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OS-1 Managed open space promotes conservation of vegetation, protection of watersheds and connectivity of wildlife habitat	1 Manage open space to achieve and maintain environmental threshold carrying capacities and to promote conservation of vegetation, protection of watersheds and connectivity of wildlife habitat.	OS-1.1 Protect resource values: when consistent with the other goals and policies of this plan, permit management practices in open space that protect natural resource values.	Protect natural resource values when consistent with other goals and policies of this plan , threshold attainment . Permit limited management practices in open space that protect natural resource values and lead to the attainment of the thresholds .	Existing measures	Management measures must be limited to low impact activities that lead to the attainment of all threshold values that are pertinent to the area.
OS-1 Managed open space promotes conservation of vegetation, protection of watersheds and connectivity of wildlife habitat		OS-1.2 Protect beneficial uses: Protect the beneficial uses of open space by regulating uses and restricting access as necessary to maintain soil quality to sustain acceptable vegetative cover and wildlife habitat.		Existing measures	
OS-2 Manage publicly owned "urban intermix" parcels to protect natural values and neighborhood open space .	Manage publicly owned "urban intermix" parcels to achieve and maintain environmental threshold carrying capacities and to protect natural values and neighborhood open space.	OS-2.1 Reduce wildfire potential: Reduce the potential for catastrophic wildfire and insect/ disease damage with hazard tree removal, fuels reduction and defensible space improvements on urban intermix parcels	Reduce wildfire and insect disease potential through limited hazard tree removal and fuels reduction. Provide careful defensible space improvements on urban intermix parcels. No activities may adversely impact threshold standards.	Existing measures	
OS-2 Manage publicly owned "urban intermix" parcels to protect natural values and neighborhood open space .		OS -2.2 Support the purchase of urban intermix parcels for open space purposes, utilizing existing and new funding sources		Existing measures	

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			Maintain open space in its natural form rather than developed form.		Retain a substantially higher amount of undeveloped public lands than developed recreation lands in the Basin.
			Coordinate with public land agencies to seek conservation easements and purchase land for public open space and wildlife corridors.		Acquire for open space not only land outside of the urban boundary but also urban infill lots.
			No conversion from or reduction of areas currently designated for Conservation Use as defined by Chapter 13.5.B (in the 1987 Regional Plan). Expansion of such areas is encouraged.		Regulations regarding coverage related to Conservation Areas will not be changed. No allowances or credits towards coverage calculations, total Bailey coverage allowances or other considerations will be provided through the new Regional Plan.
				Staff will develop a clearer name for "Open Space" in Code Chapter 18 (other than "Open Space – dedicated as proposed by staff, or "Open Space – Deed Restricted" as proposed by the APC). The new name should be an improved descriptor of what can and cannot be developed on designated open parcels (<i>changed during milestones</i>).	Keep the current definition of open space as written in the code: "Land with no land coverage and maintained in a natural condition or landscaped condition consistent with Best Management Practices, such as, deed restricted properties and designated open space areas." This definition preserves the intent of preserving open space for threshold benefits such as water, vegetation, wildlife, soil, and air as opposed to other definitions which may allow parks, playgrounds, and plazas to be counted for open space and do not provide the same threshold benefits.

*Alternative 4 policy statements were prepared with the best publically available information from the TRPA and some of the information may be out-of-date. Additionally, according to TRPA staff, some details are lacking in Alternative 4 that may have been fully developed in Alternative 2.

**Similar to any RPU alternative, the Conservation Alternative needs to be subjected to the same rigorous environmental analysis to determine if its policies and implementation measures are sufficient for ETCC achievement and maintenance.

Italics identify policy or implementation that were revised as part of the Milestone process – it is unclear from the documents provided if the changes are in reference to Alt 2 or both Alt 2 and Alt 4.

The Conservation Alternative Policies and Implementation Measures and related code amendments must strengthen and implement restriction without variance procedures, exemptions, exceptions and will require enforcement in a timely manner.