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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	The Land Use Element requires areas of riparian vegetation to be preserved when feasible.	None	None
Specific Ordinance	None	None	None	The Zoning Ordinance requires hillside development to preserve natural drainage courses containing significant perennial vegetation	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: Chapter 17.62 Habitat Conservation Plan

Summary of Oak Protection Policies:

Land Use, 1982, 1994	<p>WILDLIFE HABITAT: The Land Use Element articulates the goal of ensuring development projects demonstrate a high degree of compatibility with any threatened or endangered species habitat (D). Zoning of Resource Lands is established to include open space lands containing important resource values, such as wildlife habitat. Development within this zone will be constrained pending adoption of ordinances that establish conditions, criteria, and standards.</p> <p>RIPARIAN VEGETATION: Areas of riparian vegetation along rivers and streams will be preserved when feasible (11). Habitats of threatened or endangered species should be protected (14) by designation of the riparian community with an appropriate resource use (e.g., mineral and petroleum, agriculture, or rangeland) or resource management designation.</p>
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Zoning	<p>The Zoning Ordinance designates land use zones including Open Space to designate lands in public or private ownership that are essentially unimproved and should remain in open space use for the preservation of identified scenic values, habitat for endangered plants or animals, unique geologic features, natural resources, passive recreational values, or for the protection of public health and safety. Natural Resource zones contain productive or potentially productive petroleum, mineral or timber resources. Scenic Corridors designate areas that contain unique visual and scenic resources as viewed from a major highway or freeway wherein the siting of off-site advertising signs needs to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to safeguard the scenic qualities of the natural environment.</p> <p>RIPARIAN VEGETATION: Development on hillsides shall respect the natural terrain and to the maximum extent possible preserve all natural drainage courses containing significant perennial vegetation in their natural state. (19.88.060).</p>
Subdivision, 18.55	<p>In the event a subdivision is traversed by a river, stream or creek, the subdivider shall leave such river, stream or creek in its natural condition whenever practical.</p>
Chapter 17.62 Habitat Conservation Plan	<p>All lands in the city of Bakersfield and county of Kern Metropolitan Bakersfield 2010 general plan area are designated as the Metropolitan Bakersfield Habitat Conservation Plan program area. The issuance of any urban development permit in the Metro Bakersfield Habitat Conservation Plan program area, will require collection of a Habitat Mitigation Fee (including a grading or building permit, or establishment of the authorized use). An exception is made for additions, of less than a 50% increase in square footage. The H.M.F. is for land acquisition, land endowment, habitat management land improvement, public facilities mitigation, and administration of the HCP program. A property owner may transfer title to land in-lieu of payment of a portion of the HMF. The implementation trust shall not accept land that does not, in its sole discretion, represent essentially the same habitat and support the same endangered plant and/or animal species as the project site requiring mitigation without the written approval of CDFG and USFWS. Permittees must allow access to parcels containing known kit fox dens by CDFG and USFWS 5 days prior to ground disturbance activities to allow salvage.</p>
Specific and Area Plans	<p>County staff relate that the following contain oak conservation policies: Specific Plans- Bear Valley Springs, Frazier Park/Lebec, Golden Hills, Keene Ranch, Mil Potrero Pine Mountain Club, Old Towne, O'Neil Canyon, Stallion Springs/Horsethief Flat, and Rural Community Plans – Glenville, Havilah - Pines of Havilah, Keene, and Woody.</p>

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

