

FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2015

AGENDA ITEMS

10. 12-1203 Community Development Agency, Long Range Planning Division, presenting a public scoping meeting on the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed General Plan Biological Resources Policy Upgrade and Oak Resources Management Plan to inform interested parties about the proposed project, and to provide agencies and the public with an opportunity to provide comments on the scope and content of the EIR.

Public Comment: R. Hargrove, C. Lewis, C. Burcin, J. Hidal, S. Bernstein, R. Lewis, R. Stewart

No action taken.

Participants	Comments	EIR Section
Renee Hargrove, Farm Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearcutting concerns at BOS • Farm Bureau receives a lot of requests on how to maintain oaks • People DO value oak trees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biological Resources • Aesthetics • Land Use
Carol Lewis- El Dorado Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees save lives • Air pollution is made better by preserving trees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health concerns ○ 17 million tons of air pollution removed annually by trees • Living air purifiers • Water quality, reduces erosion • EPA studies- decreasing pollution.....worldwide • Lists air pollutants • Trees increase property value, decrease CO2, reduces erosion, increases energy efficiency, natural beauty • AQ oak tree component in GP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reiterates health concerns- NEEDS the air quality issues in the GP 1. Concerned about the use of funds 2. No clearcutting before permits (Folsom) 3. 3 acorns planted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Art Marinachio? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Quality • Land Use • Water Quality • Biological Resources
Charlotte Burcin- El Dorado Hills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cutting heritage trees by developers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are there requirements for type/size of trees to be planted 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing exemption 	
<p>John Hidal- El Dorado Hills Advocacy Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project alternative- max oak preservation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use aerials to define certain areas where development is prohibited (other than very specific) • Define ambiguities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Diameter- trees aren't round, so the long or short side (shouldn't need an arborist) ○ w/ exemption- should still maintain wildlife corridors ○ enforcement? Success of tree planting? (correct location) • Preserving wildlife corridors- even with ag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternatives • Biological Resources • Forestry
<p>Scott Burnstein</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverside Co. will be result of project (Aesthetics) • Removing one species will impact other species <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Removed oaks will be replaced by cars not grass • GHG studied or not • Air Quality should be studied • Traffic problems are air pollution problems • Transportation needs to be studied • Noise impacts along 50 corridor from tree loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aesthetics • Air Quality • Transportation • Noise
<p>Roger Lewis- El Dorado Senior Housing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property owners (senior housing) 8 acres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can't meet option A requirements so is stuck because there is no option B • Wants to conserve oak trees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quantify the issues- there are a lot of oaks already • Co report- 500 acres are 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use • Biological Resources

	<p>developed annually</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Almost 100 is oaks ○ Not accounting for natural regeneration ○ How many trees will we cut down, how many do we have ○ How much is significant? 	
Rick Stewart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Development in IBS (25 acres) ● Most of people in IBC don't know ● IBC requirements are a taking ● Deed restriction due to removing 2 oak trees (fire access) ● Doesn't want IBC period ● Policy should apply to entire County ● **project alternative- not just IBC but IBC objectives apply to entire County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Land Use ● Biological Resources ● Alternatives
Dave Pratt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Under 2800' - lots of trees ● Tree type does matter ● Mitigation for tree type and locational impact in the EDH- should stay in EDH ● Smog zone- 2000' to 4000' good area for mitigation ● Herd migration is local, far less than previous, enough habitat to stay local ● Incentives versus penalties, what does property owner get back- what is the incentive <p>Incentives not penalties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Biological Resources ● Land Use