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TO: Susan Adams
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FROM: Steve Kinsey

SUBJECT: Approval of an application by the Marin Agricultural Land Trust for grant funds from the California Department of Conservation's California Farmland Conservancy Program for a conservation easement on the Thornton Ranch

Dear Colleagues,

Please join me in supporting Marin Agricultural Land Trust's application for \$810,000 from the California Department of Conservation's California Farmland Conservancy Program. These funds will be used to acquire an agricultural conservation easement on the 1013-acre Thornton Ranch east of the town of Tomales. This effort is in the tradition of our Board's previous support for MALT's successful agricultural easement program, and the purchase will ensure that this land remains in agriculture in perpetuity.

As you are aware, the conversion of agricultural land in Marin for use as rural estates is one of the most pressing problems facing the agricultural industry. MALT's purchase of a conservation easement on the Thornton Ranch will help this agricultural family retain their property and ensure it will remain a productive part of Marin County's working agricultural landscape.

I urge you to join me in endorsing the attached resolution approving MALT's application.

Sincerely,

Steve Kinsey
Marin County Supervisor

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