

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No. 18-419

Resolution of the Monterey County Board of)
Supervisors:)
Supporting the Ag Land Trust Agricultural)
Conservation Easement (ACE) proposal to the)
California Department of Conservation)
Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation)
Program (SALC) for grant funding for the)
acquisition of an ACE to reduce the acreage of
the easement to 160 acres rather than 174 for
Mothershed Farm.

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.

WHEREAS, the Ag Land Trust intends to amend an easement application request that was approved on May 17, 2018 to revise the acquisition acreage of an agricultural conservation easement on one (1) farm totaling approximately 174 acres, situated at the intersection of Blanco and Cooper Road, ½ mile east of the City limits of Marina known as the Mothershed Farm [APN No. 414-021-002-000]. The Ag Land Trust has requested the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution of support for the Ag Land Trust to reduce the acreage of the easement to 160 acres rather than 174 acres to conserve priority agricultural land resources. The land is currently used for irrigated row crops, and is zoned F-40.

WHEREAS, on or about May 2, 2016, in collaboration with the Ag Land Trust, a private nonprofit corporation per Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and the Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office, the County of Monterey RMA-Planning submitted a Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) grant application to the State Department of Conservation 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 which provides that,

...The County shall support private, nonprofit land trusts and conservation organizations to promote the policies of this General Plan, facilitate the implementation of the program, and to receive by voluntary donation or purchase, development rights on any lands to be preserved as part of the program’s implementation strategy....

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 Agricultural Conservation Easement proposal and certifies that said proposal meets the eligibility criteria set forth in Public Resources 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 measures of the plan, as they relate to the area, of Monterey County where the Agricultural Conservation 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. Supports the Ag Land Trust Agricultural Conservation Easement (ACE) proposal to the California Department of Conservation Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program for grant funding for the acquisition of an Agricultural Conservation Easement (ACE) to reduce the acreage of the easement to 160 acres rather than 174 for Mothershed Farm; and

Supports the Ag Land Trust application to receive grant funds from the State of California Department of Conservation Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) to acquire an Agricultural Conservation Easement (ACE) over one (1) farm totaling approximately 174 acres, situated at the intersection of Blanco and Cooper Road, ½ mile east of the City limits of Marina known as the Mothershed Farm [APN No. 414-021-002-000]. The Ag Land Trust has requested the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution of support for the Ag Land Trust to reduce the acreage of the easement to 160 acres rather than 174 acres to conserve priority agricultural land resources. The acreage must be reduced to allow access to a farm located across the Salinas River, in accordance with a request from the Department of Conservation.

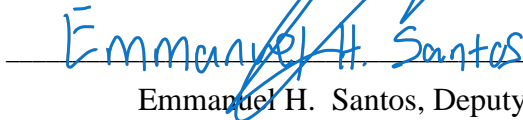
PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 19th day of January 2018, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Phillips, Salinas, Parker, and Adams
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

I, Valerie Ralph, 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 81 for the meeting on October 16, 2018.

Dated: January 30, 2023
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Agenda Item No.: 11

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


Emmanuel H. Santos, Deputy