

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

**Resolution No. 18-421**

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 over 176 acres of Sella  
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 acquire an Agricultural Conservation Easement (ACE) on prime farmland commonly known as the Sella Farm which consists of a 176 acre farm currently in row crops adjacent to and north of Castroville in Monterey County (a portion of 133-081-006) to conserve priority agricultural land resources.

**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) over 176 acres of the Sella Farm; 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 (SALC) to acquire an Agricultural Conservation Easement (ACE) over the Sella Farm which consists of a 176 acre farm adjacent to and north of Castroville in Monterey County (a portion of 133-081-006) to place said portion of the parcel into an ACE to conserve priority agricultural land resources.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Phillips, Salinas, Parker, and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

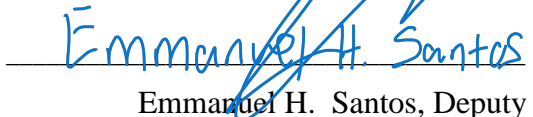
I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 81 for the meeting on October 16, 2018.

Dated: January 30, 2023

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

  
Emmanuel H. Santos, Deputy