

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
and for Special Districts, Agencies and Authorities Governed by the Board

Adopted this Resolution on 08/15/2017 by the following vote:

	John Gioia
	Candace Andersen
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Resolution No. 2017/302

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE BRENTWOOD AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUST'S EASEMENT PROPOSAL TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION'S SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17000 STATE ROUTE 4.

WHEREAS, the Legislature has established the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation 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 pressures; and

WHEREAS, the Brentwood Agricultural Land Trust intends to acquire an agricultural conservation easement on a 520.7-acre portion of the property owned by Robert and Barbara Cecchini located at 17000 State Route 4 between Discovery Bay and Old River (portion of APN 004-500-004); and

WHEREAS, the Brentwood Agricultural Land Trust applied to the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program for funding to acquire the agricultural conservation easement on the Cecchini property and the application has been approved; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Conservation has designated the Cecchini property as *Prime Farmland* and *Farmland of Statewide Importance* and the purpose of the agricultural conservation easement is to conserve priority agricultural land resources; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors approves 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 Cecchini property 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) The Contra Costa County General Plan demonstrates a long-term commitment to agricultural land conservation. This commitment is reflected in the goals, policies, and implementation measures of the plan, as they relate to the area of Contra Costa County where the easement acquisition is proposed.

(c) The land proposed for conservation is located inside the County's Urban Limit Line. 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 Board of Supervisors, as the governing body of Contra Costa County, hereby approves the filing of Brentwood Agricultural Land Trust's application for funding from the Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Program

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: August 15, 2017

David J. Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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