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CALAVERAS COUNCIL
of GOVERNMENTS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Brittany Odermann, Transportation Planner

DATE: November 23, 2005

SUBJECT: **Oak Conservation Report**

SUMMARY

The CCOG Overall Work Program contains WE 05/06-09 Oak Mitigation Plan directing staff to develop an oak mitigation plan for the county that will meet state requirements. Upon review and consideration of oak conservation efforts in the county it has been determined that the County Planning Department is creating an Oak Ordinance that will address oak mitigation. In order to access state funds for oak mitigation, the County must have an adopted and approved Oak Woodlands Management Plan in place. To more accurately reflect this work, WE 05/06-09 will be changed to *Oak Woodlands Management Plan*. See Agenda Item #17, Amendment to the Overall Work Program regarding this change.

On November 15th there was a second meeting regarding oak conservation efforts in Calaveras County. The meeting was well attended by numerous stakeholders in the community. The agenda included discussions of both the County Oak Ordinance being prepared by the Planning Department and the Oak Woodlands Management Plan being prepared by CCOG and required to be eligible for state funds. Committee members agreed that incentives are needed to encourage private landowners, in particular ranchers, to continue to act as stewards of the land. Adopting an Oak Woodlands Management Plan for Calaveras County will give the County access to financial incentives for private landowners.

A draft Oak Management Plan will be prepared and distributed to the committee in advance of their next meeting in January. Any comments, concerns and input regarding the initial draft are being directed to CCOG staff. CCOG staff is working with the County Planning Department and biologist, Terry Strange, to draft the initial document. After comments from the committee are incorporated, a second draft will be submitted to the Council for review and approval before taking it to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.