Resolution Of The Board Of Directors Of The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, State Of California, authorizing the General Manager of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to enter into a grant agreement with the California State Coastal Conservancy for funds to design and plan a trail on the East Slope of Sonoma Mountain, and to enter into a grant agreement with the California State Coastal Conservancy for funds to design and plan a trail at the Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve, and approving the terms and conditions of both grant agreements.

Whereas, the voters of Sonoma County approved Measure F in 2006, which in part called for creating and improving parks and trails, and which included within the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space 2006 Expenditure Plan protection of open space for recreation projects within Sonoma County as well as limited funding for initial public access to recreational lands; and

Whereas, the 2005 update to the District’s Acquisition Plan, Connecting Communities and the Land, A Long-Term Acquisition Plan includes Recreation and Education as one of its four areas of focus; and

Whereas, the District desires to work in partnership with other public agencies, non-governmental organizations, and private landowners to provide public access to District-protected lands where recreation was identified as a conservation value at the time of acquisition; and

Whereas, the District intends to conduct planning and design of a 6,800 linear foot segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail along the East Slope of Sonoma Mountain, known as the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail; and

Whereas, the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail will cross three private properties and one property held in fee by the District, with trail easements developed by the District with all private landowners; and

Whereas, the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail will connect with Jack London State Historic Park and, ultimately, to Petaluma Adobe State Park, the North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail, and other publicly held lands; and

Whereas, the Board of the Directors of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District identified recreation as one of the conservation values when approving the acquisition of the Beltane (now known as Calabazas Creek) Preserve in 2004, as a future addition to Sugarloaf State Park; and

Whereas, the District intends to conduct planning and design of an approximately 6 mile
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trail system, including a segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, at Calabazas Creek Preserve, known as the Calabazas Creek Trail; and

Whereas, the Calabazas Creek Trail will connect the Sonoma Valley floor to the Bay Area Ridge Trail along the rim of the Mayacamas Mountains; and

Whereas, the State Coastal Conservancy may fund property acquisition and project planning, design, and/or construction in accordance with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code; and

Whereas, on March 17, 2011, the State Coastal Conservancy Board approved $55,000 in funding towards the planning and design of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail project; and

Whereas, on September 22, 2011, the State Coastal Conservancy Board approved $100,000 in funding towards the planning and design of the Calabazas Creek Trail project.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the General Manager of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the California State Coastal Conservancy for funds to design and plan a trail on the East Slope of Sonoma Mountain; and

Be It Further Resolved that the General Manager of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the California State Coastal Conservancy for funds to design and plan a trail at the Calabazas Creek Preserve; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District approves the terms and conditions of both grant agreements.

Directors:

Brown: Rabbitt: Zane: McGuire: Carrillo:
Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.