

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

_____ day _____, 20__

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EASEMENT PROPOSAL TO THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION'S CALIFORNIA FARMLAND CONSERVANCY
PROGRAM FOR THE HIGHLAND RANCH AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION
EASEMENT PROJECT

The following resolution is now offered and read:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has established the California Farmland Conservancy Program within the Department of Conservation, and through a grant program is providing assistance to conserve important agricultural land resources that are subject to conversion pressure; and

WHEREAS, the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County intends to place an agricultural conservation easement on 240 acres of the Highland Ranch, located at 7515 Los Osos Valley Road in the County of San Luis Obispo, for the purpose of conserving priority agricultural land resources; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 10234, the governing body of the local government in which the proposed project is located shall certify that the proposed project meets the requirements of section 10251 of the Code and that the proposal is approved by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly noticed and conducted by the Board of Supervisors, and a determination and decision was made, on September 18, 2012; and

WHEREAS, at said hearing, the Board of Supervisors heard and received all oral and written protests, objections, and evidence, which were made, presented, or filed, and all persons present were given the opportunity to hear and be heard in respect to any matter relating to said agricultural conservation easement; and

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors expresses support of the easement proposal and certifies that the easement proposal meets the eligibility criteria set forth in Public Resources Code Section 10251, to wit:

- (a) The parcel proposed for conservation is expected to continue 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 the surrounding parcel sizes and land uses will support long-term commercial agricultural production.
- (b) San Luis Obispo County General Plan demonstrates the County's long-term commitment to agricultural land conservation through its Agriculture Element and Conservation and Open Space Element. This commitment is reflected in the goals, objectives, policies, and implementation measures of the plan, as they relate to the area of San Luis Obispo County where 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.
- (d) The grant proposal is consistent with the San Luis Obispo County General Plan, and the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, by resolution, approves the grant proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, hereby expresses support of the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County's acquisition of the Highland Ranch Agricultural Conservation Easement.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor
_____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

[SEAL]

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

WARREN R. JENSEN
County Counsel



By: Whitney McDonald
Deputy County Counsel

Dated: September 4, 2012

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)
)
County of San Luis Obispo) ss

I, _____, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order made by the Board of Supervisors, as the same appears spread upon their minute book.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board of Supervisors, affixed this _____ day of _____, 2012.

County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

(SEAL)

By: _____
Deputy Clerk