

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN OAK WOODLANDS MANAGEMENT PLAN, PROMOTING PRIVATE LAND STEWARDSHIP AND CONSERVATION BY OFFERING PRIVATE LANDOWNERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OAK WOODLANDS CONSERVATION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt wishes to provide incentive-based, voluntary opportunities to private landowners who wish to pursue strategies for oak woodland conservation as provided by the California Oak Conservation Act of 2001 and California Fish & Game Code Section 1366(f) and;

WHEREAS, participants from the County of Humboldt developed an Oak Woodlands of Humboldt County status report dated November 2011, which includes a description of all native oak (*Quercus*) species, estimates of the current and historical distributions of oak woodlands, existing threats, status of natural regeneration and growth trends, and maps displaying the current distribution of oak woodlands within the county; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt has determined that oak woodlands occur naturally within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the majority of oak woodlands occur on privately-owned land; and

WHEREAS, oak woodlands continue to serve as the foundation for many agricultural operations including ranching and farming that are compatible with oak woodland retention; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt considers stand succession, sudden oak death, fire exclusion and climate variation to be primary threats to oak woodlands in the county; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt seeks State policy support for those landowners who wish to voluntarily manage their oak woodlands to address conifer encroachment; and

WHEREAS, oak woodlands provide the benefits of soil retention, high-quality water for domestic and commercial uses, and fish and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt wishes to recognize the economic, environmental and social values associated with oak woodlands; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt supports cooperative conservation and voluntary planning efforts to help minimize the fragmentation or reduction of oak woodland acreage; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt wishes to recognize those private landowners who elect to voluntarily adopt conservation measures to insure oak woodland viability; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intent of this resolution to be used to promulgate additional regulations, laws or restrictions.

