

ORDINANCE NO. 523

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING
A HUMBOLDT COUNTY FORESTRY COMMITTEE

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF FORESTRY COMMITTEE. There is hereby established for the County of Humboldt a Forestry Committee, to be known as the Humboldt County Forestry Committee.

SECTION 2. SERVICES OF A TECHNICAL FORESTER. There shall be established through cooperative agreement between the Board of Supervisors and the Agricultural Extension Service, University of California, a position of Farm Advisor in forestry for Humboldt County. The Farm Advisor shall, in addition to providing an educational program in forestry for the county, act as secretary of the Humboldt County Forestry Committee and shall act in an advisory capacity to the committee and to the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 3. APPOINTMENT OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY FORESTRY COMMITTEE. The Humboldt County Forestry Committee shall consist of seventeen (17) members appointed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt for terms of three (3) years each from the dates of their several appointments. In addition, a member of the Board of Supervisors, the committee secretary and such honorary members of said committee as shall be appointed by said Board of Supervisors shall be ex officio members of said committee, without voting rights. In the appointment of the members of said committee, it shall be the policy so to appoint that one member shall represent each of the following interests or associations:

- A. Public at large
- B. Sportsmen
- C. Farm Bureau
- D. Attorneys
- E. Banking
- F. Central Labor Council

- G. Pomona Grange
- H. Dairymen
- I. Chamber of Commerce
- J. Douglas Fir industry
- K. Cattlemen
- L. Education
- M. Communications (Newspapers, magazines, radio and television)
- N. Labor unions
- O. Redwood industry
- P. Woolgrowers
- Q. Real Estate Association.

SECTION 4. AUTHORITY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FORESTRY COMMITTEE.

Said committee is established pursuant to Section 26152 of the Government Code, which allows said Board of Supervisors to authorize and provide for the education or information of the public relative to the prevention of fires and the conservation of natural resources and the presentation of information designed for the promotion thereof.

SECTION 5. PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF FORESTRY COMMITTEE.

Said committee is established because of the realization by said Board of Supervisors of the primary dependence of all of the citizens of Humboldt County upon forest products for their economic well-being. Whereas 70% of the private land ownership of the County is primarily suited to timber production, it is realized by said Board of Supervisors that forestry in the broad sense is a technical and complex subject, requiring both the skill of those who are specialists in the culture of forest trees and also the special knowledge of those representing various business and economic segments of the County. It is therefore the desire of said Board of Supervisors to have a qualified forester and a committee representing various business and economic segments of the County to act in an advisory capacity in the technical and complex subject of forestry.

SECTION 6. POLICY OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING FORESTRY MATTERS. The following policy regarding forestry matters is hereby expressed and adopted by said Board of Supervisors:

A. It is desirable to perpetuate the forest industry by securing a sustained yield of forest products from the present virgin timber and regularly maturing young growth forests of the County of Humboldt.

B. It is desirable, insofar as possible and profitable, to bring forest lands that have already been logged, burned or are nonproductive for other causes, back into the production of forest products.

C. It is desirable to maintain maximum possible growth on all forest lands and to protect them against loss by fire, insects and disease.

D. The economic success of the owners of ranch lands and the owners of land devoted to the operations of logging and industrial forest management is interwoven and can be fostered by joint action.

E. The dynamic nature of industrial development in the area portends increased utilization of forest products requiring consideration by an informed County-wide group to assure adequate and timely public policy development.

SECTION 7. FORESTRY PROGRAM. An active forestry program shall be carried out in the County as follows:

A. The forestry program for Humboldt County shall include the following functions:

(1) Education or extension (publicizing examples of good forestry practices, setting up demonstrations, publishing progress reports and final results of investigations).

(2) Research (serving as a clearing house of technical information; stimulating research by individual and public agencies; cooperating in such research as observer, collector and analyst).

(3) Liaison (maintaining contact among various agencies and landowners, the Board of Supervisors and the Forestry Committee).

(4) Technical advisor to the Board of Supervisors.

B. The areas in which these functions shall be exercised are:

(1) Forest protection, including fire, insects and diseases.

(2) Rehabilitation of cutover lands, including brush control and reforestation.

(3) Cutting practices, including proper management of second growth, growth studies, practices designed to ensure adequate seed sources, and full utilization of timber cut.

(4) Forest economics; utilization, analysis of County forest resources, possibilities for new or integrated utilization processes.

SECTION 8. FUNCTIONS OF COUNTY FORESTRY COMMITTEE. The Humboldt County Forestry Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, and the following principles shall govern the functions of the committee:

A. Said committee shall consider matters that fall within the policy of the Board of Supervisors, as said policy is set forth in Section 6 of this ordinance.

B. Any expression of new policy by said committee shall be cleared with the Board of Supervisors before being released; and upon such clearance, release may be made either by the Board of Supervisors or said committee, or by both groups.

C. At each of its regular meetings, the committee shall hear a report from the Farm Advisor concerning his activities which have taken place since the last regular meeting.

D. The committee shall consider such matters as may be referred to it by the Board of Supervisors. This provision shall not limit the powers of the committee under Subparagraph A of this section.

E. The committee shall carry out a publicity program designed to acquaint the citizens of Humboldt County with good forestry practices.

F. Subcommittees of technically qualified individuals, not limited to the regular Humboldt County Forestry Committee membership, may be appointed by the chairman to assist with programs outlined in Section 7 of this ordinance, and the Farm Advisor may serve as secretary or chairman of each such subcommittee.

G. The committee may make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for cooperation with the State Board of Forestry, the United States Forest Service and the California Forest Experiment Station in investigations relating to watershed protection, reforestation and afforestation, as authorized by Section 25639 of the Government Code.

SECTION 9. MEETINGS OF COUNTY FORESTRY COMMITTEE.

A. The Humboldt County Forestry Committee shall hold regular meetings once each month, at such time and place as are agreed upon by said committee.

B. Said committee shall choose a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman and four (4) additional members, who, together with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, shall constitute the Executive Committee. At any meeting of the Executive Committee, a quorum shall consist of four (4) members of the Executive Committee. All actions of the Executive Committee shall be deemed actions of the Humboldt County Forestry Committee.

C. A special meeting of said committee may be called at any time by the Chairman, or in his absence from the County

of Humboldt, by the Vice-Chairman. Such special meeting shall be effective for the transaction of business only if a quorum is present and only the subject or subjects mentioned in the call of such special meeting shall be considered thereat.

D. In all instances a quorum shall mean seven (7) members of said committee, and no official action may be taken by said committee in the absence of a quorum. If any vacancy exists in the membership of said committee, such vacancy shall be reduced from the full membership of seventeen (17) members in order to determine how many members of said committee shall constitute a quorum.

E. All meetings of said committee shall be open to the public. Subject to reasonable restrictions by the Chairman as to order of presentation, length of time and subject matter, spectators shall be allowed to express themselves at meetings of said committee. In this connection, the comments of representatives of all forest managing agencies shall be particularly encouraged.

SECTION 10. REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF COUNTY FORESTRY COMMITTEE FOR FAILURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS. In the event that any member of the Humboldt County Forestry Committee shall absent himself from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of said committee without showing good cause to the Chairman, at the fourth such consecutive absence his place shall automatically become vacant, and such fact shall be reported to the Board of Supervisors, and the Board of Supervisors shall immediately appoint another in his place and stead. Any such appointment shall be for a full three (3) year term.

SECTION 11. REPEAL OF PREVIOUS ORDINANCES. Ordinances 307 and 354 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 12. EFFECT OF ORDINANCE UPON EXISTING DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE. It is intended that the existing

Department of Forestry be hereby dissolved. It is further intended that the Humboldt County Forestry Committee, established by Ordinance No. 354, dated December 2, 1958, shall continue to function without interruption, the purpose of the within ordinance being the dissevering and dissolution of the Department of Forestry without impairing the Humboldt County Forestry Committee. All previous appointments to the Humboldt County Forestry Committee are hereby confirmed, and the three-year terms of the members shall be deemed to have commenced on their respective dates of appointment or three (3) years thereafter in the case of any appointment which occurred more than three (3) years ago.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of its enactment.

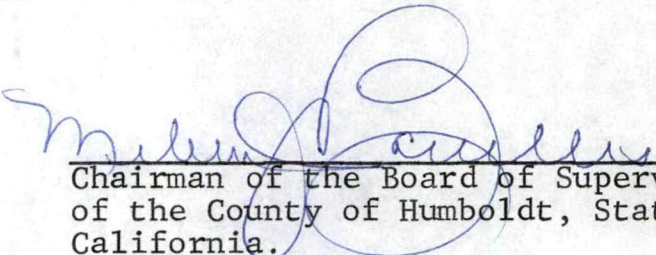
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of June, 1965, on the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors: Lindley, Bareilles, Robertson, Mitchell, Landis.

NOES: Supervisors: None.

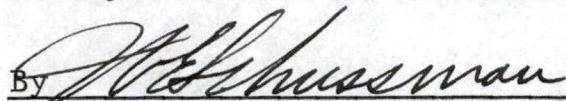
ABSENT: Supervisors: None.

(SEAL)


Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Humboldt, State of
California.

ATTEST:

FRED J. MOORE, JR.
County Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Humboldt, State of California.

By 
Deputy Clerk