
Date: August 30, 2022

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 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 McClelland Dairy Project and Authorizing the General Manager to Take Related Actions to Accept the Grant, If Awarded.

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 are 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 (“SALC”) 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, the District intends to negotiate an agricultural conservation easement over the 348.11-acre McClelland Dairy located in the Two Rock Valley at 6475 Bodega Ave. Petaluma, CA 94952 for the purpose of conserving priority agricultural land resources; and

Whereas, the property is located within a District-identified Coastal Agriculture priority conservation area; and

Whereas, the conservation project is consistent with the District’s Vital Lands Initiative in the Agricultural, Water, and Wildlands categories.

Whereas, District staff intends to submit an application to the Department of Conservation for a grant under the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program to assist with the

preservation of the McClelland Dairy agricultural land resources; and

Whereas, the Board of Directors desires to make certain findings required by the State in connection with applications for grants under the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program.

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

1. The foregoing recitations are true and correct.
2. This Board authorizes the submittal of the McClelland Dairy grant application to SALC;
3. This Board authorizes the General Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the Department of Conservation for the project if the project is awarded funding, which agreement shall conform substantially with the State grant agreement template form presented to this Board and on file with the clerk, with such minor modifications as may be approved by County Counsel;
4. This Board certifies that no conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest exists as to any member of this Board of Directors in regard to the project; and,
5. This Board authorizes the General Manager to execute and implement the grant agreement, such as signing documents related to the application, grant agreement, and acquisition, if the project is awarded funding.

Directors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Hopkins:

Gore:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.