective, could change at some point in time. These could include Natural Resources or Open Space land use designations, ecological preserve overlays, 30% or greater slopes, riparian and wetland setbacks, etc.

### **Subtask 4.3 Inventory existing regulatory constraints applicable to Important Habitat and Prepare Protected/Open Space/Government Lands Map**

To prepare for developing a Habitat Protection Strategy, County staff will review the regulatory environment as applicable to Important Habitat and define existing regulatory constraints and map existing "Protected Lands." These can consist of the Ecological Preserve Overlay, land uses including Natural Resources and Open Space, government lands, lands under conservation easements, 30% or greater slopes, riparian setbacks, etc., utilizing existing data.

#### ***Deliverables:***

- Regulatory Constraints/Protected Lands Report formatted as appendix to INRMP document and Regulatory Constraints/Protected Lands Map (Microsoft Word and GIS shapefiles/coverages, to include metadata and projection)

#### ***Assumptions:***

- County staff will review County, State, and Federal policies that protect lands, as well as GIS layers that the County has that will facilitate this mapping.
- County staff will author this report and map.
- County will obtain input from PAWTAC.
- County assumes that report will not exceed five pages in length.

### **Subtask 4.43.3 Conduct a study to identify riparian, connective, and critical corridors (Important Biological Corridors/IBCs)\***

General Plan Policy 7.4.2.9 and Implementation Measure CO-N direct that the County will review the IBC overlay which shall apply to lands identified as having high wildlife habitat values because of extent, habitat function, connectivity, and other factors.

This subtask consists of: preparing a land use assessment, to describe projected land use and to assess the potential affects on biological resources; and using that data to conduct a study to identify connective and critical corridors between habitats.

#### **4.43.3.1 Describe Projected Land Use\***

~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will review County planning documents and policies (e.g., the General Plan, General Plan EIR, and any specific plans available) and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP) studies and coordinate with the County to identify planned and potential future development, infrastructure improvement and maintenance activities, and other types of planned activities that could affect natural habitat and special-status species. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will use the General Plan Land Use Designations GIS data to summarize the areas of potential future development with habitats identified in the Habitat Inventory. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will prepare a summary description of potential future land use in the Planning Area. This report will include a summary of the purpose, location, and extent of disturbance that could be associated with future land use categories; actions that will be implemented to undertake land use changes that could affect biological resources (i.e., impact mechanisms); and the anticipated schedule for growth and development in the Planning Area. Once identified, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will create a GIS data layer of the projected area of disturbance associated with the projected land use. Water and infrastructure projects proposed by other entities (e.g., El Dorado Irrigation District) would be added to the land use assessment if location information on such projects is provided to ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ in digital GIS format on a timely basis.

#### **4.43.3.2 Assess Potential Affects-Effects on Biological Resources\***

~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will assess the effects of projected land use under the General Plan on special-status species and natural habitats in the Planning Area. Results of the effects assessment will be used to help guide development of habitat protection and mitigation strategies in the INRMP. The assessment will identify the likely direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of projected land use on biological resources. Wildlife Habitat Relationships (WHR) information will be used to assess the potential affects of projected land use on special-status species. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will use existing information in the GP EIR to the greatest extent possible for this effects assessment. This analysis will describe the effects of land use changes on up to 42 fish and wildlife species and up to 19 plant species and the major natural habitat types in the Planning Area. **Where there is**



existing appropriate GIS data, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will quantify the effects, otherwise the analysis will be qualitative and in narrative form.

#### **4.4.3 Prepare Draft and Final Land Use Assessment Report\***

~~SAIC (CONSULTANT) will prepare a draft Land Use Assessment Report for review by the Management Team, PAWTAC, and Board. The report will be formatted as an appendix of the INRMP. SAIC (CONSULTANT) will prepare a compiled list of comments received from all reviewers. Following review of the draft report, SAIC (CONSULTANT) will prepare the final Land Use Assessment as an appendix of the INRMP.~~

#### **Deliverables:**

- ~~CONSULTANT will provide a Draft Land Use and Potential Effects on Biological Resources Assessment Report consisting of a summary description of Projected Land Use and Assessment of Potential Effects on Biological Resources, formatted as an appendix of the INRMP (Microsoft Word format)~~
- ~~County staff will prepare the Final Land Use Assessment Report formatted as an appendix of the INRMP (Microsoft Word format)~~

#### **Assumptions:**

- County will provide ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ with the General Plan Land Use Designations GIS data coverage.
- County assumes this task will not exceed ten pages.
- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT) assumes that support of this task will not exceed xxx hours of SAIC (CONSULTANT) labor.~~

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#### **4.4.4.3.3 Identify connective and critical corridors for the Important Biological Corridor Overlay\***

Policy 7.4.2.9 directs that the IBC overlay shall apply to lands identified as having high wildlife habitat values because of extent, habitat function, connectivity, and other factors.

~~SAIC (CONSULTANT) will identify suitable connections between habitat areas for plants and animals to move through fragmented landscapes, identified through the Land Use Assessment Report. SAIC (CONSULTANT) will coordinate input from USFWS, CDFG, and USFS. The approach should model landscape connectivity and reveal the most crucial linkages between habitats and predict how animals move through them, and identify "pinch-points", where connectivity is most vulnerable. SAIC (CONSULTANT) should ~~utilize~~ evaluate the Saving and Greenwood study which identified primary corridor areas for wildland oak woodland landscape connectivity. In particular, the CONSULTANT should address viable north-south connecting corridors across Highway 50.~~



~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will prepare a draft Important Biological Corridor Report and Map for review by the Management Team, PAWTAC, and Board. The report and map will be formatted as an appendix of the INRMP. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will prepare a compiled list of comments received from all reviewers.

Following review of the draft report, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT) County~~ ~~will~~ ~~staff~~ will prepare the final Important Biological Corridor Report as an appendix of the INRMP.

**Deliverables:**

- ~~CONSULTANT~~ will prepare the Draft Important Biological Corridor Report and Map formatted as an appendix of the INRMP (Microsoft Word and GIS shapefiles/coverages, to include metadata and projection and formats)
- ~~County staff~~ will prepare the Final Important Biological Corridor Report and Map formatted as an appendix of the INRMP (Microsoft Word and GIS shapefiles/coverages, to include metadata and projection and formats)

**Assumptions:**

- County will provide ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ with the current IBC GIS data coverage and General Plan EIR information, as well as the Saving-Greenwood report.
- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ assumes that support of this task will not exceed xxx hours of ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ labor.

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**4.5.3.4 Refine initial inventory mapping/draft and final habitat inventory report\***

The Board has concluded that resource mapping and GIS data acquisition or capture conducted in development of the separate El Dorado County Oak Woodland Management Plan (OWMP) is sufficient for use as the primary component of the habitat GIS database for the INRMP. The OWMP relied primarily on the California Department of Forestry (CDF) Fire and Resources Assessment Program (FRAP) and California Wildlife Habitat Relationship (WHR) GIS data. These are the data that ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will use for the INRMP vegetation data. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will acquire from readily available sources additional existing GIS data on ecological resources in the planning area (such as soils, streams, wetlands, watersheds, floodplains, land use). Under this scope of work, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ assumes that no additional vegetation, habitat, or land cover GIS data capture will be necessary for development of the INRMP. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will initiate work on the Habitat Inventory using existing GIS data from the OWMP and other available

sources. Because the INRMP is a unique process, there is no precedent for habitat mapping standards. SAIC (CONSULTANT) will facilitate discussion with PAWTAC, Agencies, and the Board to define "Important Habitat" and "Large Expanses of Native Vegetation." It is anticipated that the PAWTAC and Board will evaluate the data compiled by SAIC (CONSULTANT) and determine if it meets the INRMP needs as each group interprets the General Plan. Should these groups determine that the data prove less than sufficient for the INRMP, SAIC (CONSULTANT), at the direction of the Management Team, would develop a scope of work and cost estimate to conduct the data development needed to meet the desired scope and resolution of the inventory. Any new habitat or other resource inventory and GIS data capture by SAIC (CONSULTANT) would be conducted under a separate scope of work at additional cost.

SAIC (CONSULTANT) will prepare a draft Habitat Inventory report to be formatted as an appendix of the INRMP that includes descriptions of:

- habitats that support special-status species;
- aquatic environments including streams, rivers, and lakes;
- wetland and riparian habitat;
- important habitat for migratory deer herds;
- large expanses of native vegetation; and
- sensitive habitat (such as valley oak woodland).

Special-status species are assumed to be those species identified in the 2004 El Dorado General Plan Environmental Impact Report (GP EIR page 5.12-12) as special-status species that occur within the INRMP Planning Area. In the Habitat Inventory, SAIC (CONSULTANT) will describe the habitat requirements of each special-status species in a brief species profile (not more than 1 page each), not including the eight species of gabbro soil plants. The distribution of habitat for each special-status species will be identified based on the existing vegetation mapping and other sources of ecological information such as streams, soils, and land use data. The California Wildlife Habitat Relationship (WHR) system will be used as applicable to assess wildlife habitat distributions. Information contained in the GP EIR will be used to the maximum extent possible. Several species of the gabbro soil plants occur outside the Pine Hill formation and need species profiles (e.g., Layne's butterweed occurs elsewhere in the county on serpentinitic soils).

The ecological value of streams, rivers, and lakes will be briefly described in the draft Habitat Inventory. Locations of streams, rivers, and lakes will be derived from existing data sources, such as the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) digital streams data and CALWATER GIS watershed data, and local NRCS/RCD data. Perennial and intermittent streams will be identified so that regulatory constraints, which differ by type of stream, can be applied in subtask 54.3.

The ecological value of wetland and riparian habitats will be briefly described in the draft Habitat Inventory. Locations of wetland and riparian habitats will be derived from existing data sources, such as the DFG's Central Valley Wetlands and Riparian data set, DFG's Central Valley Vernal Pool Habitat GIS data, and USFWS' National Wetland Inventory. ~~Because~~ The analysis area will include lands ~~above~~-below 4000 feet elevation. ~~meadows~~ Meadows that do not meet the definition of riparian habitat or are not jurisdictional wetlands also need to be included.

Important habitat for migratory deer herds will be briefly described in the draft Habitat Inventory. Locations of deer migration corridors and important foraging habitat will be derived from existing data sources, including DFG data and other available local data such as that from USFS wildlife biologists since migratory species occur inside and outside Federal lands.

Large expanses of native vegetation will be briefly described in the draft Habitat Inventory. Locations of large expanses of native vegetation will be derived from the existing OWMP GIS vegetation data supplemented by other data sources. SAIC (CONSULTANT) will work with PAWTAC and the Board to define "Large Expanses of Native Vegetation."

Sensitive habitat will be briefly described in the draft Habitat Inventory. Locations of sensitive habitat will be derived from CWHR data. Information contained in the GP EIR will be used to the maximum extent possible. If CWHR data is not fine enough to distinguish many sensitive habitat types (such as valley foothill riparian), County staff will search for more refined data on these particular habitat types.

SAIC (CONSULTANT) will provide the draft Habitat Inventory (Microsoft Word and GIS shapefiles/coverages, to include metadata and projection and formats) to the Management Team POC for distribution to PAWTAC and Board for review. The draft Habitat Inventory will be in the form of an appendix of the INRMP. SAIC (CONSULTANT) will provide a standard form for input of comments on the draft document. SAIC (CONSULTANT) will assemble and collate comments from all standard comment forms into a single list of comments.

SAIC (CONSULTANT) will work with the Management Team and committee to revise the Habitat Inventory based on the comments received. A final Habitat Inventory Report will be prepared following approval of all changes to the draft; the report will be in the form of an appendix for the INRMP.

#### **Subtask 4.5.13.3.5 Coordinate with PAWTAC, DFG, and FWS\***

General Plan Policy 7.4.2.8 states that the habitat "inventory and mapping effort shall be developed with the assistance of the Plant and Wildlife Technical Advisory Committee, CDFG, and USFWS." SAIC (CONSULTANT) will

coordinate with the PAWTAC, DFG, FWS, and USFS as ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ develops the Habitat Inventory and DFG and FWS will be provided the opportunity to review the draft Habitat Inventory Report and provide input.

**Deliverables:**

- Draft Habitat Inventory Report and Map in form of an appendix of the INRMP (Microsoft Word and GIS shapefiles/coverages, to include metadata and projection and formats)
- Final Habitat Inventory Report and Map in form of an appendix of the INRMP (Microsoft Word and GIS shapefiles/coverages, to include metadata and projection and formats)

**Assumptions:**

- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ assumes that no additional land cover data collection or GIS data capture will be necessary for development of the INRMP. Any new resources mapping and GIS data capture by ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ would be conducted under a separate scope of work at additional cost.
- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ assumes that the County will provide to ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ electronic files of the April 2004 digital natural color, orthorectified, aerial photography (2-foot pixel) of the western county; similar photography taken in July 2003 of the entire County; and any more recent digital photography of the Planning Area.
- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ assumes that the number of special-status fish and wildlife species described in the Habitat Inventory will not exceed the species listed in the GP EIR.
- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ assumes that the number of special-status plant species described in the Habitat Inventory will not exceed 19 species (not including the 8 gabbro soil plant species).
- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ assumes that all oak woodland habitat inventory and assessment information will be incorporated by reference from the separately completed OWMP.
- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ assumes that all gabbro soil Pine Hill rare plant species will be incorporated into the INRMP through attachment of the Pine Hill Preserve Program and Chapter 17.71 Ecological Preserve Overlay
- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT) assumes that support of this task will not exceed xxx hours of SAIC (CONSULTANT) labor.~~

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**Task 54. Develop INRMP Conservation Strategy/Prioritize\***

Under this task, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will develop the various components of the INRMP conservation strategy. General Plan Policy 7.4.2.8 required components for the INRMP are:

- Habitat Protection Strategy
- Mitigation Assistance

- *Habitat Acquisition*
- *Habitat Management*
- *Monitoring*

#### **Subtask 54.1 Develop Goals and Objectives\***

~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will work with the Management Team, PAWTAC, and Board to develop biological goals and objectives for habitats and species under the INRMP. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will prepare a list of draft goals and objectives for review. Following review by the Management Team, PAWTAC, and Board, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will finalize the biological goals and objectives. These goals and objectives will drive the development of all components of the conservation strategy.

#### **Subtask 54.2 Develop Habitat Protection Strategy /Prioritize\***

General Plan Policy 7.4.2.8 requires the development of “a strategy for protecting important habitats based on coordinated land acquisitions (see *Habitat Acquisition Program*, below) and management of acquired land.” The Policy further states that the “goal of the strategy shall be to conserve and restore contiguous blocks of important habitat to offset the effects of increased habitat loss and fragmentation elsewhere in the county.” ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will develop a *Habitat Protection Strategy* as part of the INRMP Conservation Strategy that is integrated with the *Habitat Acquisition Program* (see Subtask [8.34.4](#)).

Working with PAWTAC, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will develop principles and guidelines for establishing the INRMP conservation areas (i.e., habitat lands that are identified where willing landowners could be approached to negotiate habitat mitigation and other types of habitat conservation land acquisition under the INRMP). The habitat conservation system design guidelines will provide landscape-level conservation. These habitat conservation system design guidelines will address such parameters as the appropriate size, locations, and landscape position relative to other habitats for the identification of habitat conservation areas. To help establish these guidelines, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will identify species whose key habitat parameters (e.g., minimum patches of potential conserved lands that can serve as functional habitat) encompass the habitat of a much larger number of species. Thus, designing habitat conservation areas that meet the needs of these broad ranging species will also meet the needs of species that use similar habitats. Other parameters for habitat conservation area design will focus on identifying a sufficient extent of specific habitats or habitat components that are exceptionally rare or fragile such as the gabbro soils or vernal pool terrain. In formulating conservation measures, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will look for opportunities to design the potential habitat conservation areas to complement and augment the values provided by existing preserved lands (e.g., the Pine Hill rare plant preserves, Spivey Pond management area) and sensitive habitat areas (e.g., designated critical habitat for California red-legged frog, deer habitat and migration corridors).

Conservation measures will be developed to conserve each of the major natural habitats. These community-level conservation measures will address ecosystem functions



necessary to sustain each natural habitat and will also provide for the protection of habitats for the special-status species associated with each of the habitats.

The habitat protection strategy will provide specific conservation measures for addressing the adverse affects of construction of major linear projects (e.g., new 4- and 6-lane roadways) that create barriers to wildlife movement.

The habitat protection strategy will also include other tools that can be utilized to provide for conservation and maintain corridors and connectivity.

The Oak Woodland Management Plan was developed independently and ahead of the INRMP. SAIC (CONSULTANT) will draw relevant landscape-level and oak woodland community-level conservation measures from the Oak Woodland Management Plan and will incorporate them into the proposed habitat protection strategy. SAIC (CONSULTANT) will draw relevant landscape-level conservation measures from the Pine Hill Preserve Program and Chapter 17.71 (Ecological Preserves) and will incorporate them into the proposed habitat protection strategy.

### **Subtask 54.3 Develop Mitigation Assistance Program\***

Policy 7.4.2.8 requires that the INRMP “establish a program to facilitate mitigation of impacts to biological resources resulting from projects approved by the County that are unable to avoid impacts on important habitats.” SAIC (CONSULTANT) will prepare standard mitigation measures applicable to habitats and species that are the focus of the INRMP. As applicable, SAIC (CONSULTANT) will use mitigation approaches from the GP EIR to the greatest extent possible. SAIC (CONSULTANT) will describe an approach to mitigation that will streamline the process of County approval of projects. The description of this program will include such tools as mitigation banks, lists of potential mitigation options, and incentives for developers and landowner to participate in the habitat acquisition and management components of the INRMP. Under this scope of work, SAIC (CONSULTANT) will describe the components of the Mitigation Assistance Program in the INRMP; the actual establishment of such a program is outside of this scope of work.

Mitigation assistance programs for oak woodlands and gabbro soils plants will be incorporated by reference into the INRMP from the separate OWMP and Rare Plant Conservation Plan prepared independently of the INRMP.

### **Subtask 54.4 Develop Habitat Acquisition Program\***

Policy 7.4.2.8 requires the development of a program for identifying habitat acquisition opportunities involving willing sellers in coordination with the Habitat Protection Strategy and the Mitigation Assistance Program. SAIC (CONSULTANT) will define a habitat acquisition program in the INRMP that allows for land acquisition by ranking or prioritization to meet the goals of the Habitat Protection Strategy and Mitigation Assistance Program.

The Habitat Acquisition Program would include acquisition in fee title or through conservation easement from willing sellers, designed to protect the core habitat values of the land while allowing other uses by the fee owner. The Program will identify opportunities for partnerships between the County and other organizations for habitat acquisition and management. The Program will include a process for evaluating properties for acquisition including the identification of specific features of the property as a means for assessing the relative conservation value of the property. A system for ranking properties for acquisition may be developed. High value wildlife movement corridors will be given specific consideration.

Habitat acquisition programs for oak woodlands and gabbro soils plants will be incorporated by reference into the INRMP from the separate OWMP and Rare Plant Conservation Plan prepared independently of the INRMP.

#### **Subtask 54.5 Develop Habitat Management Program\***

Policy 7.4.2.8 requires that “each property or easement acquired through the INRMP should be evaluated to determine whether the biological resources would benefit from restoration or management actions.” SAIC(CONSULTANT) will describe a Habitat Management Program in the INRMP that lists the required contents of preserve-specific habitat management plans. This Program will provide specific guidance for those individuals responsible for the future development and implementation of preserve management plans under the INRMP. Required management plan contents may include: exotic species control, habitat enhancement and restoration, removal of barriers to wildlife movement, enhancement of wildlife movement corridors, control of erosion and sediment deposition, and enhancement or mimicking of natural processes (i.e., fire).

The Habitat Management Program will include a strong adaptive management requirement that addresses processes and procedures for adjusting INRMP implementation based on new information learned through results of effectiveness monitoring conducted under the INRMP and research results by others.

Habitat management programs for oak woodlands and gabbro soils plants will be incorporated by reference into the INRMP from the separate OWMP and Rare Plant Conservation Plan prepared independently of the INRMP.

#### **Subtask 54.6 Develop Monitoring Program\***

Policy 7.4.2.8 requires that the INRMP “include a habitat monitoring program that covers all areas under the Ecological Preserve overlay together with all lands acquired as part of the INRMP.” SAIC(CONSULTANT) will describe a Monitoring Program that outlines the requirements for community-wide, habitat-level, and species-level monitoring. The Monitoring Program will provide guidance for the contents of acquisition-specific monitoring plans. The Monitoring Program will include requirements for measurable performance standards, monitoring protocols and schedules, and regular reporting of results. The Monitoring Program will provide for



effects monitoring, implementation monitoring, and effectiveness monitoring. Effects monitoring will be identified for land uses for which there are uncertainties about the type and extent of effects on biological resources. Implementation monitoring would be required to document the implementation of conservation measures and compliance with the Habitat Mitigation Assistance Program. Effectiveness monitoring would be required to determine the response of species and natural habitats to implementation of conservation measures. A key purpose of effectiveness monitoring would be to provide the information necessary to adaptively implement the strategy over the term of the INRMP. Monitoring would be required to specifically inform the Habitat Management Program to allow for adaptive management.

Existing monitoring programs (e.g., at Spivey Pond and the Pine Hill Preserve) would be incorporated into the INRMP, as appropriate, or used to guide the requirements of the INRMP for the same resources.

#### **Subtask 54.7 Prepare Draft and Final Conservation Strategy\***

~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will prepare a first draft Conservation Strategy Report for review by the Management Team, PAWTAC, and Board. The report will be formatted as a chapter of the INRMP with each of the component sections described in this task:

- Goals and objectives
- Habitat protection strategy
- Mitigation assistance program
- Habitat acquisition program
- Habitat management program
- Monitoring program

~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will prepare a compiled list of comments received from all reviewers. Following review of the first draft report, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will prepare a second draft Conservation Strategy Report for review by the same groups. Following review of the second draft report, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will prepare the final Conservation Strategy Report formatted as a chapter of the INRMP.

~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will provide the Management Team copies of the report electronically in Microsoft Word format.

#### **Deliverables:**

- First Draft Conservation Strategy Report (Microsoft Word format)
- Second Draft Conservation Strategy Report (Microsoft Word format)
- Final Conservation Strategy Report (Microsoft Word format).

#### **Assumptions:**

- The number of special-status fish and wildlife species assessed in the conservation strategy will not exceed 42 species.
- The number of special-status plant species assessed in the conservation strategy will not exceed 19 species (not including the 8 Gabbro soil plant species).

- All relevant conservation components of the OWMP and Rare Plant Conservation Plan will be incorporated by reference into the INRMP and no new conservation programs will be developed in the INRMP for these resources.
- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT) assumes that support of this task will not exceed xxx hours of SAIC (CONSULTANT) labor.~~

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### **Subtask 54.8 Develop Regulatory Constraints for Important Habitat (IH) (for Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species) and IBC\***

Policy 7.4.1.6 directs that “All development projects involving discretionary review shall be designed to avoid disturbance or fragmentation of important habitats (for Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species in Objective 7.4.1) to the extent reasonably feasible. Where avoidance is not possible, the development shall be required to fully mitigate the effects of important habitat loss and fragmentation. Mitigation shall be defined in the INRMP.” Implementation Measure CO-U provides direction as to the implementation of the policy. County staff will author a section of the INRMP which clarifies implementation of mitigation for discretionary development that affects Important Habitat (for RTES), which will be reviewed by PAWTAC, Agencies, and Board of Supervisors.

Policy 7.4.2.9 directs that the IBC overlay shall apply to lands identified as having high wildlife habitat values because of extent, habitat function, connectivity, and other factors. The policy also provides general direction as to regulatory provisions that shall be included. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will work with County staff, PAWTAC, Agencies, and Board of Supervisors to develop the regulatory provisions. County staff will author a section of the INRMP which clarifies implementation of the IBC overlay. County staff will prepare a draft and final IBC overlay ordinance.

#### **Deliverables:**

- Draft IBC Regulatory Provisions in form of a section of the INRMP (Microsoft Word format)
- Final IBC Regulatory Provisions in form of a section of the INRMP (Microsoft Word format)

#### **Assumptions:**

- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ assumes County staff will author the section of the INRMP which clarifies implementation of mitigation for discretionary development that affects Important Habitat (for RTES).
- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ assumes that ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will facilitate development of the regulatory provisions of the IBC overlay, and will author a draft and final IBC Regulatory Provisions section of the INRMP.
- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ assumes County staff will author a section of the INRMP which clarifies implementation of the IBC overlay.
- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ assumes County staff will prepare a draft and final IBC overlay ordinance.

## **Task 5. Prepare Economic Analysis**

Policy 10.1.2.5 of the 2004 General Plan directs staff to prepare and present an analysis of the economic effect and taking implications of a proposed rule or regulation on private property and private property rights. Staff will prepare an economic analysis utilizing scenarios to illustrate the effect of the INRMP on costs to individual homeowners.

### **Deliverables:**

- Economic Analysis in form of an appendix of the INRMP (Microsoft Word format)

### **Assumptions:**

- County staff will prepare an economic analysis similar to the economic analysis prepared for the OWMP.

## **Task 6. Prepare Draft and Final INRMP**

Under this task, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ team and County staff will prepare administrative draft and public draft versions of the INRMP.

### **Subtask 6.1 Prepare Administrative Draft INRMP**

Following completion of the various component chapters, County staff will prepare the administrative draft INRMP document. The draft INRMP will include the following chapters:

1. Introduction
  - a. Description of purpose and need
  - b. Geographic scope of study
2. Important Habitat Inventory Summary
  - a. Habitat supporting special-status species
  - b. Aquatic environments including streams, rivers, and lakes
  - c. Wetland and riparian habitat
  - d. Important habitat for migratory deer herds
  - e. Large expanses of native vegetation
  - f. Sensitive Species
3. Important Biological Corridors Summary
4. Policy 7.4.1.6 (Implementation Measure CO-U) for RTES
  - a. Applicability and Exemptions
  - b. Preservation/Restoration Objectives
  - c. Regulatory Provisions
  - d. Mitigation Options

- e. Map
5. Policy 7.4.2.8
  - a. Applicability and Exemptions
  - b. Preservation/Restoration Objectives
  - c. Regulatory Provisions
  - d. Mitigation Options
  - e. Map
6. Mitigation Methodology Summary
7. INRMP Habitat Conservation Areas Summary
  - a. Identification of Conservation Areas
  - b. Management of Conservation Areas
  - c. Conservation Easements
  - d. Acquisitions Added to EP Overlay
8. Application of the INRMP to the Development Review Process
9. Appendices
  - a. Plan Study Area Report\* (a brief summary by County staff)
  - b. Habitat Inventory and Map\*
    - i. Habitat supporting special-status species\*
    - ii. Aquatic environments including streams, rivers, and lakes\*
    - iii. Wetland and riparian habitat\*
    - iv. Important habitat for migratory deer herds\*
    - v. Large expanses of native vegetation\*
    - vi. Sensitive species\*
  - c. Important Biological Corridors and Map\*
    - i. Methodology\*
  - d. Land Use Assessment\*
    - i. Projected land use
    - ii. Potential effects on biological resources\*
  - e. Conservation Strategy
    - i. Goals and objectives\*
    - ii. Habitat protection strategy\*
    - iii. Mitigation assistance program\*
    - iv. Habitat acquisition plan\*
    - v. Habitat management program\*
    - vi. Monitoring program\*
    - vii. Oak Woodland Management Plan
    - viii. Rare Plant Conservation Plan
  - f. Economic Analysis
  - g. Appendices (as necessary)

The administrative draft INRMP will be provided for review and comment to the Management Team, who will distribute to PAWTAC and Board. County staff will provide the administrative draft INRMP in Microsoft Word format files.

### **Subtask 6.2 Prepare Public Draft INRMP\***

~~SAIC~~(CONSULTANT) will provide standard electronic comment forms for the Management Team, PAWTAC, and Board to provide comments on administrative draft INRMP. ~~SAIC~~(CONSULTANT) will compile comments received into a single table of comments. ~~SAIC~~(CONSULTANT) will review comments with the Management Team prior to revising the administrative draft INRMP. Based on comments received on the administrative draft INRMP, ~~SAIC~~(CONSULTANT) will prepare a screen-check public review draft INRMP. ~~SAIC~~(CONSULTANT) will provide an electronic Microsoft Word format file of the screen-check draft to the Management Team. The purpose of the screen-check public draft INRMP is to allow for minor edits and corrections before the public draft INRMP is released to the public. It is anticipated that only the Management Team would need to review the screen-check document to ensure it is free of errors.

Following review of the screen-check document, ~~SAIC~~(CONSULTANT) will prepare the public draft INRMP to be released to the public by the County. ~~SAIC~~(CONSULTANT) will provide the Management Team with the documents electronically in Microsoft Word format.

### **Subtask 6.3 Prepare Final INRMP**

Under this task County staff will revise the public draft INRMP as necessary to reflect revisions identified during the public comment period on the public draft INRMP and draft ~~ER~~Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND). Public comments on the INRMP will be compiled in conjunction with the compilation of public comment on the ~~ER~~IS/ND. Based on public comments received and direction from the Management Team and Board as to how to address those comments, County staff will prepare a screen-check final INRMP. County staff will provide an electronic Microsoft Word format file of the screen-check final to the Management Team. It is anticipated that only the Management Team would need to review the screen-check document to ensure it is free of errors.

Following review of the screen-check document, County staff will prepare the final INRMP to be released to the public by the County with the final ~~ER~~IS/ND. County staff will provide the Management Team with these documents electronically in Microsoft Word format. The County will post the final INRMP on its web page.

#### **Deliverables:**

- County staff will prepare Administrative draft INRMP —~~County staff~~(Microsoft Word format)
- CONSULTANT will prepare Screen-check public review draft INRMP (Microsoft Word format)
- CONSULTANT will prepare Public review draft INRMP (Microsoft Word format)
- Screen-check final INRMP (Microsoft Word format)
- County staff will prepare Final INRMP —~~County staff~~ (Microsoft Word format)

**Assumptions:**

- Screen-check documents will receive only review for minor errors and will not require substantial changes in or additions to content. If substantial changes or additions are requested to screen-check documents, such changes would be conducted under a new scope of work at additional cost.
- This scope of work does not include receipt of or response to public comments on the draft INRMP or preparation of the final INRMP.
- Provisions of the separately prepared OWMP and Rare Plant Conservation Plan will be incorporated by reference into the INRMP to address the conservation of oak woodland and gabbro soil plants.
- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT) assumes that support of this task will not exceed xxx hours of SAIC (CONSULTANT) labor.~~

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## **Task 7 ~~Options for~~ CEQA Compliance**

~~SAIC (CONSULTANT) will provide CEQA compliance support to the County on the INRMP INRMP either in the form of an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) or a Draft and Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Option A for Task 7 involves preparation of an IS/MND on the INRMP and Option B for Task 7 involves preparation of an EIR on the INRMP. The scope of work for each of these options is provided below.~~

### **~~Option A~~ Task 7 Prepare Draft and Final IS/MND\***

~~SAIC (CONSULTANT) will provide compliance documentation to address the County's obligations under the CEQA by preparing a joint Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) addressing state specifications under CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines. The County's project under CEQA is the development and implementation of the INRMP. The IS/MND on the INRMP will address the project and will not revisit the issues already addressed in the General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Relevant information on setting, impact analysis, and mitigation from the General Plan EIR will be incorporated by reference into the INRMP IS/MND.~~

### **~~Subtask A-7.1~~ Prepare Initial Study (IS)\***

~~SAIC (CONSULTANT) will prepare an Initial Study (IS) incorporating required components defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15063(d). SAIC (CONSULTANT) will use the checklist approach for the IS. The IS will evaluate only those specific actions resulting from the proposed INRMP that would affect environmental resources in the Planning Area. This approach is consistent with the guidance provided by the CEQA Guidelines Section 15125(d), identifying that the proposed actions of a regional plan be compared to the existing setting at the time the environmental analysis is commenced.~~

*The scope of analysis will be crafted by completing an Environmental Checklist, as recommended in CEQA Guidelines Appendix G. The IS Environmental Checklist will follow accepted El Dorado County format, and will be revised as appropriate in consultation with County staff to include significance criteria for each resource topic based on County guidance. The IS will provide a summary of the proposed project, and preliminary analyses justifying project impacts as potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, less than significant, or no impact. SAIC (CONSULTANT)*



assumes the Draft IS will be provided electronically to the County for review. Following review of the Draft IS, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will prepare the Final IS and provide to the County in electronic format. The Final IS will be posted on the County's website by the County.

### **Subtask A-7.2 Prepare Administrative Draft and Public Draft MND\***

~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will prepare the Draft MND for review by the public. The MND will include a brief description of the project and location, identification of the project proponent, proposed finding of no significant effect, and a description of the mitigation measures included in the project description to avoid significant impacts. Additionally, as required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15371, the IS will be included in the MND to justify the findings. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will prepare an administrative draft of the MND prior to the public review Draft MND. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ assumes the administrative draft would be provided electronically to the County for review. Following review of the administrative draft, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will prepare the Draft MND for public distribution. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will provide to the County the MND as an electronic file, ~~plus 100 CDs and 80 hard copies (estimated maximum of 150 pages each)~~. The County will be responsible for posting the Draft MND on the County's website and for distribution of ~~CDs and hard copies of the MND~~.

The MND will include analysis of the following resources topics that are applicable to the INRMP as a project based on the results of the Initial Study. Potential resource topics are: Land Use, Public Services, Transportation and Circulation, Noise, Socioeconomics, Recreation, Aesthetics and Visual Resources, Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Agricultural Resources, Biological Resources, Hydrology and Water Quality; and Geology, Soils, and Hazards.

For environmental resources that are addressed by the MND, each of the resource sections will contain the following information.

- **Environmental Setting.** The environmental setting for each issue area will be described, incorporating by reference information provided in the El Dorado County General Plan EIR.
- **Significance criteria.** The significance criteria and thresholds for significance used in the MND will be consistent with the IS Environmental Checklist. Any significance criteria precedents in previous County environmental documents will be consulted and used as directed by County staff.
- **Impact Assessment.** Impact conclusions from the IS will be provided in the MND.
- **Mitigation Measures.** Mitigation measures will be developed to avoid or mitigate potentially significant environmental impacts. Mitigation measures will be designed to be consistent in form, design, and intent with EIRs previously prepared by the County, and revised as appropriate based on the ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ Team's experience.

The MND will include an assessment of cumulative impacts for each resource area consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15333, using the cumulative impacts assessment from the General Plan EIR. The INRMP's contribution to regional



cumulative impacts will be emphasized, and mitigation identified where necessary to address a substantial contribution to a significant cumulative impact.

~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will prepare a description of the proposed INRMP's potential consistency with relevant County General Plan policies. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ staff will confer with County staff to identify the list of relevant policies for discussion.

#### **Subtask A-7.3 Prepare Public Notice\***

~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will prepare a public notice of the availability of the Draft MND incorporating required components defined by CEQA Guidelines Sections 15072 and 15073. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will provide an electronic file of the draft public notice to the County for review. Following review of the Draft public notice, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will prepare the public notice for the Draft MND. The County will be responsible for posting and distributing the public notice and Draft MND. The County will be responsible for forwarding the public notice to the State Clearinghouse.

#### **Subtask A-7.4 Prepare Final MND\***

Following the close of the public comment period on the Public Draft INRMP and Draft MND, the County will gather all public comments and provide to ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~. Using the public comments and guidance regarding those comments provided by the County, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will prepare an Administrative Final MND for County review. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will provide in electronic format the Administrative Final MND, including recommended responses to comments, to the County for review. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ assumes that the Administrative Final MND will include text revisions resulting from response to public comment. A Response to Comments appendix to the Final MND will include letters, e-mail, personal records, and meeting minutes of public comments (all provided by the County to ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~). Each individual comment will be numbered for reference. The Response to Comments appendix is assumed would be a maximum of 100 pages. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ assumes that the conduct of this task would require response to no more than a total of 200 individual, non-redundant public comments in the Response to Comments appendix. Following County review of the Administrative Final MND, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will prepare the Final MND for public distribution by the County. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will provide the County with an electronic file of the Final MND and Response to Comments appendix, ~~and 100 CDs and 80 hard copies (estimated maximum of 200 page MND with maximum 250 page Response to Comments appendix).~~

#### **Subtask A-7.5 Attend Public Meetings/Hearings\***

~~The SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will support County staff with up to 2 ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ staff at the following public meetings:

- Public meeting on Public Draft MND to take public comment. ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ will assist the County in undertaking one public hearing during the 20-30 day public review period for the Draft MND. The location and time of the meeting will be determined in consultation with the County.
- One public hearing with the Planning Commission; and
- One public hearing with the Board of Supervisors.

**Deliverables:**

- Draft Initial Study (Word file and PDF provided electronically);
- Final Initial Study (PDF provided electronically)
- Administrative Draft MND (Word file and PDF provided electronically).
- Draft MND for public review ~~(100 CDs, 80 hard copies; estimated maximum of 150 pages).~~ (Word file and PDF provided electronically).
- Draft Public Notice (Word file and PDF provided electronically).
- Public Notice (Word file and PDF provided electronically).
- Administrative Final MND (Word file and PDF provided electronically).
- Final MND ~~(100 CDs, 80 hard copies; estimated maximum of 200 pages with maximum 250-page Response to Comments appendix.~~ (Word file and PDF provided electronically).

**Assumptions:**

- County will be responsible for posting (on website and elsewhere) and distribution (to agencies and the public) of all materials provided by SAIC (CONSULTANT).
- County will be responsible for arranging, funding, and hosting of all public meetings and hearings.
- SAIC (CONSULTANT) assumes that the conduct of this task would require response to no more than a total of 200 individual, non-redundant public comments in the Final MND Response to Comments appendix.
- SAIC (CONSULTANT) assumes that support of this task will not exceed xxx hours of SAIC (CONSULTANT) labor.

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**Option B Task 7 Prepare Draft and Final EIR\***

*SAIC (CONSULTANT) will provide compliance documentation to address the County's obligations under the CEQA by preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that addresses state specifications under CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines. The County's project under CEQA is the development and implementation of the INRMP. The EIR on the INRMP will address the project and will not revisit the issues already addressed in the General Plan EIR. Setting, impact analysis, and mitigation from the General Plan EIR will be incorporated by reference into the INRMP EIR.*

**Subtask B-7.1 Prepare Notice of Preparation (NOP)**

*County staff will prepare a Notice of Preparation (NOP) incorporating required components defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15082. The EIR will evaluate those specific actions resulting from the INRMP that would affect environmental resources in the Planning Area; the EIR will not assess the way in which build-out of the General Plan would affect resources as these issues were addressed in the GP EIR. This approach is consistent with the guidance provided by the CEQA Guidelines Section 15125(d), identifying that the proposed actions of a regional plan be compared to the existing setting at the time the NOP is prepared.*

*The EIR scope of analysis will be crafted by completing an Environmental Checklist, as*

*recommended in CEQA Guidelines Appendix G. The Checklist will follow accepted El Dorado County format, and/or revised as appropriate in consultation with County staff. The completed checklist will provide a summary of the proposed project, and preliminary analyses justifying project impacts as potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, less than significant, or no impact. The completed checklist will be circulated with the NOP, providing several advantages to El Dorado County:*

- It will demonstrate why the scope of the EIR can be narrowed to potentially significant impacts and those that would be less than significant with mitigation, as required under CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.2.*
- It can be included in the EIR as an appendix that satisfies discussion of all project impacts that would be less than significant, or would have no impact.*
- It can define the potential EIR work plan, highlighting how the EIR will assess potentially significant impacts, and propose preliminary mitigation measures.*
- It will provide the public a preliminary opportunity to evaluate the potential adequacy of the EIR. Public input on the NOP can be focused on issues/concerns that have not been considered in the checklist, minimizing the potential for extensive responses that may provide little constructive dialog.*
- It will demonstrate El Dorado County's intent to provide a full disclosure of the proposed project's impacts, and illustrate the proactive, solution-oriented nature of the proposed project's environmental assessment.*

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*The environmental checklist will be attached to the NOP. Based on a distribution list provided by El Dorado County, SAIC (CONSULTANT) will send the NOP via email to appropriate elected officials, agencies stakeholders groups, and individuals. The NOP will as be posted by the County on the County's website. The County will be responsible for forwarding the NOP to the State Clearinghouse.*

### ***Subtask B-7.2 Conduct Scoping Meeting and Prepare Report***

*SAIC (CONSULTANT) will assist the County in undertaking a public scoping meeting during the NOP review period. One scoping meeting will be held. The location and time of the scoping meeting will be determined in consultation with the County. At the scoping meeting, SAIC (CONSULTANT) will provide a power point presentation summarizing the proposed project and the findings of the Environmental Checklist. Scoping meeting signup sheets will be prepared to assist the County in developing a distribution list for the EIR notification list. Handouts, including 200 copies of the PowerPoint presentation will be provided to meeting participants and a page for the listener to identify their issues and comments responding to the materials discussed. The comment page will then be collected at the end of the meeting for consolidation with subsequent formal NOP comments into a Draft Scoping Report that will summarize the primary issues raised by the public. Following review by the Management Team, SAIC (CONSULTANT) will prepare the Final Scoping Report.*

### ***Subtask B-7.3 Prepare Administrative Drafts and Public Draft EIR\****

*SAIC (CONSULTANT) will prepare the Draft EIR for review by the public. The County would be the lead agency and would review all drafts of the document. To receive full input from the Management Team, Stakeholder Committee, and Board, SAIC*

*(CONSULTANT) anticipates preparing two administrative drafts of the EIR prior to the public review Draft EIR. The EIR will include analysis of the following resources topics:*

- *Land Use*
- *Public Services*
- *Transportation and Circulation*
- *Noise*
- *Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice*
- *Recreation*
- *Aesthetics and Visual Resources*
- *Air Quality*
- *Cultural Resources*
- *Agricultural Resources*
- *Biological Resources*
- *Hydrology and Water Quality*
- *Geology, Soils, and Hazards*

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*Each of the environmental resource sections will contain the following information:*

- *Environmental Setting. The environmental setting for each issue area will be described, incorporating by reference information provided in the El Dorado County General Plan EIR.*
- *Significance criteria. Clear significance criteria and thresholds for significance will be developed for each resource topic based on standards used by the County and where necessary the CEQA Guidelines Appendix G, Environmental Checklist. Any significance criteria precedents in previous County environmental documents will be consulted and used as directed by County staff.*
- *Impact Assessment. Direct and indirect effects on each environmental resource will be analyzed relative to a long-term, programmatic level scenario. Adverse and beneficial impacts will be summarized in a Summary Impact Table and included at the end of the Executive Summary.*
- *Mitigation Measures. Mitigation measures will be developed for significant, adverse impacts. Mitigation measures will be designed to be consistent in form, design, and intent with EIRs previously prepared by the County, and revised as appropriate based on the SAIC (CONSULTANT) Team's experience. Where "standard" mitigation measures appear to require substantial modification to address project-specific characteristics, SAIC (CONSULTANT) will confer with County staff regarding the intended direction.*

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*SAIC (CONSULTANT) will prepare the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) consistent with County staff direction, in either a table or narrative format. At a minimum, the MMRP components will be listed after each required mitigation measure as follows:*

- *Plan Requirements for presenting measure compliance and when the plan would be prepared and presented;*
- *Timing for plan preparation and review/approval, including the agency responsible for reviewing and approving the plan; and*

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- *Monitoring of the plan's implementation, including the agency responsible, the timing and duration (i.e., during project construction and/or operation):*

*Cumulative impacts will be assessed for each resource area consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15333, using a list of reasonably probable (i.e., pending, and approved but not built) projects provided by the County staff. The project's contribution to regional cumulative impacts will be emphasized, and mitigation identified where necessary to address a substantial contribution to a significant cumulative impact. Cumulative impacts will be summarized in a separate impact table to be included at the end of the Executive Summary of the EIR.*

*The alternative conservation strategies identified during the development of the INRMP will be used as alternatives in the EIR for comparison to the effects of the proposed INRMP conservation strategy. The EIR will include the analysis of a no project alternative (i.e., no regional INRMP) which will describe the environmental outcome in the absence of the regional habitat conservation strategy proposed under the INRMP. In the EIR, SAIC (CONSULTANT) will assess the effects of the proposed project, the no project alternative, and two conservation strategy alternatives.*

*SAIC (CONSULTANT) will prepare a discussion of the proposed INRMP's potential consistency with all relevant County General Plan policies. SAIC (CONSULTANT) staff will confer with County staff to identify the list of relevant policies for discussion. The EIR will include a section that addresses "other CEQA requirements." This section will include other analyses required by CEQA including: Significant and Unavoidable Impacts; Significant Irreversible Environmental Changes; Growth Inducement; and Environmentally Superior Alternative.*

#### **Subtask B-7.4 Prepare Final EIR\***

*Following the close of the public comment period on the Public Draft INRMP and Draft EIR, SAIC (CONSULTANT) will prepare an Administrative Final EIR for County review. SAIC (CONSULTANT) assumes that the Final EIR will include integration of the Draft EIR text with any changes resulting from response to public comment. A Response to Comments appendix to the Final EIR will include all letters, e-mail, personal records, and meeting minutes of public comments. Each individual comment will be numbered for reference. The Response to Comments appendix is assumed would be a maximum of 500 pages. SAIC (CONSULTANT) assumes that the conduct of this task would require response to no more than a total of 500 individual, non-redundant public comments in the Final EIR Response to Comments appendix. Following review of the administrative final EIR/EIS, SAIC (CONSULTANT) will prepare the Final EIR for public distribution (100 CDs, 80 hard copies; estimated maximum of 250 pages).*

#### **Subtask B-7.5 Attend Public Meetings**

*The SAIC (CONSULTANT) EIR manager will support County staff at the following public meetings:*

- *Public meeting on Public Draft EIR to take public comment.*
- *One public hearing with the Planning Commission*

- ~~One public hearing with the Board of Supervisors~~

#### ***Deliverables:***

- ~~Draft Scoping Meeting Presentation (Power Point file provided electronically)~~
- ~~Final Scoping Meeting Presentation (Power Point file provided electronically; 200 hard copies of the presentation for distribution at the scoping meeting)~~
- ~~Draft NOP and Environmental Checklist (10 bound paper copies, 10 CD copies, Adobe PDF format via the SAIC (CONSULTANT) FTP site)~~
- ~~Final NOP and Environmental Checklist (10 bound paper copies, 10 CD copies, Adobe PDF format via the SAIC (CONSULTANT) FTP site)~~
- ~~Draft and Final Scoping Report (10 bound paper copies, 10 CD copies, PDF file via email)~~
- ~~First Administrative Draft EIR (10 hard copies; estimated maximum of 250 pages)~~
- ~~Second Administrative Draft EIR (10 hard copies; estimated maximum of 250 pages)~~
- ~~Draft EIR for public review (100 CDs, 80 hard copies; estimated maximum of 250 pages)~~
- ~~Administrative Final EIR (10 hard copies; estimated maximum of 250 pages with maximum 500 page Response to Comments appendix)~~
- ~~Final EIR (100 CDs, 80 hard copies; estimated maximum of 250 pages with maximum 500 page Response to Comments appendix)~~

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#### ***Assumptions:***

- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT) assumes that the conduct of this task would require response to no more than a total of 500 individual, non-redundant public comments in the Final EIR Response to Comments appendix.~~
- ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT) assumes that support of this task will not exceed xxx hours of SAIC (CONSULTANT) labor.~~

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## **General Assumptions**

In addition to assumptions described for each scope task, for all tasks described in the above scope of work, ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ makes the following general assumptions:

- To develop this Work Plan and cost estimate ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ has assumed that the Planning Area encompasses the entire west slope of the county, with county borders to the north, west, and south, and the 4,000' elevation level in the east. All tasks described in this work plan are based on this assumption. Adoption of a Planning Area that encompasses a different area would require modification of the scope and costs of the Work Plan. The resulting price increase or reduction would be dependent on the number and types of habitats and species addressed and the land uses included.
- Comments provided by the County and all participating agencies, panels, and committees will be consolidated and conflicting comments resolved before submittal to ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~. Comments from all participating entities will be provided to ~~SAIC (CONSULTANT)~~ by the County within 2 weeks of receipt of draft documents.
- For each deliverable listed that includes a review, there will be only a single comment cycle and any additional revisions would be considered to be for the subsequent deliverable (if there is a subsequent deliverable in the scope of the



task). In the event of several comment cycles, a contract revision will be requested to increase funding for the additional scope of services.

- SAIC (CONSULTANT) is not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of data and information provided to SAIC (CONSULTANT) by the County or other parties that is used on any aspect of this project.
- This proposal does not include preparation of any form of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance document or CEQA process assistance by SAIC (CONSULTANT). The INRMP is a County project and is expected to require compliance with CEQA. Preparation of a CEQA compliance document by SAIC (CONSULTANT) could be conducted under an expanded scope of work and at additional cost.

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## **B. Changes in Approach to INRMP**

The County Board of Supervisors directed SAIC (CONSULTANT) to prepare this work ~~INRMP plan~~ under the assumption that the INRMP development process would follow only the requirements of General Plan Policy 7.4.2.8 and would not be prepared to meet the requirements of the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), California ESA, or California Natural Community Conservation Planning Act (NCCPA). ~~The Board also indicated that they may decide at some future date to change the approach and purpose of the INRMP by changing the process from a County-only driven process to a regulatory process that may combine compliance with the Federal ESA, California ESA, and California NCCPA with the local County INRMP process. Such a decision would substantially affect the SAIC (CONSULTANT) scope of work as presented in this work plan.~~ Any change by the County to include Federal or California ESA or NCCPA compliance would require substantial re-scoping of SAIC (CONSULTANT)'s efforts and additional contract funding would be necessary.

## **C. Period of Performance and Schedule**

The period of performance of this scope of work is xxx, 2008 to xxx, 2009. A summary of the schedule for the development of the INRMP and EIR by subtask is provided in Reference A. This schedule is based on a number of assumptions about the time required for entities outside of SAIC (CONSULTANT)'s control to perform various actions such as meetings dates and document review. This schedule is based on the following assumptions:

- County will provide SAIC (CONSULTANT) with contract and notice to proceed on or prior to xxx, 2008. Should the notice to proceed occur after xxx, 2008, there will be a day-for-day slip in SAIC (CONSULTANT)'s responsibility as to schedule.
- The County will respond to all scheduled actions.
- Document review times by the County and all participating entities involved will be no more than 2 weeks.