

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ENROLLMENT OF BELLACANA PROPERTY INTO LAND CONSERVATION ACT PROGRAM CONTRACT

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-17-Williamson Act Contract-002

- WHEREAS, the Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian tribe organized under Articles of Association adopted on September 13, 1972, approved by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior on April 16, 1973, and amended effective September 22, 1979, by virtue of the powers inherent in tribal sovereignty and those delegated by the United States of America; and
- **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV of the Articles, all powers and responsibilities of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Council, which may delegate powers to the Tribal Board of Directors ("Board"); and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VII of the Articles, the Board shall take such actions as are necessary to carry into effect the ordinances, resolutions, or other directions of the Tribal Council and represent the community in all negotiations with local, state, and federal governments; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe acquired certain real property within Sonoma County, California identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 131-050-04 (formerly the "Proschold Property", hereinafter "Bellacana Property") subject to a certain Land Conservation Contract dated February 14, 1972 entered into pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe voluntarily removed the Bellacana Property from Land Conservation (Williamson Act) status in 2020, with the termination becoming effective in 2021, in anticipation of placing the parcel into federal trust status pursuant to 25 CFR 151; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Tribe temporarily suspended its plans to place the Bellacana Property into federal trust pursuant to 25 CFR 151, thereby creating an opportunity to return the land to conservation status under a Land Conservation Act Contract ("Contract"); and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe seeks to place the Bellacana Property under a Contract to reaffirm its longstanding commitment to the preservation of agricultural land and open space, consistent with the goals of the California Land Conservation Act of 1965; and
- WHEREAS, enrollment under the Contract will help maintain the property's current use and ensure the protection of the Tribe's culturally and agriculturally significant land while other tribal priorities are pursued; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed enrollment represents a continuation of nearly five decades of agricultural preservation and reinforces Sonoma County's commitment to agricultural and open space conservation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the enrollment of the Bellacana Property into a California Land Conservation Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairman has the authority to sign and execute all instruments and documents necessary to effectuate the enrollment of the Bellacana Property under contract under the Land Conservation Act Program.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was presented at a Board of Director's meeting held on April 17, 2025, and was approved with a quorum present and such Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Chairman	
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Lisa Lellis	Date
Secretary/Treasurer	