Resolution No. \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Resolution of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors Approving

an Amendment to Three Existing Agricultural Preserves

Under Application APA-22-02

**Whereas,** the California Land Conservation Act (the “Williamson Act”) was enacted on July 14, 1965, to implement a variety of state farmland preservation policies directed at discouraging the unnecessary and premature conversion of farmland to other uses; and

**Whereas,** Matthew L. Parsons and Audrey L. Parsons, as Trustees of the Matthew and Audrey Parsons Family Trust, own property that was placed in an Agricultural Preserve through Board Resolution No. 119, Book 5 on February 9, 1973; and

**Whereas,** Matthew L. Parsons and Audrey L. Parsons, as Trustees of the Matthew and Audrey Parsons Family Trust, own property that was placed in an Agricultural Preserve through Board Resolution No. 30, Book 7 on February 10, 1976; and

**Whereas,** an Agricultural Preserve Amendment application (APA-22-02) was submitted to the County on March 10, 2022, that proposes to amend the existing Agricultural Preserves, removing property owned by the applicant, and establish an approximately 524.8-acre agricultural preserve; and

**Whereas,** pursuant to the *Rules for the Establishment and Administration of Agricultural Preserves and* *Williamson Act Contracts*, as adopted by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on February 7, 2012, and amended on September 15, 2020, it is in the best interest of the County and subject property owners to amend the boundaries of the existing Agricultural Preserves; and

**Whereas,** pursuant to Government Code Section 51237, a map of the newly established agricultural preserve is attached as Exhibit A to be recorded with this resolution; and

**Whereas,** a staff report prepared on June 14, 2022, for the Board of Supervisors contains a detailed analysis of how said application complies with the *Rules for the Establishment* *and Administration of Agricultural Preserves and Williamson Act Contracts*, as adopted by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on February 7, 2012, and amended on September 15, 2020; and

**Whereas,** the Supplemental Staff Report for APA-22-05 prepared and presented to the Board of Supervisors on December 13, 2022, contain the staff analysis and recommendation; and

**Whereas,** the proposed Agricultural Preserve complies with the minimum agricultural preserve size pursuant to Government Code Section 51230, and the Rules for the *Establishment and Administration of Agricultural Preserves and Williamson Act Contracts,* as adopted by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on February 7, 2012 and amended on September 15, 2020; and

**Whereas,** approval of the proposed project would not result in any significant adverse environmental effect and is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15317, *Open Space Contracts or Easements*.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors finds that the above statements are true and correct.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors approves the amendment to the Agricultural Preserves under application APA-22-02.

**Be It Further Resolved** that County Counsel is hereby authorized to make amendments to the legal descriptions in order to fully implement the intent of the Board of Supervisors in amending these Agricultural Preserves.

**Be It Further Resolved** the Chair of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign said contract on behalf of the County of Siskiyou.

**It Is Hereby Certified** that the foregoing Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was duly adopted on a motion by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Siskiyou, State of California, held on the 13th day of December 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Brandon A. Criss, Chair

Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Laura Bynum, Clerk

Board of Supervisors

By

Deputy