

Napa County Board of Supervisors  
 Watershed Protection Ordinance Study Session  
 1/29/19

<b>Policy Question</b>	<b>Area of Agreement</b>
Slopes	Prohibit new planting and structures on slopes over 30%, with certain exemptions
Municipal Reservoir Setbacks	Create a buffer of 200 feet around municipal reservoirs, subject to comment from the cities about specific reservoirs.
Wetland Definition	Adopt the federal definition of wetlands but monitor the state's process and consider adoption of a final state definition of wetlands
Wetland Setbacks	Create a 50-foot minimum setback around wetlands.
Stream Definition	Preserve existing definition and amend code to include Class III equivalent streams.
Stream Setback	Create a 35-foot minimum setback from Class III equivalent streams.
Tree Canopy Definition	Maintain the existing definition of tree canopy.
Tree Canopy Retention	Increase tree canopy retention from 60 percent to 70 percent and extend it from development in municipal reservoir watersheds only to development in all unincorporated areas.
Shrub Canopy Retention	Extend a 40-percent shrub canopy retention requirement for development in municipal watershed reservoirs to development in all unincorporated areas (exclude grassland retention outside of municipal watersheds).
Tree Mitigation Ratio	Increase the tree mitigation ratio from 2-1 to 3-1. Mitigation prioritized to the highest biological value, preferably on-site but allowed off-site, and may take place on slopes greater than 30 percent, but not in stream setbacks.
Effective Ordinance Date	Apply to existing incomplete and new applications after effective date.
Exemption: Fuel Management	Continue to exempt fire management from the new ordinance requirements.
Exemption: Forest Health	Continue to exempt forest health management practices from the new ordinance requirements.
Exemption: Fire Rebuild	Exempt reconstruction of residences lost to declared emergency events (and singular catastrophic events) from the new ordinance requirements
Exemption: Vineyard Replant Exemption	Continue to exempt vineyard replanting in the same footprint from the new ordinance requirements.
CEQA guidelines	Exempt 5.0 acres of vineyard development on slopes less than 15% from the new ordinance requirements. Limit of once per legal lot.