

ANNUAL REPORT FOR ECO PRESERVE AND RARE PLANT ENDOWMENT FUND

Fund or Account No.:	3770754 and 3799900
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Description of Development Impact Fees

Gov. Code § 66006(b)(1)(A)

Since the establishment of the Ecological Fee Program in 1998, through Ordinance 4500 and Resolution 205-98, the Ecological Preserve Fee (Rare Plant Fee) has been collected for the purpose of protecting eight special-status gabbro soils plant species, many of which are state and/or federally listed or listed in the California Native Plant Society rare plant inventory (i.e., El Dorado bedstraw, Layne's butterweed, Pine Hill ceanothus, Pine Hill flannel bush, Stebbins' morning glory, Bisbee Peak rush rose, El Dorado mule ears, Red Hills soaproot) through property acquisition, conservation easements, and management within five designated ecological preserves that comprise Pine Hill Preserve: Salmon Falls, Martel Creek, Pine Hill, Cameron Park, Penny Lane Ridge. The land or development rights purchased is then managed by a specified resource protection agency such as the Bureau of Land Management, California State Department of Fish and Wildlife, or another designee of the agencies.

The County has established three Mitigation Areas to protect gabbro soils rare plants through on-site and off-site mitigation requirements and options. The fee program is based on Mitigation Areas 1 and 2. The Mitigation Areas are described as follows and are shown on the map below.

- Mitigation Area 0 – Lands within one of the five ecological preserves that comprise Pine Hill Preserve (i.e., Salmon Falls, Martel Creek, Pine Hill, Penny Lane Ridge, Cameron Park). The Mitigation Area 0 boundaries are coterminous with the General Plan Ecological Preserve overlay. (Approximately 3,450 acres).
- Mitigation Area 1 – Lands outside of Mitigation Area 0 that contain gabbro soils rare plant habitat (approximately 36,000 acres)
- Mitigation Area 2 – Lands outside of Mitigation Areas 0 and 1, but within the service area of the El Dorado Irrigation District, excluding parcels served by wells.

Development within Mitigation Area 0 would mitigate impacts to rare plants by either setting aside part of the property and dedicating a perpetual conservation easement for habitat protection, clustering development in the least environmentally sensitive portion of the property and dedication of a perpetual conservation easement over the remainder of the property (if greater than 5 acres), or providing an independent mitigation plan that meets CEQA requirements, such as purchasing and protecting an amount of habitat in the same ecological preserve in an amount equal to at least 1.5 times the developed acreage. Properties within Mitigation Area 0 are not subject to the Ecological Preserve Fee mitigation program but are required to engage in on-site preservation.

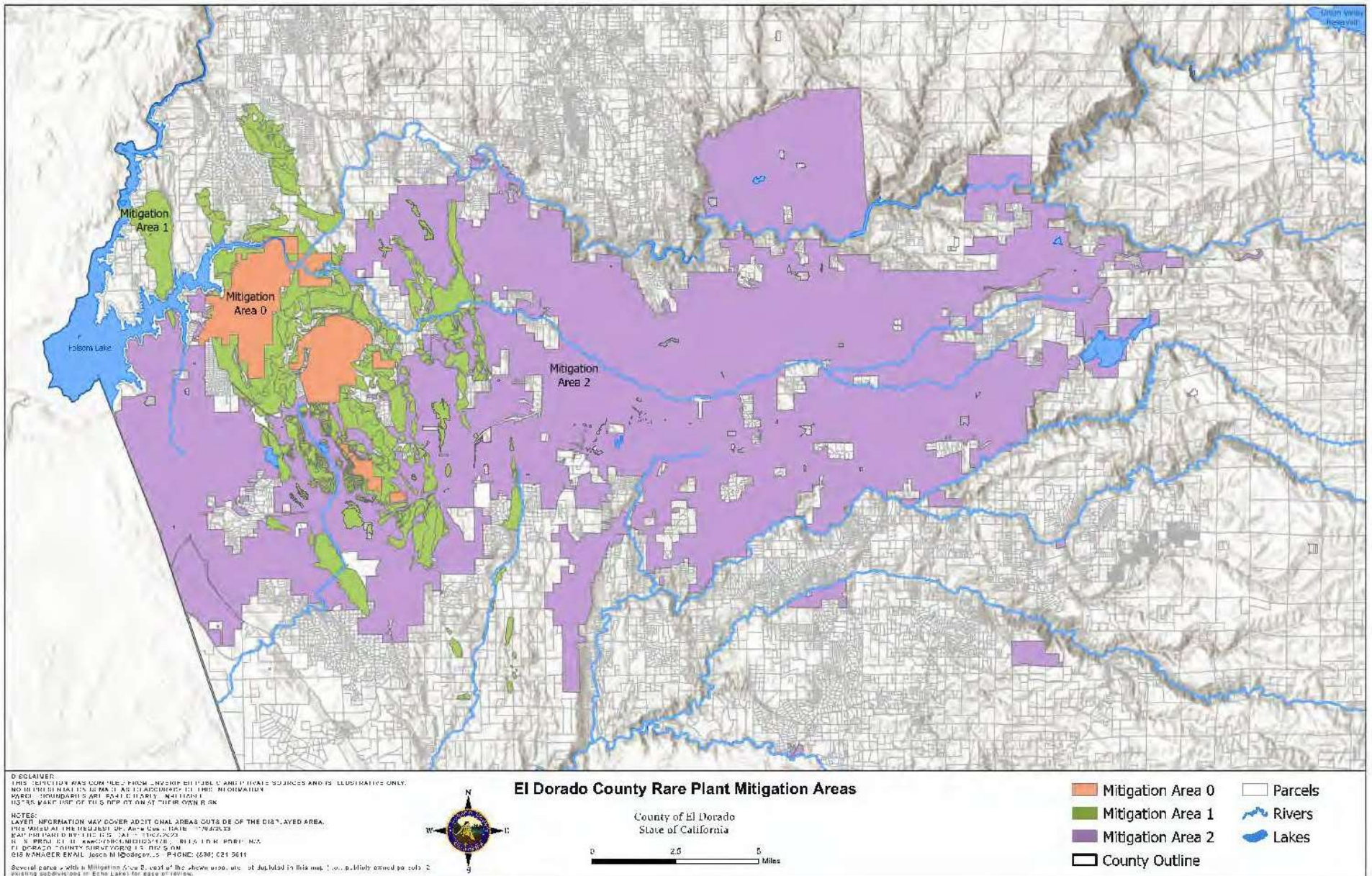
Development within Mitigation Area 1 would be required to provide off-site mitigation through the payment of the Ecological Preserve Fee for Mitigation Area 1. Currently, the Board has not adopted a Rare Plant Off-Site Mitigation Program.

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Development within Mitigation Area 2 would be required to pay the Ecological Preserve Fee for Mitigation Area 2 in order to mitigate the potential direct and indirect impacts of new development that require public water through El Dorado Irrigation District (EID). Therefore, new development using EID water is required to share the cost of mitigation for impacts on rare plant habitat.

The Ecological Preserve Fee is determined by calculating the County's contribution towards the local share of the cost, along with interest, of acquiring Cameron Park Preserve (315 acres); the County's contribution towards the local share of the cost of acquiring conservation easements in the Martel Creek and Pine Hill Preserve units; the cost of establishing a Rare Plant Preserve Endowment Fund for operating and maintenance expenses of the acquired lands; and administrative costs. The funds collected are deposited using the appropriate cost allocation factor as described in the resolution.

Fees are deposited into the Ecological Preserve Fee special revenue account (3770754), and partially distributed to the Rare Plant Preserve Endowment Fund (3799900), Building Services operating account (3710100), and Planning Services operating account (3720200) as specified in Resolution 205-98.



Amount of Fee
Gov. Code § 66006(b)(1)(B)

Ecological Preserve Fee					
Effective September 26, 1998 through June 30, 2025					
Resolution Date	Effective Date	Resolution #	Description	Mitigation Area 1 Fee	Mitigation Area 2 Fee
7/28/1998	9/26/1998	205-98	Added Chapter 17.71 "Ecological Preserves" to County Code and established Ecological Preserve Fees	\$885 per DUE	\$386 per DUE

Annual Report of Fund Balances

Gov. Code § 66006(b)(1)(C) and (D)

	Components of Ecological Preserve Program	
	Ecological Preserve Fee Special Revenue Fund Acct. 3770754 Fund 12370504	Rare Plant Preserve Endowment Fund Acct. 3799900 Fund 30950400
Reported Ending Cash Balance Last Fiscal Year:	993,248	4,384,131
Operating Transfers out Last Fiscal Year (not reported):	(127,003)	-
Ending Cash Balance Last Fiscal Year:	866,245	4,384,131
Less Fair Market Value Adjustment Last Fiscal Year:	(15,697)	(69,286)
Plus Accruals For Last Fiscal Year:	-	-
Cash Balance less Fair Market Value Adjustment:	850,547	4,314,845
Fund Balance at Start of Fiscal Year:	850,547	434,989
Contributed Capital Balance Start of Fiscal Year:	-	3,879,856
Fees Collected in Fiscal Year:	87,715	63,495
Interest Earned in Fiscal Year:	51,263	232,395
Expenditures in Fiscal Year:	(780)	-
Balance of Fund at End of Fiscal Year:	988,745	4,610,735

Public Improvements on Which Fees Were Expended in Fiscal Year

Gov. Code § 66006(b)(1)(E)

FY 24/25	Ecological Preserve Fee Special Revenue Fund Acct. 3770754 Fund 12370504	Approximate Construction Start Date	Life to Date % Funded with Impact Fees
Public Improvement Expenditures			
ECO PRESERVE FEE UPDATE	780	N/A	100%
Total Expenditures	780		

*NOT REPORTED IN FY23/24	Ecological Preserve Fee Special Revenue Fund Acct. 3770754 Fund 12370504	Approximate Construction Start Date	Life to Date % Funded with Impact Fees
Public Improvement Expenditures			
ECO PRESERVE FEE UPDATE	107,003	N/A	100%
Total Expenditures	107,003		

Newly Identified Public Improvement Projects with Sufficient Funding

Gov. Code § 66006(b)(1)(F)

Not applicable for Eco Preserve and Rare Plant Fund.

Public Improvement Projects Identified in Previous Annual Reports with Sufficient Funding

Gov. Code § 66006(b)(1)(F)

Not applicable for Eco Preserve and Rare Plant Fund.

Interfund Transfers and Loans

Gov. Code 66006(b)(1)(G)

Not applicable for Eco Preserve and Rare Plant Fund.

Refunds Made Pursuant to Section 66001(e) from These Funds

Gov. Code § 66006(b)(1)(H)

Fund	3770754
Amount of Refunds (\$):	\$1,897
Number of Persons or Entities Identified to Receive Refunds:	Three persons and two entities
Reallocations to Different Purposes Pursuant to Section 66001(f):	n/a