

Forestry Men Suggest Council For Resources

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Increasing rapid depletion of many of our great California natural resources is causing many of us to give much consideration to effective conservation programs, even as some of them may involve sizeable costs. Our booming population multiplies the drain on all of them many times, so the problems of preserving and protecting them for future generations is a very serious one.

One of our greatest natural resources, but one whose full worth seems little understood by many, is our forests. Valuable not only because of their lumber, pulp and wood production, they also are basic factors in conservation of our life-giving soil and water resources. Their importance to recreation is growing even faster than the number of our people.

THOUGH FOREST CONSERVATION practices have been developed remarkably during the past quarter century, both by public authorities and private forest land owners, there still is room for improvement. Possibilities along that line were reviewed recently at a joint meeting of the Senate committees on forest practices and on economic redevelopment of outworn timber areas.

Only about half of our annual harvest of more than 6 billion board feet of lumber is being replaced by new growth on our 17 million acres of producing forest lands, the two groups were informed. At this rate our present mature timber supply will last only about another 50 years, then California would cease to be a major timber producer.

Forestry experts from public and private agencies urged the establishment of an intensified forestry research program to thrust off the threat of a future lumber shortage. Costs of such research would be shared by both state and federal governments, it was pointed out. It was estimated that capital outlay of about \$3,365,000 would be required, and that the annual cost of running the program would be around \$2,000,000.

ONE WITNESS URGED enactment of a five point legislative program for forest improvement: 1. Increase appropriations to widen the investigation of reforestation already started by the state division of forestry; 2. Strengthen the enforcement provisions against forest mismanagement in the state forest practices law; 3. Step up the fight against forest insects and diseases, and actively support the tree farming and fire prevention programs, both private and public; 4. Eliminate the discrimination in the property tax laws against slow growing crops such as trees intended for harvest. All other growing crops are exempt from property taxes; and 5. Establish a natural resources council to carry on long range land management planning.

Spokesmen for private, state and federal forest interests united in support of the recommendation for a California natural resources council. It was proposed that such a council should be advisory only, but it was pointed out that it could perform the valuable function of coordinating the advance planning now being conducted by diverse interests which are not always in agreement with each other.

IT WAS SUGGESTED that such a council be composed of 12 members, two representing the general public groups which should be represented include water, forest, mineral, recreation and agriculture.

From this, it appears fairly certain that improved forestry legislation will appear on our legislative agenda when we meet in January.

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