

**Findings**

Based on the review and analysis of this project by staff, and supported by discussion in the staff report and evidence in the record, the following findings can be made:

**1.0 CEQA FINDINGS**

- 1.1 The Conservation and Open Space Element Update was prepared in accordance with California Government Code Sections 65565.5. An Addendum was prepared to El Dorado County's (County's) General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR), certified in May 2003 (State Clearinghouse Number 2001082030) demonstrating that the analysis in that EIR adequately addresses the potential physical impacts associated with implementation of the proposed project. Furthermore, the proposed project would not trigger any of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR or negative declaration based on the analysis provided in the Addendum.
- 1.2 The proposed Conservation and Open Space Element Update is deemed to be in the public interest. The Conservation and Open Space Element serves as a policy guide to address the management, preservation, and conservation of natural resources and open space in County. The Conservation and Open Space Element identifies goals and policies to conserve and improve the County's existing natural resources and open space, and protect and preserve resources of significant biological, ecological, historical, and cultural importance.
- 1.3 The potential impacts of the proposed amendment have been assessed and have been determined not to be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare. It is intended to provide a long-term framework on how the County will manage the natural, historical, and cultural resources existing in the County and assure the availability of those resources to future generations.
- 1.4 The documents and other materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision is based are in the custody of the Planning and Building Department at 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667.

**2.0 GENERAL PLAN FINDINGS**

- 2.1 The proposed General Plan Amendment is consistent and compatible with the rest of the General Plan and any implementation programs that may be affected.
- 2.2 Implementation of some programs identified in the Conservation and Open Space Element may require amendment to other Elements of the General Plan to ensure internal consistency.