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:

[Signature]
Burton Craig, Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Andrea M. Chelemengos, City Clerk
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*For the purposes of this resolution “clearcutting” is defined as any public or private forest management or timber harvest method in which sixty percent (60%) or more of cubic tree volume of any area greater than two and one-half (2 ½) acres is felled within any fifteen-year period. Clear-cutting also refers to any forest management or timber harvesting practice that has methods referred to as “even-aged management” or “plantation forestry”.

Figure 1 – 20 Acre Clear-Cutting West of Lassen Peak (Google Maps). Note the brown polygons.

Figure 2 – Selective Logging. Note the difference between this practice and clear-cutting.

Figure 3 – Industrial Clear-cut Logging