

Resolution No. 19-__

**Authorization to Submit Application and Enter into Agreements for
Agricultural Conservation Easement Project on
[REDACTED] Ranch [REDACTED], CA**

Whereas, the California Strategic Growth Council’s Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (“SALC”), administered by the California Department of Conservation (“DOC”) provides grants to fund the purchase of agricultural conservation easements on agricultural to protect agricultural lands from conversion to more GHG-intensive uses, promote smart growth within existing jurisdictions, ensure open space remains available, and support a healthy agricultural economy and resulting food security; and

Whereas, American Farmland Trust desires to submit a SALC easement acquisition grant application to DOC in connection with the proposed project to protect the [REDACTED]-acre [REDACTED] Ranch, [REDACTED], CA with an agricultural conservation easement (the Project”); and

Whereas, the President and CEO is the chief executive officer of American Farmland Trust and is vested with all of the powers and discretion ordinarily and customarily delegated to such an officer;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of Directors of American Farmland Trust that the Board hereby expressly authorizes and directs the President and CEO or his designee to submit an easement acquisition grant application to DOC for the Project and enter into a grant agreement for the Project with DOC; and

Be It Further Resolved that the President and CEO or his designee be, and each of them hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed, for, in the name of, and on behalf of American Farmland Trust, to execute and deliver any and all documents related to the application and grant agreement, as in their judgment, or in the judgment of any of them, may be necessary or desirable or appropriate.

Be It Further Resolved that the President and CEO or his designee be, and each of them hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed, for, in the name of, and on behalf of American Farmland Trust, to execute and deliver any and all documents related to the acquisition of an agricultural conservation easement on the [REDACTED] Ranch, as in their judgment, or in the judgment of any of them, may be necessary or desirable or appropriate, if the Project is awarded funding and the Board of Directors of American Farmland Trust finally approves the acceptance of an agricultural conservation easement on the [REDACTED] Ranch.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board hereby certifies that no conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest exists for any member of American Farmland Trust’s Board of Directors as relates to the Project.

Approved by:

Attest

Date

Board of Directors

Adopted this __th day of October, 2019 in _____

Attest: _____