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RETURN TO STOP #214 ATTENTION: JOHN ADAMS

## BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION'S CALIFORNIA FARMLAND CONSERVANCY PROGRAM FOR THE RAVEN FARMS PROPERTY RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED RAVEN FARMS 642 - ACRE AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT

WHEREAS, the Legislature has established the California Farmland Conservancy

Program within the Department of Conservation, and through a grant program is providing
assistance to conserve important agricultural land resources that are subject to conversion
pressures; and

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

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

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

(a) The parcel proposed for conservation is expected to continue to be used for, and is large enough to sustain, commercial agricultural production. The land is also in an area that possesses the necessary market, infrastructure, and agricultural support services, and surrounding parcel sizes and land uses will support long-term commercial agricultural production.

- (b) The County of Fresno has a General Plan that demonstrates a long-term commitment to agricultural land conservation. This commitment is reflected in the goals, policies, and implementation programs of the General Plan as they relate to areas designated for agricultural use.
- (c) Without conservation, the land proposed for protection is likely to be converted to nonagricultural use in the foreseeable future.

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

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

AYES:

Supervisors Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

BRIAN PACHECO, CHAIRMAN of the

Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

NOES:

None

None

ABSTAINED:

None

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