

XIII. Consistency of OWMP with 2004 General Plan

This OWMP fulfills 2004 General Plan Measure CO-P. The OWMP is also the first component (oak woodland portion) of the INRMP required by Measure CO-M and Policy 7.4.2.8.

Several additional 2004 General Plan policies are directly or indirectly related to the OWMP. This section first focuses on the plan's consistency with the INRMP, and then summarizes closely related policies that should be considered in preparing the implementation mechanism (i.e., ordinance) for the plan.

A. OWMP as First Component of INRMP

The OWMP is being prepared consistent with the intent of the upcoming INRMP process. Upon adoption, the OWMP will be the initial oak woodland component of the INRMP. Figure XIII-1 on the following page identifies the INRMP core requirements and where these requirements are discussed in this OWMP.

Table XIII-I: Elements of OWMP that Meet INRMP Requirements¹

OWMP Section	Habitat Inventory	Habitat Protection Strategy	Mitigation Assistance	Habitat Acquisition	Habitat Management	Monitoring	Public Participation	Funding
I. Purpose, Goals and Objectives	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
II. Natural Resource Values	X	X						
IV. Mapping	X	X		X	X			
V. Mitigation Standards		X		X	X	X		X
VI. Thresholds of Significance		X						
VII. Replanting and Replacement Standards			X		X	X		
VIII. Mitigation Option B Fee Method		X		X	X	X		X
IX. Monitoring and Reporting	X	X				X		
X. Administration				X	X	X	X	
XI. Education and Outreach			X				X	
XII. Partnerships		X					X	X

¹Several OWMP appendices also provide further information that supports the INRMP core requirements.

B. General Plan Measures and Policies Related to the OWMP

Several measures, goals, and policies in the General Plan were considered relevant to the process of developing the OWMP. Many are not directly linked to oak woodlands but are complementary in nature (see Appendix F for the complete list/content). For example, conserving oak woodlands in riparian areas helps to protect surface water resources and water quality.

The following are paraphrased versions of measures, goals, and policies that were considered relevant to the OWMP. The Public Review Draft and subsequent CEQA review process will evaluate the OWMP for consistency to each of these measures, policies, and goals of the 2004 General Plan, as well as the impact/mitigation analyses of the General Plan EIR..

- Measure CO-M Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, Policy 7.4.2.8
 - Measure CO-N Important Biological Corridor Overlay – need for update, Policy 7.4.2.9
 - Measure CO-P Oak Resources Management Plan, Policies 7.4.4.4 and 7.4.5.2
 - Measure CO-U Mitigation and INRMP conservation fund; on-site preservation and/or restoration of important habitat at a 1:1 ratio if development project is greater than 10 acres; Biological Resources Study and Important Habitat Mitigation Program, Policy 7.4.1.6
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- Policy 7.1.2.2 Projects requiring earthwork and grading shall minimize erosion and sedimentation, and maximize the retention of natural vegetation.
 - Policy 7.3.3.4 Provide buffers and special setbacks for the protection of riparian areas and wetlands.
 - Policy 7.4.1.6 Avoid disturbance or fragmentation of important habitats by all development projects involving discretionary review; mitigation through INRMP.
 - Policy 7.4.2.1 Protect critical habitat identified on Important Biological Resources Map by utilization of open space, Natural Resource land use designations, etc.
 - Policy 7.4.2.2 Protect critical wildlife areas and migration corridors from degradation by retaining non-disturbed natural areas through clustered development or density transfers; determine setback for corridors during environmental analysis; horticultural and grazing projects on agriculturally designated lands are exempt when utilizing recommended BMPs.
 - Policy 7.4.2.8 Develop INRMP that includes habitat inventory, habitat protection strategy, mitigation assistance, habitat acquisition, habitat management, monitoring, public participation, and funding.
 - Policy 7.4.2.9 IBC overlay shall apply to lands having high wildlife habitat values because of extent, habitat function, connectivity, and other factors; Fire Safe measures will be designed to be consistent with the objectives of the IBC.
 - Policy 7.4.4.2 County shall encourage the protection, planting, restoration, and regeneration of native trees in developments and existing communities.

- Policy 7.4.4.3 Utilize clustering of development to retain the largest contiguous undeveloped areas.
- Policy 7.4.4.4 Oak mitigation standards – Option A canopy retention and replacement standards or Option B fee payment to INRMP conservation fund.
- Policy 7.4.4.5 Retain a corridor of oak trees that maintain continuity between all portions of the stand with a density equal to that of the stand.
- Policy 7.4.5.1 Tree survey, preservation, and replacement plan shall be required prior to issuance of grading permit.
- Policy 7.4.5.2 Oak Tree Preservation Ordinance that includes oak tree removal permit process, commercial firewood cutting, and penalties.
- Policy 7.6.1.1 Open Space land use designation – purposes include conserving natural resource areas for the conservation of plants and animals, and ecological and watershed values; maintaining areas of importance for outdoor recreation; and creating buffers between incompatible land uses.
- Goal 6.2 All new development and structures shall meet “defensible space” requirements and adhere to fire code building requirements to minimize wildland fire hazards.
- Goal 7.4 Identify, conserve, and manage wildlife, wildlife habitat, fisheries, and vegetation resources of significant biological, ecological, and recreational value.
- Goal 7.6 Conserve open space land for the continuation of the County’s rural character, commercial agriculture, forestry and other productive uses, the enjoyment of scenic beauty and recreation, the protection of natural resources, for protection from natural hazards, and for wildlife habitat.