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3/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Directors Of The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Approving the Submission of an Agricultural Conservation Easement Proposal to the California Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program, Administered by the California Department of Conservation for the Deniz Family Farm Project.

Whereas, the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program is a component of the Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainability Program and is administered by the Department of Conservation in conjunction with the Natural Resources Agency; and

Whereas, the purpose of the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program is to protect agricultural land to support infill and compact development and to further the purposes of AB 32 by avoiding increases in greenhouse gas emissions associated with the conversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses; and

Whereas, funds have been allocated to the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to accomplish the above purposes; and

Whereas, the Department of Conservation has established Guidelines to disburse said allocated funds via a competitive process, which Guidelines require a resolution certifying approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

Whereas, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, if selected, will enter into a grant agreement with the State of California Department of Conservation to carry out the project;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Directors of the Sonoma

County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District hereby:

1. Authorizes the submittal of the Deniz Family Farm conservation easement project grant application to Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program; and

2. Authorizes entrance into a grant agreement with the Department of Conservation for the project and agrees to accept the template terms and conditions available in Appendices of the Guidelines if the project is awarded funding; and

3. Certifies that no known conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest exists for any member of the applicant's Board of Directors, or Council as relates to the project; and

4. Authorizes the General Manager to execute tasks, such as signing documents related to the application, grant agreement, and acquisition, if the project is awarded funding.

Directors:

Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins: Hermosillo:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.