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**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.

Resolution of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors:)
Approving the Ag Land Trust Easement)
Proposal to the California Department of Conservation’s Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program for the 177 acres of)
Martella Ranch)

WHEREAS, the Legislature has established the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program within the Department of Conservation (hereafter, “SALC” or “grant program”), and is providing assistance to conserve important agricultural land resources that are subject to conversion pressures through said grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Ag Land Trust intends to acquire an Agricultural Conservation Easement on prime farmland commonly known as the Martella Ranch which consists of 177 acres located west of Salinas covering Assessor Parcel Numbers 235-081-030-000, 235-161-009-000 and 235-161-010-000 for the purpose of conserving priority agricultural land resources; and

WHEREAS, On May 2, 2016, the County of Monterey RMA-Planning submitted a Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) grant application to the State of California Department of Conservation (DoC) to provide funding for the development of an Agricultural Land Mitigation Program to mitigate the loss of Important Farmland (as mapped by the California Department of Conservation Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program) in accordance with 2010 General Plan Policy No. AG-1.12; and

WHEREAS, one requirement of the SALC Grant program, when being considered for grant funds for the development of Agricultural Land Mitigation Program, is a partnership with a non-profit agency to place agricultural property into Agricultural Conservation Easement (ACE). Prior to the County submitting an application to the DoC, the County found a partnership with the Ag Land Trust to place the prime farmlands or lands that may be subject to conversion pressures into an ACE; and

WHEREAS, the Ag Land Trust has applied to the DoC for grant funds to acquire agricultural conservation easements on prime farmlands or lands that may be subject to conversion pressures

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors approves the easement proposal and certifies that the easement proposal meets the eligibility criteria set forth in Public Code Section 10251, to wit:

- (a) The parcel proposed for conservation is expected to be used for, and is large enough to sustain, commercial agricultural production. 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.

- (b) Monterey County has a general plan which demonstrates a long-term commitment to agricultural land conservation. This commitment is reflected in the goals, objectives, policies, and implementation measure of the plan, as they relate to the area, of Monterey County were the easement acquisition is proposed.
- (c) Without conservation, the land proposed for protection is likely to be converted to nonagricultural use in the foreseeable future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE County of Monterey HEREBY:

- a. Approves the Ag Land Trust Easement Proposal to the California Department of Conservation Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program for 177 acres of the Martella Ranch; and
- b. Supports the Ag Land Trust application to receive grant funds from the State of California Department of Conservation Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program to acquire an Agricultural Conservation Easement over 177 acres of the Martella Ranch and place said 177 acres into an ACE to conserve priority agricultural land resources; and
- c. Directs the Resource Management Agency Director, or designee, to collaborate with the Ag Land Trust in the grant application process.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of June, 2017, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book___ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

County of Monterey, State of California

By _____

Deputy