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To: El Dorado County Planning Commission
From: David Defanti, Assistant Director
Subject: **General Plan Biological Policy Review Workshop**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the history and status of the County biological policies as outlined in the Background Memo and to begin discussing the broad policy approaches presented in the Policy Options Memo.

BACKGROUND

The recent court decision overturning the Oak Woodland Management Plan (OWMP) has prompted the County to address, at a minimum, the implementation of certain oak tree policies in the General Plan. These policies are interrelated to several other biological policies. After reviewing options presented on September 24, 2012, the Board determined that all the related biological policies should be reviewed and considered for revisions to ensure that the goals and objectives of the General Plan can be achieved.

On March 11, 2014 the Board approved and authorized the Chair to sign Agreement 425-S1411 with Dudek in the amount of \$377,100 for a term of three years to proceed with a program to review and potentially amend several General Plan related to biological resources. This item includes a historical review of work completed to date on the Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP) and OWMP and a set of draft options for Board consideration to determine next steps.

DISCUSSION

Dudek started the General Plan policy review process by undertaking a comprehensive review of the history and status of the County's biological policies. Based on this review, Dudek drafted two memos – a Background Memo (Attachment 5B) and a Policy Options Memo (Attachment 5C).

The Background Memo reviewed the historical background and current status of key General Plan biological policies and related Implementation Measures. It documents previous planning efforts, constraints, and issues that led to the current effort to review the policies. The Background memo is still a draft document to allow the public an opportunity to review and provide feedback on the content of the memo. This memo will remain in draft form and may be updated as needed to ensure by end of project the appropriate information has been captured and recorded.

The Policy Options Memo outlines four broad policy approaches available to County moving forward. The Policy Options Memo include an analysis of each potential option, including the pros and cons, public involvement opportunities and approaches, rough timelines for completing the process, and examples of how policies would be implemented for several hypothetical development scenarios.

JULY 28, 2014 WORKSHOP

The workshop is bifurcated into two parts. First, Dudek will provide a presentation on the historical background and current status of key General Plan biological policies and related Implementation Measures. The intent of this presentation is to provide information to the Board and public, for Dudek and staff to learn about additional background information from the Board or public, and to discuss the information presented and answer questions as needed. Staff will revise the Background Memo as necessary per the discussion to ensure it is as accurate and complete as possible.

Next, Dudek will provide an overview of the four broad policy approaches. Staff anticipates discussing the potential policy approaches with the Board and public, answering questions, and identifying data gaps. Staff is not recommending the Board identify a preferred policy approach during this workshop. Instead, staff recommends the Board ask questions and request any additional information necessary to help inform a future decision. Staff will return in September 2014 for further discussion and Board direction on a preferred policy approach.

NEXT STEPS

Staff recommends returning in September 2014 for further discussion and Board direction on a preferred policy approach. Following the September 2014 meeting, staff will return to the Board within 2-4 weeks with a draft Resolution of Intent outlining the Board's direction and/or to provide more information as requested.