



BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider the Butte County Oak Woodland Mitigation Ordinance on Tuesday, **November 6, 2018, at 1:00 pm** or shortly thereafter in the Butte County Board of Supervisors' Room, County Administration Center, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, California as follows:

Summary of Butte County Oak Woodlands Mitigation Ordinance

An ordinance proposed as Butte County Code Chapter 53, Development Mitigation, Article I, **Oak Woodland Mitigation Ordinance** applicable only to discretionary project applications (examples include, but are not limited to, proposed subdivisions, parcel maps, and use permits) in the unincorporated area of Butte County. The Ordinance sets impact thresholds and mitigations for removal of trees of the genus *Quercus*, commonly known as oak trees. The Ordinance requires an Oak Woodland Evaluation Plan prepared by a qualified professional as part of a project application to identify the area of oak canopy (the surface area under the dripline of the oak tree) on the project site and the percentage proposed for removal. The Ordinance proposes that more than 10% removal of oak canopy area is considered a significant impact subject to replacement through several mitigation options including a conservation easement; payment to an approved mitigation bank, land trust or to the State Oak Woodlands Conservation Fund. The area of oak canopy removed greater than 10% is required to be replaced at a ratio of 2:1 and increases, if removal exceeds 50%, to 3:1. The Ordinance limits oak canopy removal to 70%. Project applications that are inconsistent with the Ordinance are required to have project-specific environmental review for the impacts to oak woodlands. The Ordinance includes the following sections: Title; Findings; Purpose; Relationship to Other Laws, Regulations and Ordinances; Alternate Project Design and Review; Applicability; Definitions; Exemptions; Oak Woodland Evaluation Plan; Oak Canopy Removal; Oak Canopy Mitigation; Oak Canopy Replacement Ratio; Calculation of Oak Canopy Mitigation; Equivalent Oak Canopy Replacement Planting Standards; Site Preparation and Construction Impacts; Monitoring of Approved Projects; Approval Required Prior to Removal; Subsequent Projects; and, Premature Removal

An Addendum to the previously certified General Plan Environmental Impact Report (SCH#2008092062) and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (GPA and Zoning Ordinance EIR, SCH#2012022059) was prepared to address the Ordinance and is available for viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965, or on the County website. The Ordinance and additional information is available at <https://tinyurl.com/butteoakord>. For information, please contact Pete Calarco, Assistant Director at (530) 552-3641 or pcalarco@buttecounty.net. Comments may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date. If you challenge the above application in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at or prior to the public hearing.