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Dated at Placerville, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of JULY, 2015



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### PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNTY OF EL DORADO RELEASING A NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED GENERAL PLAN BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES POLICY UPDATE AND OAK RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH A REVIEW PERIOD OF JULY 17, 2015 TO AUGUST 17, 2015.

The County is releasing a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The NOP was released on July 17, 2015 for a 30-day public review period. The NOP initiates the environmental review process in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (14 California Code of Regulations [CCR] Section 15082) for amendments to General Plan objectives, policies, and implementation measures related to biological resource impacts, including impacts to oak trees and oak woodland resources in El Dorado County. El Dorado County will be the Lead Agency and will prepare the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The NOP is available on the County website at:

<http://www.edcgov.us/Government/LongRangePlanning/Environmental/BioPolicyUpdate.aspx>. The purpose of an NOP is to provide sufficient information about the proposed project and its potential environmental impacts to allow agencies and interested parties the opportunity to provide a meaningful response related to the scope and content of the EIR, including mitigation measures that should be considered and alternatives that should be addressed (State CEQA Guidelines 14 CCR Section 15082(b)).

The project proposes updates to specific policies contained in the County's General Plan, referred to as the Biological Resources Policy Update, and the proposed adoption of an Oak Resources Management Plan (ORMP). For more information and continued updates, please visit the project website:

<http://www.edcgov.us/Government/LongRangePlanning/Environmental/BioPolicyUpdate.aspx>.

El Dorado County is soliciting comments from public agencies, private organizations, and individuals regarding the scope and content of the environmental documentation. Because of time limits mandated by State law, comments should be provided no later than 5:00 PM on August 17, 2015. Please send all comments to: Shawna Purvines, Principal Planner, County of El Dorado Community Development Agency, Long Range Planning Division, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667, Email: [shawna.purvines@edcgov.us](mailto:shawna.purvines@edcgov.us). Agencies should provide the name of a contact person, phone number, and email address in their comment. Comments provided by email should include "General Plan Biological Resources Policy Update NOP Comment" in the subject line, and the name and physical address of the commenter in the body of the email.

A public scoping meeting will be held by the County to inform interested parties about the proposed project, and to provide agencies and the public with an opportunity to provide comments on the scope and content of the EIR. The meeting time and location are as follows: Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission Hearing Room, 2850 Fairlane Court, Building C, Placerville, CA 95667. The meeting will take place during a regular scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission. The meeting space is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals needing special assistive devices will be accommodated to the County's best ability. For more information, please contact Shawna Purvines (at the contact information above) at least 48 hours before the meeting.

The General Plan Biological Resources Policy Update Project would be effective throughout the entire County, which encompasses an approximately 1,711 square-mile area in the east-central portion of the State, while the ORMP would be applicable to areas within the County at or below the 4,000-foot elevation.

The EIR is intended to be a program-level document that will analyze the effects of the General Plan Biological Resources Policy update and adoption of the ORMP. Program EIRs generally analyze broad environmental effects of the program, with the acknowledgment that site-specific environmental review may be required for particular aspects of portions of the program which those aspects are proposed for implementation (14 CCR 15168(a)).

The County anticipates that the proposed project could result in potentially significant environmental impacts in the following topic areas, which will be further evaluated in the EIR: Aesthetics, Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Land Use and Planning, and Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

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