

ORDINANCE NO. 354

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, PROVIDING FOR A COUNTY
FORESTER AND ESTABLISHING A HUMBOLDT COUNTY
FORESTRY COMMITTEE

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

SECTION 1. Establishment of Department of Forestry and Forestry Committee. There are hereby established, for the County of Humboldt, a Department of Forestry and a Forestry Committee, the latter to be known as the Humboldt County Forestry Committee.

SECTION 2. Appointment of County Forester. There shall be a head for the Department of Forestry who shall be known as the County Forester and who shall be employed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt at such salary as may be fixed by said Board, said County Forester to function under the direction of said 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 Humboldt County Forester 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 Department of Forestry and Forestry Committee. Said Department and Committee are 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 Department of Forestry and Forestry Committee. Said Department and Committee are 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 non-productive 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. Duties of County Forester. The duties of the County Forester shall be as follows:

A. To act as secretary of the Humboldt County Forestry Committee.

B. The Forester shall be responsible for the execution of the programs established by the Board of Supervisors and the Humboldt County Forestry Committee.

C. The Forester shall carry out 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). Laison (maintaining contact among various agencies and landowners, the Board of Supervisors and the Forestry Committee.

(4). Technical advisor to the Board of Supervisors.

D. The areas in which the Forester shall exercise these functions are:

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

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

(3). Cutting practices, including proper management of second-growth stands, 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 County Forester 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 Sub-paragraph 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. Sub-committees of technically qualified individuals, not limited to the regular Humboldt County Forestry Committee membership, may be appointed by the chairman to assist with subjects outlined in Section 7D of this ordinance, and the County Forester shall serve as secretary or chairman of each such sub-committee.

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 per month, at such time and place as are agreed upon by said Committee.

B. Said Committee shall choose a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman.

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 a majority of the 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 deducted 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, such fact shall be reported to the Board of Supervisors, and the Board of Supervisors may remove such member and immediately appoint another in his place and stead. Any such appointment shall be for a full three-year term.

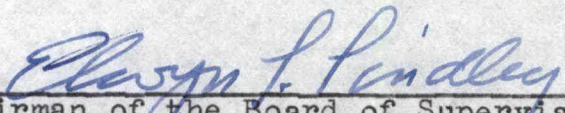
SECTION 11. Repeal of Previous Ordinance. Ordinance No. 307 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 12. Effect of Ordinance upon Existing Department of Forestry and Forestry Committee. It is intended that the Department of Forestry and the Humboldt County Forestry Committee, which were organized by Ordinance No. 307, dated August 24, 1953, and Minute Order of the Board of Supervisors, dated December 29, 1952, respectively, shall continue to function without interruption, the purpose of the within ordinance being merely to place together all provisions relating to forestry and to spell out in more detail the duties and policy in this regard. 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 2nd day of December, 1958, on the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors: Lindley, Bareilles, Robertson, Pettersen, Merryman
NOES: Supervisors: None
ABSENT: Supervisors: None



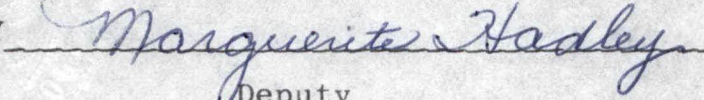
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Humboldt, State of
California.

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