

Summary of Tasks for the INRMP Work Program

Task 1 – Initial Inventory (Staff)

The initial inventory of important habitat, as described in Policy 7.4.2.8 was completed on April 1, 2008. This will need to be reviewed and refined, since staff has received updated and more detailed GIS layers subsequent to the Board's acceptance of that inventory. This is covered under Task 4.

Task 2 – Plant and Wildlife Technical Advisor Committee (PAWTAC) (Staff)

Staff will work with existing members of PAWTAC and recruit new members to reactivate this advisory committee, based on Board direction. Meetings will then be scheduled regularly throughout the development of the INRMP to provide feedback and technical advice.

Task 3 – Meetings (Consultant)

The consultant will be responsible for attending regularly scheduled meetings, including hearings before the Planning Commission and Board. These meetings will help to support the efforts under the other tasks described in the scope of work.

Task 4 – Identification and Refining “Important Habitats” (Staff/Consultant)

This is the meat of the INRMP with several subtasks. These include defining the study area; creating an inventory of existing regulatory constraints; identifying riparian, connective, and critical corridors and correlating those to the IBC; refining the habitat inventory; and coordinating with PAWTAC and resource agencies.

Task 5 – Develop and Prioritize Conservation Strategy (Staff/Consultant)

This task is intended to satisfy the specific requirements of Policy 7.4.2.8, based on the analysis done in Task 4. The result will be a strategy that best protects the resources identified as important within the context of the land use pattern established by the General Plan. The program will include a habitat protection strategy, mitigation assistance program, habitat acquisition (conservation easement) program, management and monitoring.

Task 6 – Draft and Final INRMP (Staff)

Staff will prepare the draft document, provide for Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, and public review before compiling the final version for adoption. A draft of the expected Table of Contents is included in the scope of work (Page 17).

Task 7 – CEQA Compliance (Staff/Consultant)

An initial study will be prepared and a determination made whether the plan can be adopted under a negative declaration or mitigated negative declaration, or if an EIR will be required. The CEQA document will come toward the end of the process of preparing the INRMP, and may be budgeted separately.