## PROJECT PROPOSAL STATEMENT

## **Agricultural Preserve Application**

The Lands of Defanti Ernest Deniz and Beverly Deniz Trust, commonly known as 3762 Old Adobe Road, Petaluma (APN 136-150-014).

This application is for the issuance of a new Agricultural Preserve contract, as the parcel is not currently in a contract under the Williamson Act/California Land Conservation Act.

The 217.5+/- acre parcel is used entirely for cattle grazing to support Deniz Dairy, and will continue to be utilized in this fashion. The agricultural operation is a 550-head milking cow dairy farm located on a nearby parcel. The long-term intent is that the property continue to be used for grazing for the life of the dairy operation.

The parcel has a gentle ridge running from the most southerly property corner and extending in a northerly direction to the northeasterly property line. The property slopes away from this ridge in the easterly and westerly directions, with slopes ranging from 2-15%. The terrain is grassland with a scattering of trees in the riparian corridor near Adobe Creek, which runs through the westerly portion of the parcel. The lot is accessed via the West branch of Manor Lane. There are no existing structures or water wells on the parcel.