

## **Butte County General Plan 2030 Goals, Policies and Action Items directly or indirectly related to Oak Woodlands.**

Butte County General Plan 2030 can be reviewed at the following link:

<http://www.buttecounty.net/dds/Planning/GeneralPlan/Chapters.aspx>

### **LAND USE ELEMENT**

**Goal LU-1** Continue to uphold and respect the planning principles on which the County's land use map is based.

#### Policy

**LU-P1.6** The County shall conserve important habitat and watershed areas, while protecting the public safety of County residents.

### **CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT**

**Goal COS-7** Conserve and enhance habitat for protected species and sensitive biological communities.

#### Policies

**COS-P7.4** New development projects shall mitigate their impacts in habitat areas for protected species through on- or off-site habitat restoration, clustering of development, and/or project design and through the provisions of the Butte Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) within the HCP/NCCP Planning Area, upon the future adoption of the HCP/NCCP.\*

**COS-P7.6** New development projects shall include setbacks and buffers along riparian corridors and adjacent to habitat for protected species, except where permitted in the Butte Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) Planning Area and where such development is consistent with the conditions of the HCP/NCCP, upon the future adoption of the HCP/NCCP.\*

**COS-P7.7** Construction barrier fencing shall be installed around sensitive resources on or adjacent to construction sites. Fencing shall be installed prior to construction activities and maintained throughout the construction period.\*

**COS-P7.8** Where sensitive on-site biological resources have been identified, construction employees operating equipment or engaged in any development-associated activities involving vegetation removal or ground disturbing activities in sensitive resource areas shall be trained by a qualified biologist and/or botanist who will provide information on the on-site biological

resources (sensitive natural communities, special status plant and wildlife habitats, nests of special-status birds, etc.), avoidance of invasive plant introduction and spread, and the penalties for not complying with biological mitigation requirements and other State and federal regulations.\*

**COS-P7.9** A biologist shall be retained to conduct construction monitoring in and adjacent to all habitats for protected species when construction is taking place near such habitat areas.\*

#### Action Items

**COS-A7.1.** Develop and provide incentives to developers to conserve and maintain important habitat areas and sensitive biological resources.

**COS-A7.2.** Develop a set of guidelines for evaluating development project impacts to habitat in locations outside of the approved Butte Regional Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan Planning Area, as well as for requiring specific mitigations for impacts that are identified

**COS-A7.3.** Establish a mitigation bank program for impacts to habitats for protected species, such as oak woodlands, riparian woodlands and wetlands, in locations outside of the approved Butte Regional Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan Planning Area, using mitigation fees on new development projects as a funding mechanism.

**COS-A7.4.** Seek funding to conduct a study to develop an approach to protecting significant specimen trees and tree groves

#### **AREA AND NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS ELEMENT – Durham Dayton Nelson Plan**

**Goal D2N-5** Protect and maintain areas of native vegetation which include riparian forest, valley freshwater marsh, valley oak woodland, vernal pools, annual grasslands and designated natural areas. Such areas deserve protection as part of the heritage of the communities, for the way such areas add to the aesthetic environment, and as important examples of the diversity of habitats and the wildlife they support within the Planning Area and the State.

\*denotes required mitigation measure in General Plan 2030