

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-_____
RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPROVING THE APPLICATION BY THE MARIN AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUST (MALT)
FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION'S
CALIFORNIA FARMLAND CONSERVANCY PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN
AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON THE 1013-ACRE THORNTON RANCH
NEAR TOMALES

WHEREAS, the Legislature has established the California Farmland Conservancy Program within the Department of Conservation, and through this grant program assistance is given to conserve important agricultural land resources that are subject to conversion pressures; and

WHEREAS, Marin Agricultural Land Trust intends to acquire a perpetual agricultural conservation easement on the 1013-acre Thornton Ranch near Tomales in Marin County. This is a productive agricultural property and an easement on this ranch will serve the purpose of conserving priority agricultural land resources; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Board of Supervisors approves the easement and certifies that it meets the eligibility criteria set forth in Public Resources Code Section 10251, to wit:

- (a) The property proposed for conservation is expected to continue to be used for, and is large enough to sustain, commercial agricultural production. The property is in an area which possesses the necessary market, infrastructure, and agricultural support services. Surrounding parcel sizes and land uses support the continuation of long-term commercial agricultural production.
- (b) Marin County has a general plan which demonstrates a long-term commitment to agricultural land conservation. This commitment is reflected in the goals, objectives, policies, and implementation measures of the plan, as they relate to West Marin, where the easement acquisition is proposed.
- (c) Without conservation, the property proposed for protection is likely to be converted to nonagricultural use in the foreseeable future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the filing of this application for funding from the California Farmland Conservancy Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this ____th day of _____, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES:
ABSENT:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

CLERK