

RESOLUTION NO. 3560

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTE SERENO
OPPOSING WIDESPREAD INDUSTRIAL CLEAR-CUT LOGGING IN THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA.**

WHEREAS, there is significant public opposition to the logging method known as widespread industrial clear-cutting* as shown in Figures 1 & 3 attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, the forests of California are not only revered by the people but are the source of more than 60% of our water supply, and

WHEREAS, our forests fight global warming as they store carbon, release oxygen, cool streams, prevent flooding and siltation, resist fire, provide food, shelter and migration routes for wildlife, and host public recreation supporting the economy of mountain communities, and

WHEREAS, widespread industrial clear-cutting commonly involves the removal of virtually all trees in 20-30 acre tracts, which are then replaced with even-aged tree plantations, and requires broad, repeated application of toxic herbicides that can enter waterways – all of which increase the risk of wildfires, landslides, soil erosion, loss of biodiversity, pest invasions, and tree diseases, and

WHEREAS, clear-cutting is prohibited within the boundaries of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, San Francisco and Marin Counties, and

WHEREAS, California's forests urgently need the protection of sustainable selective logging, as shown in figure 2 (Page 2 attached hereto), to generate forests with trees of multiple ages and species, that can produce sufficient wood products and create more jobs than clear-cutting;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City Of Monte Sereno calls on the State Legislature and Governor of California to prohibit industrial clear-cut logging in the forests of California.

Regularly adopted and passed this 10th day of June, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anstandig, Allan, Huff, Rogers and Mayor Craig
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

APPROVED:

Burton Craig, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Andrea M. Chelemengos, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 14-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALY CITY
SUPPORTING THE PROHIBITION OF INDUSTRIAL CLEAR-CUT LOGGING
IN THE FORESTS OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, there is significant public opposition to the logging method known as widespread industrial clear-cutting; and

WHEREAS, the forests of California are not only revered by the people but are the source of more than 60% of the State's developed water supply; and

WHEREAS, forests fight global warming as they store carbon, release oxygen, cool streams, prevent flooding and siltation, resist fire, provide food, shelter and migration routes for wildlife, and host public recreation supporting the economy of mountain communities; and

WHEREAS, widespread industrial clear-cutting commonly involves the removal of virtually all trees in 20-30 acre tracts, which are then replaced with even-aged tree plantations, and requires broad, repeated application of toxic herbicides that can enter waterways – all of which increase the risk of wildfires, landslides, soil erosion, loss of biodiversity, pest invasions, and tree diseases; and

WHEREAS, the counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, San Francisco and Marin have prudently prohibited clear-cutting within their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, California's forests urgently need the protection of sustainable selective logging, to generate forests with trees of multiple ages and species, that can produce sufficient wood products and create more jobs than clear-cutting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council of Daly City, California calls on the state legislature and Governor of California to prohibit industrial clear-cut logging in the forests of California.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of Daly City, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 24th day of March, 2014, by the following vote of the members thereof:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers: Buenaventura, Guingona, Klatt

Torres, Canepa

NOES, Councilmembers: None

Absent, Councilmembers: None


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF DALY CITY

APPROVED:

DAVID J. CANEPA
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DALY CITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRISBANE CALLING ON THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA TO PROHIBIT INDUSTRIAL CLEAR-CUT LOGGING IN THE FORESTS OF CALIFORNIA AND ADOPT SUSTAINABLE SELECTIVE LOGGING PRACTICES

WHEREAS, our forests fight global warming as they store up to 20% of carbon emissions, release oxygen, cool streams, prevent flooding and siltation, resist fire, and provide food, shelter, migration routes for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, our forests provide 75% of California's clean water supply by capturing snow, rain and fog; storing, filtering and gradually releasing water throughout the year; and increasing humidity, rainfall, and lowering temperatures, and

WHEREAS, clear-cut logging undermines the benefits of forests by increasing the risk of water supply contamination, worsening greenhouse gas emissions, and intensifying drought and wildfires, and

WHEREAS, widespread industrial clear-cutting involves removal of virtually all trees in 20 to 30-acre tracts, often requires repeated application of toxic herbicides, then replacement by tree plantations, all of which increase the risk of wildfires, landslides, soil erosion, loss of biodiversity, pest invasions, and tree diseases, and

WHEREAS, a new tree plantation emits more carbon than it stores for the first 20 years and requires 80% more water than a mature forest, and

WHEREAS, 1,076,504 acres were clear-cut out of 3,334,743 acres logged, within the 13 million acres of privately owned forest land in California, between 1990 and 2008, and

WHEREAS, the sustainable selective logging of trees of multiple ages and species produces sufficient wood products and creates more consistent jobs and revenues than clear-cutting, maintains a local supply, allows for more frequent logging of smaller harvests, and

WHEREAS, the forests of California promote human health and well-being as well as economic value from jobs in recreation, tourism, sport and commercial fishing, and wood products;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Brisbane call on the State Legislature and Governor of California to prohibit industrial clear-cut logging in the forests of California and adopt sustainable selective logging practices, which will leave our diverse ecosystems intact.

Clifford R. Lentz, Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2016-10 was duly and regularly adopted at the meeting of the Brisbane City Council on May 19, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Sheri Marie Spediacci, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENLO PARK TO PROTECT HEALTHY FORESTS BY LIMITING AND CLOSELY REGULATING WIDESPREAD INDUSTRY CLEAR-CUT LOGGING

WHEREAS, our forests fight global warming as they store up to 20% of carbon emissions, release oxygen, cool streams, prevent flooding and siltation, resist fire, and provide food, shelter, migration routes for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, our forests provide 75% of California's clean water supply by capturing snow, rain and fog; storing, filtering and gradually releasing water throughout the year; and increasing humidity, rainfall, and lowering temperatures, and

WHEREAS, clear-cut logging undermines the benefits of forests by increasing the risk of water supply contamination, worsening greenhouse gas emissions, and intensifying drought and wildfires; and

WHEREAS, widespread industrial clear-cutting involves removal of virtually all trees in 20 to 30-acre tracts, often requires repeated application of toxic herbicides, then replacement by tree plantations, all of which increase the risk of wildfires, landslides, soil erosion, loss of biodiversity, pest invasions, and tree diseases; and

WHEREAS, a new tree plantation emits more carbon than it stores for the first 20 years and requires 80% more water than a mature forest; and

WHEREAS, 1,076,504 acres were clear-cut out of 3,334,743 acres logged, within the 13 million acres of privately owned forest land in California, between 1990 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, the sustainable selective logging of trees of multiple ages and species produces sufficient wood products and creates more consistent jobs and revenues than clear-cutting, maintains a local supply, allows for more frequent logging of smaller harvests, and

WHEREAS, the forests of California promote human health and well-being as well as economic value from jobs in recreation, tourism, sport and commercial fishing, and wood products.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Menlo Park call on the state legislature and Governor of California to prohibit industrial clear-cut logging in the forests of California and adopt sustainable selective logging practices, which will leave our diverse ecosystems intact.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Menlo Park City Council on the seventh day of April, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of the City of Menlo Park this seventh day of April, 2015.

Pamela I. Aguilar, City Clerk

1 [Urging the Prohibition of Clearcut Logging in California]

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3 **Resolution urging the California Legislature to prohibit the practice of clearcut logging**
4 **in California and enhance protections for California's forests.**

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6 WHEREAS, California's forests provide 75% of California's clean water supply by
7 capturing snow, rain, and fog and then storing, filtering, and gradually releasing water
8 throughout the year; and this process increases humidity and rainfall, cools temperatures, and
9 helps protect us from extreme weather; and

10 WHEREAS, California's forests continuously remove carbon dioxide from the air and
11 store it in trees, roots, and forest soil, and this natural process is significant in the fight to
12 reverse the climate crisis; with deforestation causing 15% of all greenhouse gas emissions,
13 and intact forests absorbing up to 40% of human caused carbon dioxide releases; and

14 WHEREAS, California's forests provide other essential environmental services by
15 releasing oxygen, preventing flooding and siltation, and supporting a wide diversity of plant
16 and wildlife; and

17 WHEREAS, California's forests generate tremendous social, cultural, and economic
18 value from recreation, tourism, sport and commercial fishing, and wood products; and

19 WHEREAS, The widespread industrial logging method called clear-cutting commonly
20 involves the removal of virtually all trees and vegetation on large tracts, that are then
21 cultivated with crop-like plantations of even-aged trees of limited species (usually only one
22 species), with the repeated broad application of toxic herbicides used to prevent other tree
23 and plant species from growing; and
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1 WHEREAS, Clearcutting, for the purposes of this Resolution, is defined as any public
2 or private forest management or timber harvest method in which 60% or more of cubic tree
3 volume of any area greater than 2.5 acres is felled within any 15-year period; and

4 WHEREAS, Clearcutting also refers to any forest management or timber harvesting
5 practice that results in the above conditions and includes, but is not limited to, methods
6 referred to as "even aged management," "seed tree removal," "shelterwood removal," "fuels
7 reduction," "forest type conversion," "regeneration cutting," "patch cutting," and "plantation
8 forestry;" and

9 WHEREAS, Timber and biotechnology corporations are currently seeking legal
10 permission to openly cultivate genetically engineered trees for clearcut harvesting on tree
11 plantations in the United States, a practice which threatens to further increase both clear-cut
12 plantation forestry and toxic herbicide application in such forestry; and genetically engineered
13 trees and their pollen are potentially hazardous to human health, wildlife, and biological
14 integrity of wild tree and plant species; and

15 WHEREAS, Clearcut logging destroys many benefits of forests, as it contaminates our
16 water supply with herbicides and sediment, greatly increases greenhouse gas emissions for
17 many decades, and promotes drought, catastrophic wildfires, soil erosion, landslides, pest
18 invasion, and tree diseases; and

19 WHEREAS, Within the San Francisco County, Santa Clara County, Santa Cruz
20 County, San Mateo County, Marin County and in most public forests, the outmoded practice
21 of clearcutting is prohibited; and

22 WHEREAS, Selective logging and modern forest management methods that promote
23 fire-resilient, productive forests with trees of multiple ages and species can produce a
24 sustainable supply of wood and forest products, and stable long term jobs; now, therefore, be
25 it

1 RESOLVED, That that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
2 Francisco call on the California Legislature and the Governor of California to prohibit the
3 practice of industrial clearcut logging in the forests of California, require full immediate public
4 disclosure of the locations and extent of clearcutting in California forests, and prohibit the
5 outdoor cultivation of genetically engineered trees in California; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs
7 the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to the President *pro Tempore* of the
8 California Senate, Darrell Steinberg, and Speaker of the California State Assembly, Toni
9 Atkins.



City and County of San Francisco
Tails
Resolution

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File Number: 140710

Date Passed: June 24, 2014

Resolution urging the California Legislature to prohibit the practice of clearcut logging in California and enhance protections for California's forests.

June 24, 2014 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

File No. 140710

I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/24/2014 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mayor

7/3/14

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board