

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MONTEREY COUNTY AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS CONSERVATION PROGRAM PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2020, Monterey County will submit a Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) grant application to the State of California Department of Conservation (DoC) in an amount up to \$175,000, with match funding in an amount up to \$ 17,500 or a total estimated project amount of \$192,500; and

WHEREAS, the SALC Grant Program requires a minimum of 10% match, with at least 5% of the requested grant amount in cash match and 5% in-kind; and

WHEREAS, the SALC grant would provide funding for the development of Climate Action and Adaptation Plan for 2030 to implement 2010 General Plan Policy OS-10.11, which requires preparation, adoption, and implementation of a greenhouse gas emissions reduction plan; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program are to protect agricultural land, to support infill and compact development, and to further AB 32 by avoiding increases in greenhouse gas emissions associated with the conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural uses; and

WHEREAS, the DoC SALC Grant Program, requires that the Board of Supervisors adopt specific language to be considered for the grant funding; including certifying that the County understands the assurances and certifications within the application; certifying that the County's work is in line with, and works towards, State of California Planning Priorities; and authorizing the County's entrance into a grant agreement with the DoC for the project; and

WHEREAS, ratifying the grant application submission is not an action subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Chapter 3, Sections 15061 (b)(3) and 15378 (CEQA Guidelines) because funding of the grant does not commit the County to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY HEREBY:

SECTION 1. The Assistant County Administrative Officer is hereby authorized and directed to apply for the SALC grant;

SECTION 2. In connection with the SALC grant, if the Application is approved by the Department, the Assistant County Administrative Officer of the County of Monterey is authorized to submit the Application, enter into, execute, and deliver on behalf of the Applicant, a State of California Department of Conservation Agreement for the amount of \$192,500 as well as a 10% match in the amount of \$17,500, of which \$8,750 must be a cash match as required by the SALC NOFA and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure the SALC grant, the Applicant's obligations related thereto, and all amendments thereto; and

SECTION 3. The Applicant shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the NOFA, and the Agreement provided by the Department after approval. The Application and any and all accompanying

documents are incorporated in full as part of the Agreement. Any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the Application will be enforceable through the fully executed Agreement. Pursuant to the NOFA and in conjunction with the terms of the Agreement, the Applicant hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible uses and allowable expenditures in the manner presented and specifically identified in the approved Application.

ADOPTED ON [insert the date of adoption], by the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey by the following vote count: