SB 1425 Conservation and Open Space Element Update

EL DORADO COUNTY LONG RANGE PLANNING



SB 1425 Overview

Local jurisdictions shall review and update Conservation and Open Space Elements to address:

1. Access to open space for all residents that considers social, economic, and racial equity

2. Climate resilience and other co-benefits of open space

3. Rewilding opportunities

Conservation/Open Space Element Background



Adopted July 19, 2004



Last amended October 2017



Purpose: address the management, preservation, and conservation of natural resources and open space of the County



Related GP Elements

Land Use
Agriculture and Forestry
Parks and Recreation

Initial Draft Process for SB 1425 Update

State agency guidance

Outside jurisdiction approaches

Parks and Trails Master Plan (approved by BOS March 2025)

Traditional stewardship methods

Emerging technology

Standard best practices

Outreach

Local Tribes

County Divisions and Departments

External agencies (Fire Districts, EID, etc.)

Conservation groups

Summary of Revisions

General – made minor amendments for readability, clarification, and updates to terminology

Objective 7.3.4: Drainage

 Added Policy 7.3.4.3 – consider future projections of flood causing storms as criterion for siting of public facilities

Objective 7.4.2: Identify and Protect Resources

 Added Policies 7.4.2.10 and 7.4.2.11 – develop a list of priority open space areas that may be included in future conservation plans or connectivity assessments

Objective 7.4.4: Forest, Oak Woodland, and Tree Resources

 Added Policies 7.4.4.5-7.4.4.12 – provide policies and strategies for forest resource management and wildfire prevention

Summary of Revisions

Objective 7.4.5: Equitable Access to Open Space

 Added Objective 7.4.5 and Policies 7.4.5.1-7.4.5.11 – encourage preservation and enhance of equitable access to natural areas and resource-based recreation

Objective 7.5.1: Protection of Cultural Heritage

- Changed Policy 7.5.1.1 develop a Cultural Heritage Management Strategy
- Added Policy 7.5.1.7 encourage incorporation of significant cultural resource sites into open spaces

Objective 7.5.3: Recognition of Precontact and Other Historic Resources

 Added Policies 7.5.3.1-7.5.3.5 – recognition of precontact cultural history of public open space through educational programs and signage

Objective 7.6.1: Importance of Open Space

 Added Policy 7.6.1.5 – develop a strategy for natural resource restoration using process-based restoration techniques

Recommendation

Forward a recommendation to the Board to take the following actions:

- 1. Adopt the Addendum to El Dorado County's General Plan Environmental Impact Report; and
- 2. Approve the General Plan Conservation and Open Space Element amendment based on the Findings as presented.