

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

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

Planning
Commission
Hearing
Recommendation

- Unanimous (5-0) Vote to recommend approval by the Board of Supervisors
- Prepare “stronger” language for the proposed policy changes throughout the document

Recommendation

Planning Commission recommends the Board:

1. Adopt the Addendum to El Dorado County's General Plan Environmental Impact Report;
2. Approve the General Plan Conservation and Open Space Element Update based on the Findings as presented; and
3. Adopt and Authorize the Chair to sign Resolution **XXX**-2026 to amend the County General Plan to incorporate Conservation and Open Space Element Update.