

ATTACHMENT 3 GENERAL PLAN GOALS,
OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

GOAL OSRC-1 Preserve the visual identities of communities by maintaining open space areas between cities and communities.

Objective OSRC-1.4: Preserve existing specimen trees and tree stands within Community Separators.

Policy OSRC-1f (3) Minimize the removal of trees and other mature vegetation; avoid removal of specimen trees, tree groupings, and windbreaks

Policy OSRC-1g: Use the following standards in addition to those of Policy OSRC-1f for subdivisions in Community Separators (3) Locate building sites and roadways to preserve significant existing tree stands and significant oak trees

GOAL OSRC-2 Retain the largely open, scenic character of important Scenic Landscape Units

Objective OSRC-2.2: Protect the ridges and crests of prominent hills in Scenic Landscape Units from the silhouetting of structures against the skyline.

Policy OSRC-2d(3) Unless there are existing design guidelines that have been adopted for the affected area, require that new structures within Scenic Landscape Units meet the following criteria: Minimize the removal of trees and other mature vegetation. Avoid removal of specimen trees, tree grouping, and windbreaks

Policy OSRC-2e Use the following standards in addition to those of Policy OSRC-2d for subdivisions in Scenic Landscape Units: 3) locate building sites and roadways to preserve significant existing tree stands and significant oak trees.

GOAL OSRC-3 Identify and preserve roadside landscapes that have a high visual quality as they contribute to the living environment of local residents and to the County's tourism economy.

Objective OSRC-3.2: Provide guidelines so future land uses, development and roadway construction are compatible with the preservation of scenic values along designated Scenic Corridors.

GOAL OSRC-7: Protect and enhance the County's natural habitats and diverse plant and animal communities.

Objective OSRC-7.1: Identify and protect native vegetation and wildlife, particularly occurrences of special status species, wetlands, sensitive natural communities, woodlands, and areas of essential habitat connectivity.

Objective OSRC-7.5: Maintain connectivity between natural habitat areas.

Objective OSRC-7.6: Establish standards and programs to protect native trees and plant communities.

Objective OSRC-7.8: Encourage voluntary efforts to restore and enhance biotic habitat.

Policy OSRC-7k: Require the identification, preservation and protection of native trees and woodlands in the design of discretionary projects, and, to the maximum extent practicable minimize the removal of native trees and fragmentation of woodlands, require any trees

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removed to be replaced, preferably on the site, and provide permanent protection of other existing woodlands where replacement planting does not provide adequate mitigation.

Policy OSRC-7l: Identify important oak woodlands, assess current protection, identify options to provide greater protection of oak woodlands and their role in connectivity, water quality and scenic resources, and develop recommendations for regulatory protection and voluntary programs to protect and enhance oak woodlands through education, technical assistance, easements and incentives.

Policy OSRC-7m: Designate important valley oak habitat areas, reevaluate current designations, and apply a Valley Oak Habitat combining district zoning that requires adequate mitigation for trees removed and monitoring of replacement tree survival.

Policy OSRC-7n: encourage landowners to voluntarily participate in a program that protects officially designated individual trees or groves that either have historical interest or significant or have outstanding size, age, rarity, shape or location.

Policy OSRC-7u: Identify and consider designation of old growth Redwood and Douglas Fir as sensitive natural communities. Encourage preservation and public acquisition of remaining old growth Redwood and Douglas Fir forests in private ownership with the County. Because of their rarity and biological importance, these sensitive natural community types should be made priorities for protection through conservation easements, fee title purchase, or other mechanisms.

GOAL OSRC-8: Protect and enhance Riparian Corridors and functions along streams, balancing the need for agricultural production, urban development, timber and mining operations, and other land uses with the preservation of riparian vegetation, protection of water resources, flood control, bank stabilization, and other riparian functions and values.

Objective OSRC-8.2: Provide standards for land use and development in streamside conservation areas that protect riparian vegetation, water resources and habitat values while considering the needs of residents, agriculture, businesses, and other land users.