

## **RESOLUTION NO. .**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN MATEO  
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RCD) TO DESIGN AND LAUNCH A  
CARBON FARM FUND THAT WILL ADVANCE CARBON SEQUESTRATION  
EFFORTS, FOR THE TERM OF JUNE 10, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 9, 2030, IN AN  
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$395,000**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2022, the Board approved Resolution No. 079264, adopting the San Mateo County General Plan Climate Element and the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP); and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the CCAP's overall emissions reduction target of carbon neutrality by 2040, it sets forth a target to sequester 39,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e) by 2030 and 166,000 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e by 2045; and

**WHEREAS**, to accomplish this goal, the CCAP recommends implementing a funding program to help farmers and ranchers practice climate beneficial agricultural practices, or carbon farming, in order to reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Carbon Farm Fund (Fund) would seek to establish a self-sustaining funding program to support farmers and ranchers in carbon sequestration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fund would advance progress on both the CCAP's carbon sequestration and land management goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sustainability Department released a Request for Proposal (RFP) on June 20, 2024, for a contractor to conduct all aspects of the proposed Fund project: background research, program design, and program implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the RFP generated one response, from the San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD); an agreement based on RCD's response has been presented to this Board, which the Board has examined and approved as to form and substance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the President of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District for designing and launching the Fund in an amount not to exceed \$395,000 and a term of May 20, 2025 through May 19, 2030 on behalf of the County of San Mateo, and the clerk of the Board shall attest the President's signature thereto.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director of the Sustainability Department, or the Director's designee is authorized to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate) and/or modify the contract terms and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

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