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

Resolution of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors Approving the Cancellation of a Portion of Williamson Act, Contract No. 72025, On the Rezone to Timberland Production Zone

**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,** Orin Bennett owns approximately 640 acres that was placed in Williamson Act contract on February 25, 1976; and

**WHEREAS,** Orin Bennett has requested to cancel the portion of Williamson Act Contract No. 72025 recorded February 25, 1976, in Volume 651 Page 62 of Official Records and described and shown on map in Exhibit A to this resolution (“Land Conservation Contract”), conditioned on a rezone of the affected property to Timberland Production Zone, and as such cancellation is provided in Government Code Section 51282.5, which cancellation may occur forthwith after the re-zoning.

**WHEREAS,** Siskiyou County is authorized to establish and dis-establish agricultural preserves and to enter into and cancel Williamson Act Contracts pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 (hereafter the “Act”) and the County’s Resolution Establishing 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 3, 2024 (hereafter the “Guidelines”); and

**WHEREAS,** notice was given pursuant to Government Code Section 51284 and a public hearing held on June 17, 2025, to consider the rezoning of the property into Timber Production Zoning (TPZ) and to consider the request for cancellation of the associated portion of the Land Conservation Contract; and

**WHEREAS,** the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors has approved the rezoning of the property into Timber Production Zoning concurrently with this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 51282.5 of the California Government Code permits the immediate cancellation of a Land Conservation contract when the land it restricts is rezoned into Timberland Production Zone pursuant to the California Timberland Production Act, Government Code Section 51100 et seq.

**WHEREAS,** the project is statutorily exempt per Section 15264 and Section 15063(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors finds the above recitals true and correct.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the cancellation of a portion of the Williamson Act Contract No. 72025, Recorded February 26, 1976, in Volume 651, Page 62 of the Official Records and as further shown upon Exhibit 1 attached hereto, and makes this approval conditional on the recordation of a Certification of Rezoning (Notice of Timberland Production Zone Status) for the subject property such that the cancellation is not effective until after the Certification of Rezoning is recorded.
2. Delegates to the Chair of the Board authority to execute documents necessary to effectuate the Cancellation of Land Conservation contract, and the recordation of a Certificate of Cancellation, in a form approved by County Counsel.
3. Directs the Community Development Department to record a Certification of Cancellation for the Land Conservation contract, upon a form approved by the County Counsel, but in no case before the Certification of Rezoning**,** and to provide a copy of the recorded Certificate to the Assessor’s Office.

**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 17th day of June 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Nancy Ogren, Chair

Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Laura Bynum, Clerk

Board of Supervisors

By

Deputy

**Exhibit A**

Legal Description:

Real property in the unincorporated area of the county of Siskiyou, State of California, described as follows:

Parcel 1:

The East ½ of the east ½ of the Northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 44 North, Range 8 West, M.D.M.

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Parcel 2:

All of Section 1, Township 44 North, Range 8 West, M.D.M.

Excepting therefrom the East ½ of the East ½ of the Northeast quarter.

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