
Date: July 12, 2022

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Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Concurrent Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, and the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Authorizing the Director of Regional Parks and the General Manager of the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to Execute Access Agreements with Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation for Terms of 10 Years

Whereas, Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation (“Laguna Foundation”) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has been stewarding the recovery of vernal pool habitat and the rare, endemic species they support on the Santa Rosa Plain for more than 10 years; and

Whereas, in 2022, Laguna Foundation was awarded a grant from the California State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) to improve the ability of the Sonoma County vernal pool ecosystems and adjacent human communities to adapt to the unavoidable impacts of climate change, by managing the thatch, propagating and spreading the endangered species and raising awareness about the critical importance of these threatened places; and

Whereas, the Laguna Foundation proposes to implement some of these grant-funded projects on properties owned by the County of Sonoma (Regional Parks) known as Sonoma Valley Regional Park and the Laguna de Santa Rosa Trail/Balletto property; and

Whereas, the Laguna Foundation also proposes to implement a grant-funded project on the property owned by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District known as Haroutunian South; and

Whereas, as a condition of the grant to the Laguna Foundation, the Conservancy requires access to these project sites be maintained by the Laguna Foundation for a term of 10

years; and

Whereas, the Director of Regional Parks requests authorization to execute the required access agreements with the Laguna Foundation for the Regional Parks properties at issue; and

Whereas, the General Manager of Ag + Open Space requests authorization to execute the access agreements with the Laguna Foundation for the Ag + Open Space property at issue;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of Regional Parks and the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District authorizes the General Manager to execute on behalf of their respective agencies the access agreements required by the Conservancy to facilitate vernal pool restoration and public education to be implemented by the Laguna Foundation.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Hopkins:

Gore:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.