



CALIFORNIA TREE SEED ZONES

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Nurseries need reliable source information for their planting stock to aid in matching the area of seed collection to the planting site.

Numbering system for seed zones:

Zone number: XYZ

X = Physiographic and climatic region

Y = Physiographic and climatic sub-region

 If Z = 0 = unique zone, considered a sub-region

 If Z = 1 through 9 = arbitrary division of sub-region to keep zones about 50 miles in latitude

Six Physiographic and Climatic Regions:

090 Series North Coast Redwood: Fog belt, 5-30 miles wide, extreme southwest Oregon to Monterey Bay

100 Series Central Coast: Coast range from Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers south to southern California Mountains; coastal strip from Monterey Bay to Santa Barbara; all of Channel Islands

300 Series North Coast Interior: from summit of Siskiyou south to San Francisco Bay, between coastal fog belt and Sacramento valley; isolated zone (390) on coast at Cape Mendocino

500 Series West Slope Cascades – Sierra: west slope Cascades-Sierra from Oregon south to Tehachapi Mountains – bounded by Central Valley to the west and by the crest of the Cascades and Sierra Nevada to the east

700 Series East Slope Cascades – Sierra: east slope of the Cascades-Sierra from Oregon south to Walker Pass in Kern County

900 Series Four Separate Areas: a “catchall” series

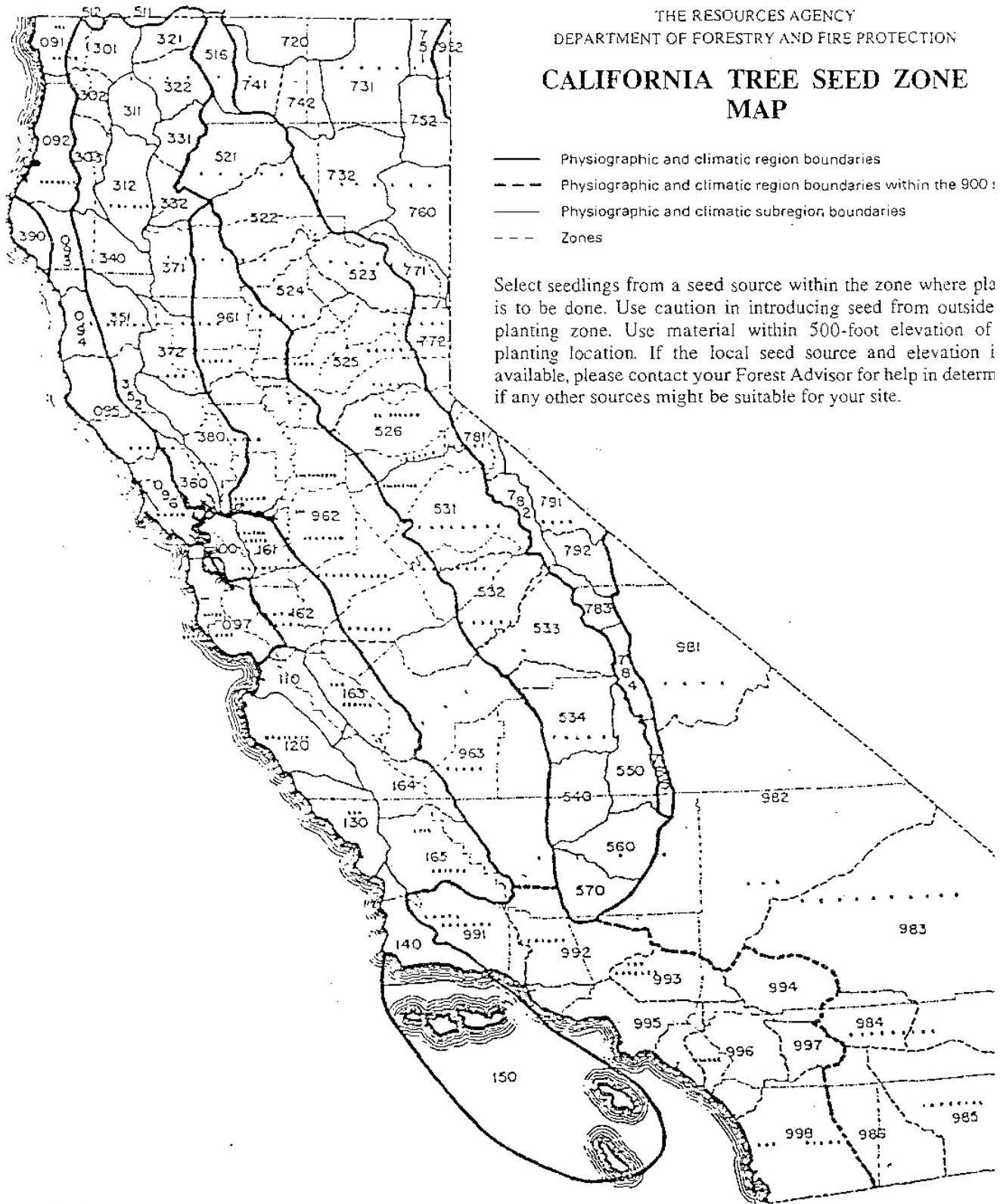
950 – Great Basin, northeastern California

960 – Central Valley

980 – Southern California desert

990 – Southern California mountains (contains most of natural conifer stands found in southern California)

CALIFORNIA TREE SEED ZONE MAP



- Physiographic and climatic region boundaries
- - - Physiographic and climatic region boundaries within the 900-foot elevation contour
- - - Physiographic and climatic subregion boundaries
- Zones

Select seedlings from a seed source within the zone where planting is to be done. Use caution in introducing seed from outside planting zone. Use material within 500-foot elevation of planting location. If the local seed source and elevation is available, please contact your Forest Advisor for help in determining if any other sources might be suitable for your site.