

## **X. Administration of Oak Woodland Conservation Program**

Following the Board of Supervisors' adoption of this plan, the County will implement the components of the OWMP. The major components of the administration program will include:

- 1) A County oversight committee that meets at least twice annually to assess and report to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors on the status and progress of oak woodland conservation as identified in Section IX and relative to the Goals and Objectives of the OWMP in Section I. The oversight committee would consist of a diverse group of community interests and would be responsible for identifying and reporting on interagency and public agency/private entity conservation opportunities (see Section XII) that would contribute substantially to the Goals and Objectives of the OWMP.
- 2) A County-maintained database for the separate accounting of oak woodland conservation grants and Option B fees, and the separate tracking of acreages of oak woodland impacts and conservation/preservation/restoration for annual review and reporting by the County oversight committee. This database needs to track the monitoring and reporting information described in Section IX.
- 3) One or more public agency or non-governmental organizations that are approved by the Board of Supervisors to establish and maintain a public outreach program, to seek grants and cost-sharing through public/private partnerships, to inform and educate the public, and to facilitate landowner/developer land management agreements, conservation easements, and compliance with oak tree and oak woodland ordinance requirements.
- 4) A public land trust, conservancy, or other entity that is approved by the Board of Supervisors to hold, monitor, restore, maintain, and sometimes manage oak woodlands that either are acquired, have conservation easements, or have land management agreements for purposes of oak woodland conservation.
- 5) A real estate database that serves as a clearinghouse for willing sellers and buyers who are interested in listings of oak woodlands available for conservation acquisition, easement, restoration or management contracts for uses that are consistent with the Goals and Objectives of the OWMP.

Immediate implementation of program elements that enable landowners/developers to exercise the Option B mitigation fee is a priority, including items (2) and (4) above.

The initial administration of the Oak Woodland Conservation Program also needs to be focused on conservation of important oak woodland habitat independent of the Option B mitigation program. This includes seeking grants and cost-sharing for public education and outreach, and for oak woodland conservation in areas designated as "sensitive" (i.e., VOW) and in areas with a high risk of significant habitat fragmentation (e.g., OWCs near Highway 50).

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