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Hello again, Doug,

I am forwarding the message I sent earlier this year just to get the conversation started.

Best,

Angela

From: Angela Moskow
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 3:01 PM
To: Doug.Bush@sonoma-county.org <Doug.Bush@sonoma-county.org>
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Dear Doug Bush,

I am with the California Oaks program of California Wildlife Foundation. Anne Morkill of Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation communicated with our office today about the Comprehensive Tree Ordinance Workshop tomorrow.

Our organization started to prepare comments only to discover that written comments would have needed to be received by last Friday, May 14th in order to be considered at the workshop. If you are still accepting brief comments, the California Oaks program of California Wildlife Foundation suggests that Sonoma County:

1. Adopt a no-net-loss policy for the county's oaks, California's primary old growth resource.
2. Prohibit oak removal in areas designated as critical habitat, except for limited removal in order to ensure woodland health.
3. Provide a greater level of oak protections in areas that are important wildlife corridors, habitat for rare or native species richness (including valley oaks), irreplaceability, or sensitive habitat.
4. Prioritize habitat connectivity.

5. Keep oaks standing in working landscapes for carbon sequestration, habitat, and watershed maintenance.
6. Ensure that oak impacts are properly assessed during environmental review. California law defines oak woodlands as stands with greater than 10% canopy cover, or that formerly had such cover. This definition is frequently ignored during environmental reviews, which instead rely on land categorizations that may not identify oak woodlands present.

Two of our recent publications are attached. The first shows thirty-three listed and fully protected vertebrates are dependent upon oak habitat for reproduction, cover, or feeding, and 134 listed plants and 26 invertebrates are associated with oaks. The second reports on oaks and fire.

Best, Angela

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