

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

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt resolution recognizing **Taylor Farms as a recipient of the United States Green Building Council Total Resource Use and Efficiency (TRUE) platinum zero waste certification**

**WHEREAS**, Taylor Farms is the largest fresh vegetable processor and marketer in North America;

**WHEREAS**, Three Taylor Farms facilities have received the United State Green Building Council Total Resources Use and Efficiency (TRUE) platinum zero waste certification while also achieving 90% energy independence from the utility grid;

**WHEREAS**, This distinction makes Taylor Farms the first fresh food company to achieve the new sustainability milestone,

**WHEREAS**, The zero-waste certification, greater independence from the grid, along with other measures, reduced 175,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions in two years which is the equivalent to 37,000 cars off the road annually; and

**WHEREAS**, The three facilities in Monterey County diverted more than 95% of materials from landfills, incinerators and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Of the three facilities that were recognized, two are in the city of Salinas and the other in the city of Gonzales; and

**WHEREAS**, Taylor Farms received its first TRUE certification in June 2018 at the Taylor Farms Retail Gonzales facility; and

**WHEREAS**, The TRUE program strives to change the way materials flow through society so that all products are eventually reused; and

**WHEREAS**, Taylor Farms is at the forefront of developing and identifying sustainability practices that are breaking down barriers and establishing new norms within the industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Taylor Farms primary focus is on reducing the amount of materials coming into the facility such as incoming primary packaging which has reduced or eliminated materials such as wax carton and single use corrugated containers on its incoming raw material; and

**WHEREAS**, When it wasn't able to switch to durable and reusable goods, Taylor Farms works with suppliers to move to materials that are recyclable; and

**WHEREAS**, Taylor farms diverts materials such as cardboard and vegetable by-products; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2017, Taylor Farms began its journey to zero waste and has been investing in renewable and alternative energy solutions since 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, The TRUE project goal is to divert all solid waste from the landfill, incineration and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Facilities must meet seven minimum program requirements and attain at least 31 points on the TRUE Zero Waste Application in order to receive certification; and

**WHEREAS,** Additionally Taylor Farms has more than 10 major sustainability projects working across the county including solar, wind, fuel cells, cogeneration, zero waste and water recycling, and

**WHEREAS,** The Taylor Farms Gonzales processing facility had existing wind and solar components, though functioned independently of each other

**WHEREAS,** Taylor Farms goal of the microgrid and cogeneration project was to integrate the two existing distributed energy resources and add firm power to form a microgrid system that could effectively take the facility off grid; and

**WHEREAS,** Notably, the integration of solar wind and cogeneration brought a reduction of 12,190 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions in one year which is a 94% decrease from before the microgrid was completed; and

**WHEREAS,** Taylor Farms is committed to continue leading in these efforts and plans to roll out zero waste programs nationally through environmental management programs and notably has 26 regional low temperature processing facilities across the U.S. and Mexico.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND RESOLVED,** that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, recognize and commend Taylor Farms as a recipient of the United States Green Building Council Total Resource Use and Efficiency (TRUE) platinum zero waste certification.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk to 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 Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_ for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy