

County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: December 12, 2023

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□ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Approving the Acquisition Of Fee Title To The McCormick Ranch Property; Authorizing Execution Of A Certificate Of Acceptance; Directing The Filing Of A Notice Of Exemption; And Authorizing All Other Actions Necessary To Complete The Transaction

Whereas, the Sonoma Land Trust (SLT) holds fee title to approximately 253 acres, located along the Sonoma and Napa County border between Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve and Sugarloaf Ridge State Park, Sonoma County, California , which parcels (APN: 030-010-011, 030-010-012, 030-040-003, 030-040-008, 030-040-009, 030-040-010, 030-050-019, and 051-010-090) are known as the McCormick Ranch property (Property); and

Whereas, SLT is transferring the Property in fee to Sonoma County as an addition to Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve: and

Whereas, Regional Parks' Director is recommending accepting the fee title interest in the Property; and

Whereas, the acquisition of fee title to the Property fulfills a goal of Sonoma County and Regional Parks to protect the Property's natural resources, provides a very significant addition to Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve, and allows for compatible public outdoor recreation and education.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that this Board of Supervisors hereby finds, determines, declares and orders as follows:

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- 1. Truth of Recitals. The foregoing recitations are true and correct.
- Acceptance of Fee Title and Authority to Execute Certificate of Acceptance of Fee Interest. That the County accepts the fee title to the Property and the Chair of the Board is authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the County of Sonoma, a certificate of acceptance of fee title in the Property pursuant to Government Code Section 27281.
- Conservation Easement and Recreation Conservation Covenant. The Board Chair is authorized to execute the Conservation Easement, Recreation Conservation Covenant, and Irrevocable Offer of Dedication benefitting the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District.
- 4. Authority to Execute and to Record an Irrevocable Offer of Dedication benefiting the California State Coastal Conservancy. The Board Chair is authorized to execute and record the Irrevocable Offer to Dedicate required by the grant offered by the California State Coastal Conservancy.
- 5. Closing Documents. The Director of Regional Parks is authorized to make any technical, non-substantive changes in the Conservation Easement, Recreation Conservation Covenant, Irrevocable Offer of Dedication, and other closing documents prior to recordation with the prior County Counsel consultation. The Director of Regional Parks is further authorized and directed to execute any other documents necessary to complete this transaction as described.
- 6. Authorization for Recordation. The Director of Regional Parks is authorized and directed to record with the Sonoma County Recorder the grant deed and the certificate of acceptance contemplated by this Resolution and to deliver conformed copies of these documents, bearing evidence of recording, to the Clerk of The Board of Supervisors.

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Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt: Gore: Hopkins:

Coursey:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.