

XI. Education and Outreach

El Dorado County expressed strong support for oak woodland conservation when its Board of Supervisors adopted the 2004 General Plan. Within the Conservation and Open Space Element of the General Plan, Objective 7.4.4 required the County to develop an Oak Woodland Resources Plan as an initial element of the INRMP.

This plan was developed considering extensive public input. The mapping that led to PCAs and OWCs were reviewed by the public at many points during the plan formulation process. The methodology for the Option B mitigation fee similarly considered public input throughout the planning process. To date, over 12 public meetings, workshops and hearings have been held on elements of the plan. More public workshops and hearings will be held as the OWMP is finalized and the Board of Supervisors considers adopting the plan in early 2008.

A. Outreach During Plan Formulation

An important element of development of the El Dorado County OWMP is to ensure that the plan is formulated with local and technical expertise, as well as addressing local interests and concerns. One of the initial actions of the County during the OWMP process was to organize a County Staff Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to guide the development of the OWMP, implementing fee study and ordinance. The TAC includes representatives from the UC Cooperative Extension, El Dorado County Agricultural Commission, El Dorado County Department of Transportation, El Dorado County Development Services Department, El Dorado County Counsel, and the OWMP consultant team. A full list of the TAC members is presented in Section XIV. The TAC met every two weeks during the early development of the plan, concluding with its review and comment on an Administrative Draft version of this OWMP.

Public outreach occurred during multiple workshops of the El Dorado County Planning Commission, a joint Planning Commission/Agricultural Commission workshop, and two Board of Supervisors' workshops. Additionally, noticing for these workshops has been sent to the County's INRMP public and agency contact list.

Independent of the OWMP process, the Planning Commission also held several public workshops that led to the adoption of Interim Guidelines for Implementing Policy 7.4.4.4. The Guidelines will become final upon the County's adoption of this OWMP with implementing ordinances for the oak tree and oak woodland conservation programs.

B. Support for Private Landowner Participation

Participation by private landowners with oak woodland resources will be essential to plan success, and will be entirely voluntary. The implementation program for the OWMP will provide opportunities for land owners and developers to participate in the program. The County's Option B mitigation fee program will provide a source of funding for the County to acquire oak woodland easements, thus providing fiscal benefit to private land owners. The County will work with participating land owners to manage conservation easements to ensure conservation of oak woodland habitats while also allowing compatible land uses.

C. Education and Outreach

Following OWMP plan formulation and adoption, the County will initiate an outreach program to land owners designed to demonstrate the economic, aesthetic, agricultural and natural resource/biological benefits of conserving oak woodlands; explain the principles and components of the OWMP; and identify opportunities for land owners to participate. The County plans to provide OWMP interpretative training to the El Dorado County and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District (RCD) staff, County Agricultural Commissioners' staff, and other associated local agencies, groups and commissions. Through a grant assistance program, the County will seek funding to prepare an educational brochure and outreach program on the importance of oak woodlands in El Dorado County. The brochure will also address the OWMP and provide a list of informational sources for landowners. The brochure will be made available at the County's offices and at the above referenced agency offices.

The County has successfully implemented other interpretive guidelines of the 2004 General Plan. The County will model the OWMP education and outreach program after similar successes of past programs. Specific actions for outreach and partnerships are identified in Sections X (Administration of the Oak Woodland Conservation Program) and XII (Partnering to Achieve Goals) of this OWMP. This includes employing the County's Oak Woodland website for open and ready access to information and participation in the County's oak woodland conservation activities.

D. Sources of Information for Landowners

Numerous sources of information are available to landowners interested in participating in oak tree and oak woodland habitat conservation. A partial listing is provided below.

California Cattleman's Association

1221 H. Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 444-0845

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 227-2657
<http://www.fire.ca.gov/>

California Farm Bureau Federation

1601 Exposition Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95815
(916) 561-5500
email: cfbf@cfbf.com

California Native Plant Society

2707 K Street, Suite 1
Sacramento, CA 95816

<http://www.cnps.org>

California Oak Foundation

1212 Broadway, Suite 810
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 763-0282

<http://www.californiaoaks.org/>

California Oak Mortality Task Force

<http://nature.berkeley.edu/comtf/>

California Wildlife Conservation Board, Oak Woodlands Conservation Program

http://www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/oak_woodlands_program.htm

El Dorado County Master Gardeners

311 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667
(530) 621-5512

The office is staffed 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/counties/ceeldorado/Master_Gardener/

The Nature Conservancy

785 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 777-0487

<http://nature.org/>

University of California

Integrated Hardwood Management Program

<http://danr.ucop.edu/ihrmp/>

University of California Cooperative Extension

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Placerville, CA 95667
(530) 621-5509
Fax: (530) 642-0803

<http://ceeldorado.ucdavis.edu>

Email: wefrost@ucdavis.edu

**University of California Cooperative Extension's
Livestock and Natural Resources**
<http://danr.ucop.edu/ucce/r/ucce/r.htm>

SPECIFIC RESOURCE ARTICLES:

Blue Oaks: Forage Production and Quality
<http://danr.ucop.edu/ihrmp/oak32.htm>

*Managed Grazing and Seedling Shelters
Enhance Oak Regeneration on Rangelands*
<http://calag.ucop.edu/0504OND/pdfs/OakRegeneration.pdf>

Oak Seedlings Can Be Established on Grazed Rangelands
<http://ucanr.org/delivers/impactview.cfm?impactnum=539>

Rotational Grazing with Cattle to Restore Oak Savanna/Woodland Structure
<http://cias.wisc.edu/wicst/pubs/oaksavarticle.htm>

PUBLICATIONS:

McCreary, D.D. 1995. How to Grow California Oaks. University of California, Integrated
Hardwood Range Management Program. (online version available at
<http://danr.ucop.edu/ihrmp/oak04.htm>)

INTERNET RESOURCES:

California Department of Fish and Game recommendations to reduce deer grazing.
<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/hunting/deer/gardenersguide.pdf>

NURSERIES:

Inclusion on this list does not indicate a recommendation but a possible resource. Acorns and seedlings from local sources are better adapted for local conditions and using them will improve the chances for successful plantings. The source should be identified for any purchase.

Local Nurseries that may sell native plants

Camino Garden Center
3400 Carson Court
Camino

Carter's Garden & Pet Supply
7510 Green Valley Road
Placerville

DeVorss Landscape Nursery Inc.
334 Green Valley Road
El Dorado Hills

El Dorado Nursery & Garden Inc.
3931 C Durock Road
Shingle Springs

Front Yard Nursery
5801 Mother Lode Drive
Placerville

Golden Gecko Garden Center
4665 Marshall Road
Garden Valley

Lotus Valley Nursery & Garden
5606 Petersen Lane
Lotus

Native Plant Nurseries

identified through the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) website at <http://www.cnps.org/cnps/horticulture/nurseries.php>

Bitterroot Restoration, Inc.
55 Sierra College Boulevard
Lincoln, CA 95648
(916) 434-9571
www.bitterrootrestoration.com
Wholesale and custom growing

Cornflower Farms
P.O. Box 896
Elk Grove, CA 95759
(916) 689-1015
www.cornflowerfarms.com
Container plants, 80%-90% natives, revegetation and restoration. Open for retail sales the 2nd Saturday of each month from March to November from 7:30 am - 2:00 pm.

Floral Native Nursery
2511 Floral Avenue
Chico, CA 95973
(530) 892-2511 (phone/fax)
www.floralnativenursery.com
Dedicated to growing California Native plants for landscaping and restoration. Wholesale and retail.

Forest Seeds of California
1100 Indian Hill Road
Placerville, CA 95667
(530) 621-1551
Mail order tree & shrub seeds, contract collect.

Hartland Nursery
13737 Grand Island Road
Walnut Grove, CA 95690
(916) 775-4021
www.hartlandnursery.com
Specializes in growing plants that are native to Northern California's Central Valley.

Intermountain Nursery
30443 N. Auberry Road
Prather, CA 93651
(559) 855-3113

Specialize in drought tolerant CA native plants for the central valley floor up into the central Sierra Nevada. Retail hours are Friday and Saturday 8am-5pm, Sunday 10am until 4pm. Also do contract growing and wholesale.

Native Springs Nursery
P.O. Box 4071
Yankee Hill, CA 95965
Butte County
(530) 514-8578

www.nativespringsnursery.com

Specializing in native conifers and other native CA plants. Mail order encouraged.

Park Place Gardens Nursery
P.O. Box 789
Loomis, CA 95650
(916) 276-8225

www.ppgn.com

Wholesale nursery specializing in landscape trees and shrubs, adaptable to Northern California and including many natives.