

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION: A) AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$169,468 FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION LOCAL AND REGIONAL PLANNING PROJECT GRANT PROGRAM TO DEVELOP A WORKING LANDS COMPONENT OF THE COUNTY'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN; AND B) AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN MATEO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO DEVELOP A WORKING LANDS COMPONENT OF THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, AS WELL AS AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES, INCREASING THE CONTRACT BY A TOTAL OF \$460,468 FOR A NEW NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$1,476,854.

RESOLVED, by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors that

WHEREAS, this County is proactively preparing for climate change in numerous ways, there remains an urgent need to slow the production of greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, improved agricultural practices and forest-related mitigation activities can make a significant contribution to the removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere at relatively low cost, therefore integrating working lands into climate action planning provides opportunities for slowing climate change; and

WHEREAS, Office of Sustainability staff have applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$169,468 from the California Department of Conservation Local and Regional Planning Project Grant Program that will allow the County to incorporate agricultural practices and forest-related mitigation activities into our efforts to control our greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds will allow the County to integrate a working lands component to the Climate Action Plan and help the County and its communities adapt to a changing environment by identifying new partners and solutions; and

WHEREAS, the project, in partnership with Santa Clara County, the Carbon Cycle Institute, the San Mateo Resource Conservation District, the Guadalupe Coyote Resource Conservation District, the Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District, and UC Davis, represents an opportunity for the County to lead the State in confronting climate change and involve the agricultural sector in innovative ways; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD) is a special district within San Mateo County that provides comprehensive and integrated services around wildlife, water, climate, and agriculture to the local community; and

WHEREAS, the RCD is well positioned to help the County integrate agricultural production into its climate action planning process and to lead carbon farming planning due to its staff's technical expertise and relationships with many of the stakeholders and regulatory agencies in rural San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, these services will be funded through grant funds from the California Department of Conservation Local and Regional Planning Project Grant under the Working Lands and Riparian Corridors Grant Program, \$60,468 of which, will directly fund the RCD's project tasks; and

WHEREAS, the County will also amend the agreement to authorize continued support of the RCD's annual operating costs in the amount of \$400,000 (\$200,000 per year).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the Director of the Office of Sustainability or the

Director's designee to accept the \$169,468 in California Department of Conservation Local and Regional Planning Grant program funds to develop a working lands component to the County's Climate Action Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the agreement with San Mateo Resource Conservation District to increase the amount by \$460,468, to a new not to exceed amount \$1,476,854 to develop a working lands component of the Community Climate Action Plan and support to the RCD's annual operating expenses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Office of Sustainability, 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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