Date: October 22, 2019

Item Number:

Resolution Number:

Majority Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Directors Of The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation And Open Space District Authorizing An Application For Funding From The Forest Health Grant Program

Whereas, the State of California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for forest health programs; and

Whereas, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies, non-profit organizations, and others under the program; and

Whereas, said procedures require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of an application before its submission to the State; and

Whereas, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District ("District") intends to enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out a forest health project, a conservation easement on the Silva Ranch property in the Gualala watershed in northwestern Sonoma County;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Directors of the District:

- Approves the filing of an application for "State Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funding" forest health grant program funds; and
- Certifies that the District has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Silva Ranch conservation easement project; and

- Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of the District are available to begin the project.
- 4. Certifies that the District will expend grant funds prior to March 30, 2022.
- 5. Appoints William J. Keene, General Manager, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, or his designee, as agent of the Board of Directors to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project, in a form approved by County Counsel.

Supervisors:

Gorin:	Zane:	Gore:	Hopkins:	Rabbitt:
Ayes:	Noes:		Absent:	Abstain:

So Ordered.