

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of
duly seconded by
the following resolution is adopted

RESOLUTION APPROVING
THE APPLICATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR
THE CALIFORNIA SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS CONSERVATION
PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND UNDER THE
GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT OF 2006

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the State's objectives with these funds are to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by creating more compact infill development patterns, encourage active transportation and mass transit usage, and protect agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Conservation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program on behalf of the Strategic Growth Council, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures for this program require a resolution of support from the local board of supervisors before grant funds can be disbursed to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, Pista Brothers, LLC intends to sell an agricultural conservation easement on approximately 47 acres of farmland located in the Watsonville area of the County of Santa Cruz to the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and to protect priority agricultural resources in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the parcels (APNs 050-211-13, 050-211-12, 050-181-06) proposed for conservation are expected to continue to be used for, and are large enough to sustain, commercial agricultural production; and

WHEREAS, the land is also in an area that possesses the necessary market, infrastructure, and agricultural support services, and surrounding parcel sizes and land uses will support long-term commercial agricultural production; and

WHEREAS, in adopting this resolution, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors supports the easement proposal and finds that the conservation easement

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is consistent with the provisions of the Santa Cruz County General Plan that encourages agricultural land conservation in the county; and

WHEREAS, this commitment is reflected in the goals, policies, and implementation measures of the plan as they relate to land within agricultural zone districts throughout the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors supports the continued agricultural use of the Pista Brothers Orchard property in compliance with federal, state, and local laws and ordinances that apply to agricultural land in Santa Cruz County, California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this ____ day of November, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISOR
NOES: SUPERVISOR
ABSENT: SUPERVISOR

JOHN LEOPOLD, Chair
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:



County Counsel

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