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

Resolution of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors Approving

an Amendment to an Existing Agricultural Preserve

Under Application APA-24-09 and Finding the Project Exempt from CEQA

**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,** E. Merlo and Son, a California partnership, own 320 acres that was placed in an Agricultural Preserve through Board Resolution No. 39 in Book 8, adopted on February 14, 1978; and

**Whereas,** an Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Amendment application (APA-24-09) was submitted to the County on July 1, 2024, that proposes to amend the existing Williamson Act Contract by removing property owned by the applicant, and establish a new, approximately 320-acre contract; and

**Whereas,** during the application process for the proposed project (APA-24-09) it was found the existing Agricultural Preserve does not current county standards and should be addressed; and

**Whereas,** an Agricultural Preserve Amendment to remove the subject property from the existing preserve and create a new preserve consisting of only the subject property is necessary; 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 December 13, 2022, it is in the best interest of the County and subject property owners to amend the boundaries of the existing Agricultural Preserve; and

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

**Whereas,** a staff report prepared for the Agricultural Preserve Administrator 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 December 13, 2022; and

**Whereas,** the Staff Report for APA-24-09 prepared for the Board of Supervisors contains the staff analysis and recommendation by the Agricultural Preserve Administrator; 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 December 13, 2022; 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 Preserve under application APA-24-09.

**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 12th day of November 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Michael N. Kobseff, Chair

Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Laura Bynum, Clerk

Board of Supervisors

By

Deputy

**Exhibit “A” map**

**Land Conservation Contract APA-24-09
(Merlo)**

