
TRPA Regional Plan Update#

Vegetation Goals, Policies, and Implementation Strategies

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1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG1 PROVIDE FOR A WIDE MIX AND INCREASED DIVERSITY OF PLANT COMMUNITIES IN THE TAHOE BASIN.	NONE	U	N/A	VG1.1 FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES SHALL BE ALLOWED WHEN CONSISTENT WITH ACCEPTABLE STRATEGIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF FOREST HEALTH AND DIVERSITY, PREVENTION OF FIRE, PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY, AND ENHANCEMENT OF WILDLIFE HABITATS.	NONE	U	N/A	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG1	NONE	U	N/A	VG1.2 OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THE AGE STRUCTURE OF THE PINE AND FIR PLANT COMMUNITIES SHALL BE ENCOURAGED WHEN CONSISTENT WITH OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS.	NONE	U	N/A	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG1	NONE	U	N/A	VG1.3 FOREST PATTERN SHALL BE MANIPULATED WHENEVER APPROPRIATE AS GUIDED BY THE SIZE AND DISTRIBUTION OF FOREST OPENINGS.	NONE	U	N/A	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG1	NONE	U	N/A	VG1.4 EDGE ZONES BETWEEN ADJACENT PLANT COMMUNITIES WILL BE MAXIMIZED AND TREATED FOR THEIR SPECIAL VALUE	NONE	U	N/A	

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						RELATIVE TO PLANT DIVERSITY AND WILDLIFE HABITAT.				
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG1	NONE	U	N/A	VG1.5 PERMANENT DISTURBANCE OR UNNECESSARY ALTERATION OF NATURAL VEGETATION ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES SHALL NOT EXCEED THE APPROVED BOUNDARIES [OR FOOTPRINTS] OF THE BUILDING, DRIVEWAY, OR PARKING STRUCTURES, OR THAT WHICH IS NECESSARY TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR EROSION.	NONE	U	N/A	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG1	NONE	U	N/A	VG1.6 THE MANAGEMENT OF VEGETATION IN URBAN AREAS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES OF THIS PLAN AND SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS THAT ALLOW FOR THE PERPETUATION OF THE NATURAL APPEARING LANDSCAPE.	NONE	U	N/A	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG1	NONE	U	N/A	VG1.7 DISTURBANCE OR REMOVAL OF FOREST LITTER SHOULD BE AVOIDED TO PROMOTE THE NATURAL CATCHMENT OF NUTRIENTS.	NONE	U	N/A	

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1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG1	NONE	U	N/A	VG1.8 REVEGETATION OF DISTURBED SITES SHALL REQUIRE THE USE OF SPECIES APPROVED BY THE AGENCY. TRPA SHALL PREPARE SPECIFIC POLICIES DESIGNED TO AVOID THE UNNECESSARY USE OF LANDSCAPING WHICH REQUIRES LONGTERM IRRIGATION AND FERTILIZER USE.	NONE	U	N/A	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG1	NONE	U	N/A	VG1.9 ALL PROPOSED ACTIONS SHALL CONSIDER THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF VEGETATION REMOVAL WITH RESPECT TO PLANT DIVERSITY AND ABUNDANCE, WILDLIFE HABITAT AND MOVEMENT, SOIL PRODUCTIVITY AND STABILITY, AND WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY.	NONE	U	N/A	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG2 PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND RESTORATION OF SUCH UNIQUE ECOSYSTEMS AS WETLANDS, MEADOWS, AND OTHER RIPARIAN	NONE	U	N/A	VG2.1 RIPARIAN PLANT COMMUNITIES SHALL BE MANAGED FOR THE BENEFICIAL USES OF PASSIVE RECREATION, GROUNDWATER RECHARGE, AND NUTRIENT CATCHMENT, AND AS WILDLIFE HABITATS.	NONE	U	N/A	

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		VEGETATION.								
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG2	NONE	U	N/A	VG2.2 RIPARIAN PLANT COMMUNITIES SHALL BE RESTORED OR EXPANDED WHENEVER AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE.	NONE	U	N/A	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG3 CONSERVE THREATENED, ENDANGERED, AND SENSITIVE PLANT SPECIES AND UNCOMMON PLANT COMMUNITIES OF THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN.	NONE	U	N/A	VG3.1 UNCOMMON PLANT COMMUNITIES SHALL BE IDENTIFIED AND PROTECTED FOR THEIR NATURAL VALUES.	NONE	U	N/A	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG3	NONE	U	N/A	VG3.2 THE POPULATION SITES AND CRITICAL HABITAT OF ALL SENSITIVE PLANT SPECIES IN THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN SHALL BE IDENTIFIED AND PRESERVED.	NONE	U	N/A	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG3	NONE	U	N/A	VG3.3 THE CONSERVATION STRATEGY FOR TAHOE YELLOW CRESS IN THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN SHALL FOSTER STEWARDSHIP FOR THIS SPECIES.§ (1) Providing education to landowners; (2) Providing technical and planning assistance to landowners with Tahoe	NONE	U	N/A	

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						Yellow Cross to develop stewardship plans; and (3) Streamlining the Tahoe Yellow Cross project review process, while protecting the species and its habitat.				
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG4 PROVIDE FOR AND INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF LATE SERAL/OLD GROWTH STANDS WITHIN THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN.	NONE	U	N/A	VG4.1 STANDS EXHIBITING LATE SERAL/OLD GROWTH CHARACTERISTICS SHALL BE MANAGED TO ALLOW THESE STANDS TO SUSTAIN THESE CONDITIONS.	NONE	U	N/A	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG4	NONE	U	N/A	VG4.2 STANDS NOT EXHIBITING LATE SERAL/OLD GROWTH CHARACTERISTICS SHALL BE MANAGED TO PROGRESS TOWARDS LATE SERAL/OLD GROWTH.	NONE	U	N/A	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG4	NONE	U	N/A	VG4.3 PRESCRIPTIONS FOR TREATING THESE STANDS WILL BE PREPARED ON A STAND-BY-STAND BASIS. EACH PRESCRIPTION WILL DEMONSTRATE/EXPLAIN HOW IT WILL PROMOTE LATE SERAL OR OLD GROWTH CHARACTERISTICS PRIOR TO APPLYING ANY MECHANICAL TREATMENT OR PRESCRIBED FIRE.	NONE	U	N/A	

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						STAND-SPECIFIC PRESCRIPTIONS WILL BE DEVELOPED USING THE BEST AVAILABLE FOREST AND ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT SCIENCE, STRATEGIES, STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES.				
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG4	NONE	U	N/A	VG4.4 RETAIN LARGE TREES AS A PRINCIPAL COMPONENT OF LATE SERAL/OLD GROWTH ECOSYSTEMS.	NONE	U	N/A	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG4	NONE	U	N/A	VG4.5 RETAIN TREES OF MEDIUM AND SMALL SIZE SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE FOR LARGE TREE RECRUITMENT OVER TIME, AND TO PROVIDE STRUCTURAL DIVERSITY. PREFERABLY, THESE TREES WILL BE THE MOST VIGOROUS IN THE STAND USING ONE OF THE STANDARD TREE CLASSIFICATIONS. IN ADDITION, SPECIES COMPOSITION SHOULD BE KEY CONSIDERATION IN TREE RETENTION.	NONE	U	N/A	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG4	NONE	U	N/A	VG4.6 USE OF PRESCRIBED FIRE IS PREFERRED TO REDUCE FIRE HAZARD AND PERPETUATE DESIRED NATURAL ECOLOGICAL	NONE	U	N/A	

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						PROCESSES. MANUAL AND MECHANICAL TREATMENT MAY BE USED TO REDUCE FOREST FUEL LEVELS AND TO IMPROVE LATE SERAL FOREST CONDITIONS IN ADDITION TO, OR IN LIEU OF, PRESCRIBED FIRE.				
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG5 THE APPROPRIATE STOCKING LEVEL AND DISTRIBUTION OF SNAGS AND COARSE WOODY DEBRIS SHALL BE RETAINED IN THE REGIONS FORESTS TO PROVIDE HABITAT FOR ORGANISMS THAT DEPEND ON SUCH FEATURES AND TO PERPETUATE NATURAL ECOLOGICAL PROCESSES.	NONE	U	N/A	VG5.1 ALLOW FOR A SUFFICIENT NUMBER AND AN APPROPRIATE DISTRIBUTION OF SNAGS THROUGHOUT THE REGION'S FORESTS TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN HABITAT FOR SPECIES DEPENDENT ON SUCH FEATURES.	NONE	U	N/A	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	NONE	VG5	NONE	U	N/A	VG5.2 ALLOW FOR AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT, LEVEL AND DISTRIBUTION OF COARSE WOODY DEBRIS (DOWNED WOODY MATERIAL) THROUGHOUT THE REGION'S FORESTS TO	NONE	U	N/A	

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						MAINTAIN BIOLOGICAL INTEGRITY, TO STABILIZE SOIL, AND TO AFFORD A REASONABLE LEVEL OF FIRE SAFETY.				

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1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-1: HEALTHY FORESTS AND VEGETATION - A FULL RANGE OF NATIVE SPECIES, DEVELOPMENT STAGES, HABITATS, AND ECOLOGICAL PROCESSES OCCUR.	VG1: PROVIDE FOR A WIDE MIX AND INCREASED DIVERSITY OF PLANT COMMUNITIES IN THE TAHOE BASIN.	VG- 1: HEALTHY FORESTS AND VEGETATION - A FULL RANGE OF NATIVE SPECIES, DEVELOPMENT STAGES, HABITATS, AND ECOLOGICAL PROCESSES OCCUR.	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	VG1.1 FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES SHALL BE ALLOWED WHEN CONSISTENT WITH ACCEPTABLE STRATEGIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF FOREST HEALTH AND DIVERSITY, PREVENTION OF FIRE, PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY, AND ENHANCEMENT OF WILDLIFE HABITATS.	NEW POLICY VG-1.1 FOREST VEGETATION - DIVERSITY, DISTRIBUTION, AND STRUCTURE: PROMOTE RESTORATION OF HISTORIC FIRE REGIMES, DIVERSE FOREST DEVELOPMENT STAGES AND FOREST TYPES, AND NATURAL ECOLOGICAL PROCESSES USING APPROPRIATE FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, WHICH ALSO PROTECT WATER QUALITY AND ENHANCE WILDLIFE HABITATS.	N	More inclusive to match goal (desired condition). Emphasis of this policy is now on the result of the practices, not on prescribing the type of forest management techniques. Implementation does not require substantive changes to the code.	VG.IMP-1 Allow tree removal to accelerate development of old growth characteristics to improve structural diversity of forest stands
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-1	VG1	VG- 1	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway	VG1.2 OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THE AGE STRUCTURE OF THE PINE AND FIR PLANT COMMUNITIES SHALL BE ENCOURAGED WHEN CONSISTENT WITH OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS.	DELETED	D	Now covered under policy VG-1.1	N/A

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					Process.					
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-1	VG1	VG- 1	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	VG1.3 FOREST PATTERN SHALL BE MANIPULATED WHENEVER APPROPRIATE AS GUIDED BY THE SIZE AND DISTRIBUTION OF FOREST OPENINGS.	DELETED	D	Now covered under policy VG-1.1	N/A
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-1	VG1	VG- 1	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	NONE	NEW POLICY VG-1.2 NON-FORESTED VEGETATION – DIVERSITY, DISTRIBUTION, AND STRUCTURE: PROMOTE NON-FORESTED VEGETATION STRUCTURE AND DISTRIBUTION BASED ON NATURAL DISTURBANCE REGIMES TO MAINTAIN BIOLOGICAL INTEGRITY AND NATIVE SPECIES DIVERSITY WITHIN THE REGION.	N	This policy addresses the non-forest components not addressed under Policy VG-1.1 The reason for 2 separate policies for forest and non-forest reflects comments from the forest-centric community. Implementation does not require substantive changes to the code.	N/A
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-1	VG1	VG- 1	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent	VG1.4 EDGE ZONES BETWEEN ADJACENT PLANT COMMUNITIES WILL BE	DELETED	D	There is more of a need to emphasize habitat	N/A

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					the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	MAXIMIZED AND TREATED FOR THEIR SPECIAL VALUE RELATIVE TO PLANT DIVERSITY AND WILDLIFE HABITAT.			connectivity. This policy could encourage habitat fragmentation.	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-1	VG1	VG- 1	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	NONE	NEW VG-1.9 NON-NATIVE INVASIVE WEED MANAGEMENT: ERADICATE WHERE FEASIBLE, PREVENT SPREAD OF EXISTING INFESTATIONS, AND WORK TO PREVENT NEW INFESTATIONS OF NON-NATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES.	N	This policy added to address the threat of invasive weeds in the Basin and reflects a need identified in P7. Code changes would be required to: (1) Promote and support projects/activities aimed at reducing non-native plant species and their spread (e.g., Eurasian milfoil projects) and (2) Require BMPs related to soil disturbance, equipment washing, use of weed-free seed and feed, update of landscaping manual to identify non-native invasive plant species.	VG.IMP-2 Require projects to implement measures, such as noxious-weed risk assessments and weed prevention BMPs, to prevent the spread of noxious and invasive weeds during project activities. VG.IMP-3 Maintain and make available to the public a list of invasive, noxious, and nuisance species along with appropriate methods to prevent the introduction and slow the spread of these species.

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1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-1	VG1	VG- 1	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	NONE	NEW VG-1.10 NATIVE VEGETATION: USE AND MAINTAIN NATIVE VEGETATION TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE THROUGHOUT THE REGION.	N	This policy is to retain the italicized threshold language from the 1987 plan that follows - "Native vegetation shall be maintained at a maximum level to be consistent with the limits defined in the Land Capability Classification of the Lake Tahoe Basin, California-Nevada, A Guide For Planning, Bailey, 1974, for allowable impervious cover and permanent site disturbance." An interpretation of this overlooked threshold is that what is not coverage needs to be native vegetation. This policy does not replace the threshold but retains a focus on native vegetation. Since this is a threshold it should not require changes to code.	N/A

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1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-1	VG1	VG- 1	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	VG1.5 PERMANENT DISTURBANCE OR UNNECESSARY ALTERATION OF NATURAL VEGETATION ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES SHALL NOT EXCEED THE APPROVED BOUNDARIES [OR FOOTPRINTS] OF THE BUILDING, DRIVEWAY, OR PARKING STRUCTURES, OR THAT WHICH IS NECESSARY TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR EROSION.	AMENDED VG-5.2 ALTERATION OF NATURAL VEGETATION DURING DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY: CONTAIN PERMANENT DISTURBANCE OR UNNECESSARY ALTERATION OF NATURAL VEGETATION ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES TO THE APPROVED DISTURBANCE BOUNDARIES, OR THAT WHICH IS NECESSARY TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR EROSION.	A	Moved to Urban Vegetation, Policy VG-5.2. More applicable to urban area. [[Need changes to 30.14 and possibly 65 and 71]]	see measure under VG-5.2 below
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-1	VG1	VG- 1	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	VG1.6 THE MANAGEMENT OF VEGETATION IN URBAN AREAS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES OF THIS PLAN AND SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS THAT ALLOW FOR THE PERPETUATION OF THE NATURAL-APPEARING LANDSCAPE.	AMENDED VG-5.1 URBAN VEGETATION AND LANDSCAPES: PRESERVE VEGETATION IN URBAN AREAS TO THE MAXIMIM EXTENT FEASIBLE AND TO AVOID SHARP CONTRASTS BETWEEN URBAN AND NON_URBAN AREAS AND ALLOW FOR THE PERPETUATION OF THE NATURAL-	A	Moved to Urban Vegetation, Policy VG-5.1.	

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							APPEARING LANDSCAPE.			
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-1	VG1	VG- 1	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	VG1.7 DISTURBANCE OR REMOVAL OF FOREST LITTER SHOULD BE AVOIDED TO PROMOTE THE NATURAL CATCHMENT OF NUTRIENTS.	AMENDED VG-5.3 FOREST LITTER AND DEFENSIBLE SPACE: MAINTAIN FOREST LITTER FOR ITS EROSION CONTROL AND NUTRIENT CYCLING FUNCTIONS IN NATURALLY-VEGETATED AREAS EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT IT POSES A FIRE HAZARD.	A	Moved to Urban Vegetation, Policy VG-5.3.	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-1	VG1	VG- 1	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	VG1.8 REVEGETATION OF DISTURBED SITES SHALL REQUIRE THE USE OF SPECIES APPROVED BY THE AGENCY. TRPA SHALL PREPARE SPECIFIC POLICIES DESIGNED TO AVOID THE UNNECESSARY USE OF LANDSCAPING WHICH REQUIRES LONG-TERM IRRIGATION AND FERTILIZER USE.	AMENDED VG-1.11 REVEGETATION WITH APPROVED SPECIES: REVEGETATE DISTURBED SITES CONSISTENT WITH SPECIES GUIDELINES APPROVED BY THE AGENCY DESIGNED TO PROMOTE USE OF NATIVE, WATER-EFFICIENT, NUTRIENT-EFFICIENT, FIRE-RESISTANT, AND NON-INVASIVE VEGETATION.	A	Minor wording change	VG.IMP-4 Amend revegetation guidelines to require that whenever possible all seed and propagules used in revegetation projects originate from sources within the Lake Tahoe Basin or within 50 miles of the Lake Tahoe Basin and within 1000 vertical feet of the project elevation. VG.IMP-5 Require projects to salvage and reuse native topsoil.
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-1	VG1	VG- 1	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5	VG1.9 ALL PROPOSED ACTIONS SHALL CONSIDER THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF	AMENDED VG-1.12 PROJECT REVIEW AND EVALUATION: WHERE RELEVANT FOR PROPOSED	A	Minor wording change. Now includes scenic value of	VG.IMP-5 Require projects to salvage and reuse native topsoil.

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					Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	VEGETATION REMOVAL WITH RESPECT TO PLANT DIVERSITY AND ABUNDANCE, WILDLIFE HABITAT AND MOVEMENT, SOIL PRODUCTIVITY AND STABILITY, AND WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY.	PROJECTS, EVALUATE THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF VEGETATION REMOVAL WITH RESPECT TO: DEPARTURE FROM DESIRED STRUCTURE, DIVERSITY AND ABUNDANCE; WILDLIFE MOVEMENT, HABITAT SUITABILITY AND CONNECTIVITY; SOIL PRODUCTIVITY AND STABILITY; SCENIC VALUE; AND WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY.		vegetation.	
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									practices." Another threshold that this somewhat covers is: "A nondegradation standard to preserve plant communities shall apply to native deciduous trees, wetlands, and meadows while providing for opportunities to increase the acreage of such riparian associations to be consistent with the SEZ threshold." Since this is a threshold it should not require changes to code.	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-2: PLANT COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN: THE NATURAL CONDITONS AND FUNCTIONS OF PLANT COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN ARE SUSTAINED.	VG2: PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND RESTORATION OF SUCH UNIQUE ECO-SYSTEMS AS WETLANDS, MEADOWS, AND OTHER RIPARIAN VEGETATION.	VG-2 PLANT COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN - THE NATURAL CONDITIONS AND FUNCTIONS OF PLANT COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN ARE SUSTAINED.	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	VG2.1 RIPARIAN PLANT COMMUNITIES SHALL BE MANAGED FOR THE BENEFICIAL USES OF PASSIVE RECREATION, GROUNDWATER RECHARGE, AND NUTRIENT CATCHMENT, AND AS WILDLIFE HABITATS.	AMENDED VG-2.2 WETLAND MANAGEMENT: MANAGE RIPARIAN AND OTHER WETLAND PLANT COMMUNITIES FOR THE BENEFICIAL USES OF PASSIVE RECREATION, GROUNDWATER RECHARGE AND NUTRIENT CATCHMENT, AND AS WILDLIFE	A	Minor wording change	

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							HABITAT			
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-2	VG2	VG-2	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	VG2.2 RIPARIAN PLANT COMMUNITIES SHALL BE RESTORED OR EXPANDED WHENEVER AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE.	AMENDED VG-2.3 RESTORATION AND EXPANSION OF WETLANDS: RESTORE OR EXPAND RIPARIAN AND OTHER WETLAND PLANT COMMUNITIES	A	Minor wording change	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-3: SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES POPULATIONS OF, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AND PROCESSES IMPORTANT TO, NATIVE THREATENED, ENDANGERED, RARE,, SPECIAL INTEREST, OR SENSITIVE SPECIES ARE MAINTAINED AT A SUSTAINABLE LEVEL.	VG3: CONSERVE THREATENED, ENDANGERED, AND SENSITIVE PLANT SPECIES AND UNCOMMON PLANT COMMUNITIES OF THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN.	VG-3 SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES - POPULATIONS OF, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AND PROCESSES IMPORTANT TO, NATIVE THREATENED, ENDANGERED, RARE, SPECIAL INTEREST, OR SENSITIVE SPECIES ARE MAINTAINED AT A SUSTAINABLE LEVEL.	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	VG3.1 UNCOMMON PLANT COMMUNITIES SHALL BE IDENTIFIED AND PROTECTED FOR THEIR NATURAL VALUES.	AMENDED VG-2.1 PROTECT PLANT COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN: IDENTIFY, RESTORE, AND PROTECT PLANT COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN .	A	Formerly Policy #1 of Goal #3. Policy used in new document with minor edits. Policy edited to reflect language from P7 process. Implementation does not require substantive changes to code as it is in our current Goals and Policies document.	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-3	VG3	VG-3	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired	VG3.2 THE POPULATION SITES AND CRITICAL HABITAT OF ALL SENSITIVE PLANT SPECIES IN THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN	AMENDED VG-3.1 PROTECTION OF SPECIAL STATUS PLANTS: IDENTIFY, RESTORE WHERE PRACTICABLE, AND	A	Includes concepts of restoration and habitat. Use of the term critical habitat could be	

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					Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	SHALL BE IDENTIFIED AND PRESERVED.	PRESERVE POPULATIONS AND HABITAT OF ALL SPECIAL STATUS PLANT SPECIES IN THE REGION.		confused with the term as defined under the Endangered Species Act (critical habitat under the ESA is defined for wildlife only).	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-3	VG3	VG-3	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	VG3.3 THE CONSERVATION STRATEGY FOR TAHOE YELLOW CRESS IN THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN SHALL FOSTER STEWARDSHIP FOR THIS SPECIES.§ (1) Providing education to landowners; (2) Providing technical and planning assistance to landowners with Tahoe Yellow Cress to develop stewardship plans; and (3) Streamlining the Tahoe Yellow Cress project review process, while protecting the species and its habitat.	AMENDED VG-3.2 TAHOE YELLOW CRESS: MANAGE TAHOE YELLOW CRESS IN THE REGION ACCORDING TO ITS CONSERVATION STRATEGY.	A	The bullet points out of the conservation strategy do not reflect the complete intent and purpose of the strategy so they have been deleted.	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-3	VG4: PROVIDE FOR AND INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF LATE SERAL/OLD GROWTH STANDS WITHIN THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN.	NOW COVERED UNDER GOAL 1	D	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the	VG4.1 STANDS EXHIBITING LATE SERAL/OLD GROWTH CHARACTERISTICS SHALL BE MANAGED TO ALLOW THESE STANDS TO SUSTAIN THESE CONDITIONS.	AMENDED VG-1.5 MANAGEMENT FOR LATE STAGES OF STAND DEVELOPMENT – HEALTHY STANDS: MANAGE STANDS EXHIBITING CHARACTERISTICS OF LATER STAGES OF STAND DEVELOPMENT,	A	Amended and moved to Goal 1 VG-1.5. “SUSTAIN” suggests keeping old growth conditions forever and preventing succession from taking its natural course. In addition, the	

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					Pathway Process.		INCLUDING OLD GROWTH TO PROMOTE CONDITIONS REPRESENTATIVE OF HEALTHY STANDS IN LATER STRUCTURAL STAGES OF STAND DEVELOPMENT.		former policy conflicts with the Common Vegetation Threshold. Specifically, the relative abundance components that state: "Maintain 15-25 percent of the Yellow Pine Forest in seral stages other than mature. and Maintain 15-25 percent of the Red Fir Forest in seral stages other than mature."	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-3	VG4	VG-4		The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	VG4.2 STANDS NOT EXHIBITING LATE SERAL/OLD GROWTH CHARACTERISTICS SHALL BE MANAGED TO PROGRESS TOWARDS LATE SERAL/OLD GROWTH.	AMENDED VG-1.6 MANAGEMENT FOR LATE STAGES OF STAND DEVELOPMENT – ACCELERATE OLD GROWTH: PROMOTE FOREST PRACTICES TO ACCELERATE DEVELOPMENT OF OLD GROWTH CHARACTERISTICS IN APPROPRIATE STANDS.	A	This policy conflicts with the Common Vegetation Threshold. Specifically, the relative abundance components that state: "Maintain 15-25 percent of the Yellow Pine Forest in seral stages other than mature. and Maintain 15-25 percent of the Red Fir Forest in seral stages other than mature." The revised	

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									wording better expresses the objective to actively manage stands to develop old growth characteristics.	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-3	VG4	VG-4		The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	VG4.3 PRESCRIPTIONS FOR TREATING THESE STANDS WILL BE PREPARED ON A STAND-BY-STAND BASIS. EACH PRESCRIPTION WILL DEMONSTRATE/EXPLAIN HOW IT WILL PROMOTE LATE SERAL OR OLD GROWTH CHARACTERISTICS PRIOR TO APPLYING ANY MECHANICAL TREATMENT OR PRESCRIBED FIRE. STAND-SPECIFIC PRESCRIPTIONS WILL BE DEVELOPED USING THE BEST AVAILABLE FOREST AND ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT SCIENCE, STRATEGIES, STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES.	DELETED	D	All prescriptions for treating any vegetation types should be based on evidence that suggests treatment objectives will be met. Therefore, this should be covered under VG-1.1.	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-3	VG4	VG-4		The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions	VG4.4 RETAIN LARGE TREES AS A PRINCIPAL COMPONENT OF LATE SERAL/OLD GROWTH ECOSYSTEMS.	AMENDED VG-1.7 MANAGEMENT FOR LATE STAGES OF STAND DEVELOPMENT – LARGE TREES: RETAIN LARGE	A	Clarification of language. Late Seral/Old Growth in the Tahoe Basin means big old white fir and red fir. The use	

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					for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.		TREES AS A PRINCIPAL COMPONENT OF STANDS IN LATER STAGES OF STAND DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING OLD GROWTH.		of late seral came out of the Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project and they specifically refer to the use of this term for forest types that have a disturbance interval of >400 years. The disturbance interval for pine forest types is considerably shorter.	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-3	VG4	VG-4		The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	VG4.5 RETAIN TREES OF MEDIUM AND SMALL SIZE SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE FOR LARGE TREE RECRUITMENT OVER TIME, AND TO PROVIDE STRUCTURAL DIVERSITY. PREFERABLY, THESE TREES WILL BE THE MOST VIGOROUS IN THE STAND USING ONE OF THE STANDARD TREE CLASSIFICATIONS. IN ADDITION, SPECIES COMPOSITION SHOULD BE KEY CONSIDERATION IN TREE RETENTION.	AMENDED VG-1.8 MANAGEMENT FOR LATE STAGES OF STAND DEVELOPMENT – STRUCTURAL AND SPECIES DIVERSITY: WHEN MANAGING STANDS TO PROMOTE CHARACTERISTICS OF LATER STAGES OF STAND DEVELOPMENT RETAIN TREES OF MEDIUM AND SMALL SIZE SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE FOR LARGE TREE RECRUITMENT OVER TIME, AND TO PROVIDE STRUCTURAL DIVERSITY. PREFERABLY,	A	Clarification of language. Late Seral/Old Growth in the Tahoe Basin means big old white fir and red fir. The use of late seral came out of the Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project and they specifically refer to the use of this term for forest types that have a disturbance interval of >400 years.	

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							THESE TREES WILL BE THE MOST VIGOROUS IN THE STAND USING ONE OF THE STANDARD TREE CLASSIFICATIONS. IN ADDITION, MAKE SPECIES COMPOSITION A KEY CONSIDERATION IN TREE RETENTION.			
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-3	VG4	VG-4		The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	VG4.6 USE OF PRESCRIBED FIRE IS PREFERRED TO REDUCE FIRE HAZARD AND PERPETUATE DESIRED NATURAL ECOLOGICAL PROCESSES. MANUAL AND MECHANICAL TREATMENT MAY BE USED TO REDUCE FOREST FUEL LEVELS AND TO IMPROVE LATE SERAL FOREST CONDITIONS IN ADDITION TO, OR IN LIEU OF, PRESCRIBED FIRE.	DELETED	D	Mechanical thinning or hand thinning need to precede prescribed burning. The use of prescribed burning is covered under VG-1.1 and VG-1.2.	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-3	VG-5: THE APPROPRIATE STOCKING LEVEL AND DISTRIBUTION OF SNAGS AND COARSE WOODY DEBRIS SHALL BE RETAINED IN	NOW COVERED UNDER GOAL 1		The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold	VG5.1 ALLOW FOR A SUFFICIENT NUMBER AND AN APPROPRIATE DISTRIBUTION OF SNAGS THROUGHOUT THE REGION'S FORESTS TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN HABITAT FOR SPECIES DEPENDENT	SAME VG-1.3 COARSE WOODY DEBRIS – SNAGS: ALLOW FOR A SUFFICIENT NUMBER AND AN APPROPRIATE DISTRIBUTION OF SNAGS THROUGHOUT THE	U	Retained and moved under Goal 1, Policy VG-1.3.	

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		THE REGIONS FORESTS TO PROVIDE HABITAT FOR ORGANISMS THAT DEPEND ON SUCH FEATURES AND TO PERPETUATE NATURAL ECOLOGICAL PROCESSES.			that came out of the Pathway Process.	ON SUCH FEATURES.	REGION'S FORESTS TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN HABITAT FOR SPECIES DEPENDENT ON SUCH FEATURES.			
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-3	VG5			The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	VG5.2 ALLOW FOR AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT, LEVEL AND DISTRIBUTION OF COARSE WOODY DEBRIS (DOWNED WOODY MATERIAL) THROUGHOUT THE REGION'S FORESTS TO MAINTAIN BIOLOGICAL INTEGRITY, TO STABILIZE SOIL, AND TO AFFORD A REASONABLE LEVEL OF FIRE SAFETY.	SAME VG-1.4 COARSE WOODY DEBRIS – DOWN AND DEAD WOOD: ALLOW FOR AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT, LEVEL AND DISTRIBUTION OF COARSE WOODY DEBRIS (DOWNED WOODY MATERIAL) THROUGHOUT THE REGION'S FORESTS TO MAINTAIN BIOLOGICAL INTEGRITY, TO STABILIZE SOIL, AND TO AFFORD A REASONABLE LEVEL OF FIRE SAFETY.	U	Retained and moved under Goal 1, Policy VG-1.4.	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-4: HAZARDOUS FUELS FUEL CONDITIONS POSE LOW	NONE	VG-4 HAZARDOUS FUELS - FUEL CONDITIONS POSE LOW WILDFIRE RISK TO	N	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired	NONE	NEW VG-4.1 HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION PRACTICES: PROMOTE HAZARDOUS FUELS	N	This policy was developed with Mike Vollmer and Brian Hirt in July 2007 and is in accordance with	VG.IMP-8 Modify the provisions which protect native vegetation to allow creation of defensible space and

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	WILDFIRE RISK TO COMMUNITIES.		COMMUNITIES.		Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.		REDUCTION AND THE PREVENTION OF FIRE, USING APPROVED FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES CONSISTENT WITH ACCEPTABLE STRATEGIES.		the Blue Ribbon Commission, etc., as of February 13, 2008. Code will be consolidated into a chapter devoted to hazardous fuels reduction. Code has been updated to reflect recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission.	reduce fire hazards.
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-4	NONE	VG-4		The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	NONE	NEW VG-4.2 DEFENSIBLE SPACE CONSISTENT WITH STATE CODES: PROMOTE CREATION OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE USING FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES THAT ARE CONSISTENT THROUGHOUT THE REGION AND WITH STATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE CODES.	N	This policy was developed with Mike Vollmer and Brian Hirt in July 2007 and is in accordance with the Blue Ribbon Commission, etc., as of February 13, 2008. Code will be consolidated into a chapter devoted to hazardous fuels reduction. Code has been updated to reflect recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission.	VG.IMP-8 Modify the provisions which protect native vegetation to allow creation of defensible space and reduce fire hazards.
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-4	NONE	VG-4		The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation	NONE	NEW VG-4.3 CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE	N	This policy was developed with Mike Vollmer and	VG.IMP-8 Modify the provisions which protect native vegetation to

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					represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.		CONSISTENT WITH COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS: PROMOTE CREATION OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE CONSISTENT WITH COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS USING APPROVED FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.		Brian Hirt in July 2007 and is in accordance with the Blue Ribbon Commission, etc., as of February 13, 2008. Code will be consolidated into a chapter devoted to hazardous fuels reduction. Code has been updated to reflect recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission.	allow creation of defensible space and reduce fire hazards.
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-4	NONE	VG-4		The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	NONE	NEW VG-4.4 PRIORITIZE AND SCHEDULE HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION TREATMENTS: THROUGH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS, IDENTIFY HAZARDOUS FUELS TREATMENT PRIORITIES AND ASSOCIATED ATTAINMENT SCHEDULES .	N	Added to complement Hazardous Fuels Threshold and acknowledge the FPDs jurisdiction in prioritizing treatments.	VG.IMP-8 Modify the provisions which protect native vegetation to allow creation of defensible space and reduce fire hazards.
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-5: URBAN VEGETATION IN URBAN ZONES IS PREDOMINANTLY NATIVE, WATER-	NONE	VG- 5 URBAN VEGETATION - VEGETATION IN THE URBAN ZONES IS	N	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired	NONE	AMENDED VG-5.1 URBAN VEGETATION AND LANDSCAPES: PRESERVE VEGETATION IN	A	Former policy 1.6 with minor rewording to describe intent. Note: possible changes to	

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	EFFICIENT, AND NON-INVASIVE. URBAN VEGETATION CONTRIBUTES TO DEFENSIBLE SPACE, WATER QUALITY PROTECTION, AND SCENIC AND LOCAL COMMUNITY VALUES.		PREDOMINANTLY NATIVE, WATER-EFFICIENT, AND NON-INVASIVE. URBAN VEGETATION CONTRIBUTES TO DEFENSIBLE SPACE, WATER QUALITY PROTECTION, AND SCENIC AND LOCAL COMMUNITY VALUES.		Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.		URBAN AREAS TO THE MAXIMIM EXTENT FEASIBLE AND TO AVOID SHARP CONTRASTS BETWEEN URBAN AND NON_URBAN AREAS AND ALLOW FOR THE PERPETUATION OF THE NATURAL-APPEARING LANDSCAPE .		chapter 77 of code to complement Urban veg goal.	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-5	NONE	VG-5	N	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	NONE	AMENDED VG-5.2 ALTERATION OF NATURAL VEGETATION DURING DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY: CONTAIN PERMANENT DISTURBANCE OR UNNECESSARY ALTERATION OF NATURAL VEGETATION ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES TO THE APPROVED DISTURBANCE BOUNDARIES, OR THAT WHICH IS NECESSARY TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR EROSION.	A	Former 1.5 with provision for fire safety (i.e., creation of defensible space). This policy change will necessitate changes to Code section 30.14 and possibly Chapters 65 and 71.	VG.IMP-9 Extend protection for trees retained in a project footprint from the dripline to the critical root zone.
1.10.1 Vegetation/	VG.DC-5	NONE	VG-5	N	The 5 NEW Goals for	NONE	AMENDED VG-5.3 FOREST LITTER	A	Former 1.7 with minor wording	

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E. Carey					vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.		AND DEFENSIBLE SPACE: MAINTAIN FOREST LITTER FOR ITS EROSION CONTROL AND NUTRIENT CYCLING FUNCTIONS IN NATURALLY-VEGETATED AREAS EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT IT POSES A FIRE HAZARD.		change to emphasize function and provide provision for creation of defensible space.	
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-5	NONE	VG-5	N	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	NONE	NEW VG-5.4 LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE VEGETATION: PROMOTE THE USE OF NATIVE, WATER-EFFICIENT, NUTRIENT-EFFICIENT, FIRE-RESISTANT, AND NON-INVASIVE VEGETATION IN URBAN LANDSCAPES.	N	To promote the use of native vegetation in all applications. Need to work on the supply side prior to implementing any new code. Most stringent code requiring sale and use of natives is in Alternative 4.	

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1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-1: HEALTHY FORESTS AND VEGETATION A FULL RANGE OF NATIVE SPECIES, DEVELOPMENT STAGES, HABITATS, AND ECOLOGICAL PROCESSES OCCUR.	VG1 PROVIDE FOR A WIDE MIX AND INCREASED DIVERSITY OF PLANT COMMUNITIES IN THE TAHOE BASIN.	GOAL VG- 1: HEALTHY FORESTS AND VEGETATION - A FULL RANGE OF NATIVE SPECIES, DEVELOPMENT STAGES, HABITATS, AND ECOLOGICAL PROCESSES OCCUR.	A	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.	NONE	NEW VG-1.9 NON-NATIVE INVASIVE WEED MANAGEMENT: ERADICATE WHERE FEASIBLE, PREVENT SPREAD OF EXISTING INFESTATIONS, AND WORK TO PREVENT NEW INFESTATIONS OF NON-NATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES.	N	This policy added to address the threat of invasive weeds in the Basin and reflects a need identified in P7. Code changes would be required to: (1) Promote and support projects/activities aimed at reducing non-native plant species and their spread (e.g., Eurasian milfoil projects) and (2) Require BMPs related to soil disturbance, equipment washing, use of weed-free seed and feed, update of landscaping manual to identify non-native invasive plant species.	VG.IMP-10 Require property owners to eliminate noxious weeds identified on the Lake Tahoe Basin Weeds Coordinating Group (LTBWCG) Priority Weeds List from their property.
1.10.1 Vegetation/ E. Carey	VG.DC-5: URBAN VEGETATION IN URBAN ZONES IS PREDOMINANTLY NATIVE, WATER-EFFICIENT, AND	NONE	NEW GOAL GOAL VG- 5: URBAN VEGETATION - VEGETATION IN THE URBAN ZONES IS	N	The 5 NEW Goals for vegetation represent the 5 Desired Conditions for the Vegetation	NONE	NEW VG-5.4 LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE VEGETATION: PROMOTE THE USE OF NATIVE, WATER-EFFICIENT,	N	To promote the use of native vegetation in all applications. Need to work on the supply side prior to	VG.IMP-11 Use BMP evaluations and certifications to determine whether all four approved vegetation criteria have been met (i.e., low

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	NON-INVASIVE. URBAN VEGETATION CONTRIBUTES TO DEFENSIBLE SPACE, WATER QUALITY PROTECTION, AND SCENIC AND LOCAL COMMUNITY VALUES.		PREDOMINANTLY NATIVE, WATER-EFFICIENT, AND NON-INVASIVE. URBAN VEGETATION CONTRIBUTES TO DEFENSIBLE SPACE, WATER QUALITY PROTECTION, AND SCENIC AND LOCAL COMMUNITY VALUES.		Threshold that came out of the Pathway Process.		NUTRIENT-EFFICIENT, FIRE-RESISTANT, AND NON-INVASIVE VEGETATION IN URBAN LANDSCAPES.		implementing any new code. Most stringent code requiring sale and use of natives is in Alternative 4.	water use, low fertilizer use, native, and fire resistant). VG.IMP-12 Establish a maximum area for lawns as a percentage of the non-covered area of a parcel. VG.IMP-13 Require landscapers, public agencies, developers, and plant vendors to use of sell only noninvasive vegetation and plants appropriate for each site.

Alternative 4 – Vegetation Goals, Policies, and Implementation Strategies

Alternative 4 --VEGETATION (same as Alternative 2 and 3 with the following additions)										
Element or Subelement/ Author	Pathway Desired Condition	Existing Goal	Proposed Goal	Goal Status: (N)ew, (A)mended, (D)eleted, (U)nchanged	Goal Rationale	Existing Policy	Proposed Policy	Policy Status: (N)ew, (A)mended, (D)eleted, (U)nchanged	Policy Rationale	Implementation Measures
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