

1 RETURN TO STOP #214
2 ATTENTION: JOHN ADAMS

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5 BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
6 OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

7 IN THE MATTER OF GRANT FUNDS
8 FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
9 OF CONSERVATION'S CALIFORNIA
FARMLAND CONSERVANCY PROGRAM
FOR THE RAVEN FARMS PROPERTY

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR
PROPOSED RAVEN FARMS
642 - ACRE AGRICULTURAL
CONSERVATION EASEMENT

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

15 WHEREAS, Raven Farms intends to sell an agricultural conservation easement to
16 preserve the subject parcels for agricultural uses in perpetuity; and

17 WHEREAS, the subject property is located approximately five miles west of the City
18 limits of the Cities of Selma and Kingsburg in Fresno County (APNs 056-030-42s, 43s, 53s,
19 54s and 62s); and

20 WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors supports placing the subject
21 property under conservation easement and finds that the proposal meets the eligibility criteria
22 set forth in Public Resources Code Section 10251, to wit:

- 23 (a) The parcel proposed for conservation is expected to continue to be used for, and is
24 large enough to sustain, commercial agricultural production. The land is also in an
25 area that possesses the necessary market, infrastructure, and agricultural support
26 services, and surrounding parcel sizes and land uses will support long-term
27 commercial agricultural production.
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1 (b) The County of Fresno has a General Plan that demonstrates a long-term
2 commitment to agricultural land conservation. This commitment is reflected in the
3 goals, policies, and implementation programs of the General Plan as they relate to
4 areas designated for agricultural use.

5 (c) Without conservation, the land proposed for protection is likely to be converted to
6 nonagricultural use in the foreseeable future.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors
8 hereby supports the filing of an application for funding from the California Farmland
9 Conservancy Program for purchase of an Agricultural Conservation Easement on the Raven
10 Farms property by the Sequoia Riverlands Trust and supports the agricultural use of the
11 Raven Farms property in perpetuity in compliance with Federal, State and local laws and
12 ordinances which apply in general to the farming operations in Fresno County, California.

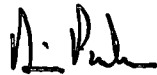
13 THE FOREGOING was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of
14 Supervisors of the County of Fresno the 31st day of October 2017, to-wit:

15 AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

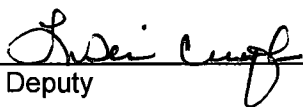
16 NOES: None

17 ABSENT: None

18 ABSTAINED: None

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20 BY 
21 BRIAN PACHECO, CHAIRMAN of the
22 Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

23 ATTEST:
24 BERNICE E. SEIDEL
25 Clerk to the Board of Supervisors
26 County of Fresno, State of California

26 BY 
27 Deputy

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