

RIVERSIDE

Protections in place:

	Oak Tree Retention/ Replacement Provisions	Oak Protection During Construction	Heritage Tree Protection	Riparian Vegetation Protections	Oak Canopy Retention Requirements	Oak Woodland Conservation Program
General Plan Language	Conservation Element calls for development in an oak woodlands to be evaluated through biological reports and mitigation measures prepared. Retention and replacement may be required.	None	None	None	None	None
Specific Ordinance	Removal of native trees (30' tall/12" dbh) on parcels > 1/2 acre above 5,000' requires a permit. Projects must retain at least 1/2 of all trees.	None	None	None	None	None
Voluntary Guidelines	None	None	None	None	None	None

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: General Plan Addendum 1992

Summary of Oak Protection Policies:

Open Space and Conservation, 1996	OAK WOODLANDS: Any proposed future development in an identified sensitive vegetation areas (including oak woodlands) must be evaluated individually and cumulatively for potential impact on vegetation. Detailed inventories, impact assessments, and mitigation measures shall be prepared for substantial development proposals. Disruption of sensitive vegetation must be kept to a minimum, and adequate measures to protect and retain vegetative species must be taken. Where possible, landscaping must use native vegetation. Proposed trails, roads, campsites, or other projects must consider danger to endangered, protected or sensitive vegetation, the availability of alternative locations that would lessen the overall impact.
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<p>Tree Removal Ordinance, 12.24</p>	<p>TREE REMOVAL: No person shall remove any living native tree (30' tall and 12" dbh) on any parcel or property greater than 1/2 acre above 5,000 feet in elevation without a permit. Trees removed as part of a THP or within 20' of a structure are exempt. Permit applications must include a map showing the location and size of the trees to be removed and retained, the number of trees to be removed, reason for removal, and applicant's intent regarding the future use of the property. The county may approve the permit when removal will not increase soil erosion or flow of surface water; trees are too close to structures or are overcrowded; or the tree occupies the site of a proposed approvable structure or paved area, (when the project is designed to minimize tree removal – at least 1/2 of all trees must remain uncut with 1/2 in the front yard area or visible from the road. All stumps must be cut as close to the ground as practical, with a maximum stump height of 12". Material used as firewood must not be piled against other conifer trees. All slash must be removed within 30 days, or chipped and spread out after a 14-day drying period.</p>
<p>Roadside trees, 12.08</p>	<p>ROADSIDE TREES: No one may remove or trim any tree planted in the right-of-way of a county highway without first obtaining a permit. Conditions may include requirements for the work to be done only by a qualified tree surgeon or trimmer actually engaged in that business, and for bond, insurance or security to protect from damage.</p>

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County Contacts:

- No contacts
- Policies provided by county staff
- Policies discussed with county staff
- Policy inventory reviewed by county staff