

SUBJECT: TIDELANDS FORESTRY MANAGEMENT POLICY

PURPOSE: To Establish General Policies for the Management of the Port Tidelands Forest

Introduction

The *Tidelands Forestry Management Policy* establishes general urban forestry policies that have been adopted by resolution of the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC). The San Diego Unified Port District (District) has provided over 250 acres of parks and open spaces for the benefit and enjoyment of residents and visitors to the San Diego region. The District has planted and currently maintains over 5,200 trees in parks, open spaces, and along the District's streets and roadways for the enhancement of the tidelands.

Policy Statement

1. The District will sustain the long-term benefits of the tidelands forest by planting, maintaining, and protecting tree resources on its public (unleased) tidelands. This policy shall relate to trees located on the Port's public (unleased) tidelands outside of the District's two marine terminals.
2. The District will allow for the removal of trees for public safety after all alternative options have been reviewed or when the removal of the tree is in the overall best interests of the District. The District will not remove trees solely for economic efficiency.
3. The District will establish a Tidelands Forestry Advisory Committee (TFAC) that will serve as the advisory committee to the Board of Port Commissioners.
4. The District will publish a technical manual, *Technical Manual – Tidelands Forestry Management*, developed by the TFAC as the recommended standard of care for planting, preserving, removing, replacing, and maintaining trees within the District's tidelands forest.
5. The District will continue to adhere to all Coastal Development Permit Regulations, as documented by the Office of the District Clerk, No. 19171.

Tidelands Forestry Advisory Committee (TFAC)

The BPC will establish a Board advisory committee, called the Tidelands Forestry Advisory Committee (TFAC). The TFAC will be composed of Board appointed representatives from each of the member cities, the District's tenants, and one other with urban forestry expertise or interest. The TFAC will operate in accordance with BPC Policy 018. The TFAC will review in a timely manner District projects that involve tree removal and make recommendations, which shall be included in the District's approval process.

Responsibility of Port Tenants

The District recognizes the responsibility and rights of Port tenants for tree resources located within tenant leaseholds (under temporary, short- or long-term permits or leases). Port tenants shall be responsible for trees on their leaseholds, in accordance with the provisions of their written agreements with the District, and may use the Technical Manual as recommended guidelines regarding planting, preserving, removing, replacing, and maintaining trees within tenant leaseholds.