

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

Adopted this Resolution on 08/11/2020 by the following vote:

AYE: ☐

NO: ☐

ABSENT: ☐

ABSTAIN: ☐

RECUSE: ☐



Resolution No. 2020/209

Contra Costa County Application for California Department of Conservation Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Planning Grant

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County is in the process of updating its Climate Action Plan, General Plan, and zoning codes, and

WHEREAS, twenty-five census tracts in Contra Costa County are recognized by the State of California as being in the top twenty-five percent of "disadvantaged" or "communities of concern" that are disproportionately burdened by pollution, and

WHEREAS, seven of the ten largest industrial pollution sources in the San Francisco Bay Area are located in Contra Costa County, and

WHEREAS, carbon sequestration is recognized as an effective strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County has a vibrant agriculture sector in East County, which is bolstered by the recent adoption of the policy "Reforming Agricultural Land Use Policies in Contra Costa County to Improve Both Economic Vitality and Sustainability," and

WHEREAS, the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy provides a framework to protect natural resources in Contra Costa County, while improving and streamlining the environmental process for impacts on endangered species, and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County is home to several East Bay Regional Parks and Mt. Diablo State Park, as well as county and local parks, and

WHEREAS, the community has been clear in the process for updating the General Plan and Climate Action Plan that Contra Costa County residents desire greater access to locally produced fresh, urban gardens, farmers markets, open space and trees, and

WHEREAS, this is an unprecedented time to embed land use policies that promote carbon sequestration, further protect agricultural lands, and bring gardens and fresh food to urban communities that have been historically underserved by the food system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors (Board) authorizes the Director of the Department of Conservation and Development, or his designee, to apply for a planning grant through the California Department of Conservation Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board certifies that the County understands the assurances and certification in the application, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board certifies that the County will have sufficient funds to meet the match requirement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board certifies that the County will work towards California's Planning Priorities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes entrance into a grant agreement with the California Department of Conservation for the project and agree to accept the template included in the Guidelines, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Director of the Department of Conservation and Development, or his designee, as agent to accept the award of grant funding and to, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for development of the plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board acknowledges that the County understands and accepts that the County must cover the costs to complete work related to the development and execution of the planning project until reimbursement by the State.

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.

Contact: Jody London, 925-674-7871

ATTESTED: August 11, 2020

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

By: , Deputy

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