

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 92-261

A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE POSITION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGARDING THE TIMBER SALE PROGRAM IN THE SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST

WHEREAS, on December 9, 1986, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors adopted a position in support of a timber sale program from the Sierra National Forest which recognized that the timber industry plays a significant role with regard to the economy of Mariposa County; and

WHEREAS, that position called for a continuous sale level of timber from the Sierra National Forest of 152 million board feet per annum; and

WHEREAS, this level of output can be achieved without serious impact on other resources; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra National Forest has reduced its annual timber sale program to less than 90 million board feet; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that the long-term land and resource management plan for the forest will call for an annual timber sale program less than 90 million board feet; and

WHEREAS, the final land and resource management plan will soon be published with a request for public input; and

WHEREAS, the timber sale reduction that has occurred has resulted in the lay-off of 120 employees at area sawmills; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of mill lay-offs ripples throughout our communities and results in deep financial and emotional stresses on families; and

WHEREAS, over five years of drought and insect infestations have caused a significant amount of timber to die on the Sierra National Forest; and

WHEREAS, dead and dying timber weakens the health of the forest and increases the potential for catastrophic wildfire; and

WHEREAS, dead and dying trees should be removed to the maximum extent possible to make use of them before they decay and to prevent fuel build-ups from occurring in the forest; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in timber sales has resulted in a loss of over \$260,000 from the "25%" fund which is used for schools and roads; and

WHEREAS, Mariposa County depends on timber receipts to provide for the educational needs of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors supports a timber sale program from the Sierra National Forest sufficient to support area sawmills at least at 125 million board feet annually in an environmentally sound manner, and urges the Forest Service to develop a final land and resource management plan which reflects this level of timber output.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors recommends that the Forest Service maintain a land base available for timber management which will sustain this level of timber production throughout the life of the forest plan.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, this 19th day of May, 1992, by the following vote:

AYES: ERICKSON, RADANOVICH, TABER

NOES: BAGGETT, PUNTE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAINED: NONE



SALLY S. PUNTE, Chairperson
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFFREY G. GREEN
County Counsel