

COLUSA

Protections in place:

	Oak Tree Retention/ Replacement Provisions	Oak Protection During Construction	Heritage Tree Protection	Riparian Vegetation Protections	Oak Canopy Retention	Oak Woodland Conservation Program
General Plan Language	None	None	None	None	None	None
Specific Ordinance	Development standards for hillside areas prohibit excessive disturbance of terrain and natural vegetation	None	None	None	None	None
Voluntary Guidelines	Voluntary Guidelines have been developed but are not available.					

Documents reviewed:

Date of Review: July 2003

- Open Space Element
- Conservation Element
- Land Use Element
- Zoning Ordinance
- Subdivision Ordinance

- Grading and Erosion Ordinance
- Roads/Sidewalk Tree Ordinance
- Tree Removal Ordinance
- Voluntary Guidelines
- Other County Codes:

Summary of Oak Protection Policies:

Land Use Element 1989	The Land Use Element establishes Resource Conservation zoning to ensure conservation of existing fish and wildlife habitat in the county, while facilitating its expansion. The RC designation is applied to forests and forested rangelands under federal ownership, to watershed lands requiring management and protection, and to the National Wildlife Refuges. In addition to forestry, acceptable uses on private parcels include grazing, mining, non-intensive recreation and low density residential uses.
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Conservation Element, 1989	Land uses within Resource Conservation areas shall be regulated only to the degree necessary to achieve protection of the resource. Very low-density single-family residences, low intensity recreation uses, and agricultural uses may be permitted to the extent that critical habitats are not disrupted (Co-21).
Open Space Element, 1989	Land designated as Resource Conservation (R-C) should be preserved in open space uses for the duration of the planning period unless development of these areas is consistent with applicable community plans or land use policies.
Zoning Ordinance, 1991	The zoning ordinance establishes the Upland Conservation Zone for mountain and upland foothill areas for forestry, mining, grazing and recreation use and protection of watershed lands from fire, erosion, and pollution. Minimum parcel size is 10 acres. Development standards for hillside areas include a requirement that the design of building sites within the Hillside zone shall avoid excessive disturbance of terrain and natural vegetation. Excessively long roads and driveways shall be avoided by design. Excessive cuts and fills and land clearing shall not be allowed.

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- No contacts
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- Policies discussed with county staff
- Policy inventory confirmed by county staff