

LAFCO 25-05

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY  
FORMATION COMMISSION AUTHORIZING SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
LAFCO TO SERVE AS LEAD APPLICANT FOR THE SUSTAINABLE  
AGRICULTURAL LANDS CONSERVATION PLANNING GRANT WITH THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the “Commission,” is responsible for regulating boundary changes affecting cities and special districts and preserving open space and agricultural lands under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Commission requested to apply for a \$500,000 agricultural conservation planning grant with the Department of Conservation and its Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) with the Commission as lead applicant; and

WHEREAS, said application and project shall be referred to as the Santa Barbara County Agriculture and Natural Resource Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act of 2000 permits the Commission to apply for and or accept any financial assistance and grants-in-aid from public or private agencies or from the state or federal government or from a local government under Government Code Section 56378(b); and

WHEREAS, the Commission accepts the SALC grant applicant is responsible for costs to complete work related to the development and execution of the grant project until reimbursement by the State; and

WHEREAS, the SALC planning grant guidelines require submittal of a resolution from the applicant regarding commitment to grant program requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Commission as follows:

- (1) The Commission is authorized to serve as lead applicant in partnership with the SALC Grant team and to keep the application on file with SALC for the

agricultural conservation planning grant for the amount of \$500,000 as noted in Attachment B.

- (2) The Commission certifies that it understands and accepts the template terms and conditions of the project being awarded grant funding.
- (3) The Commission certifies that no conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict of interest exists for the Commission as it relates to the project.
- (4) The Commission certifies that if the application is granted, the Commission will have sufficient funds to meet the match requirement.
- (5) The Commission authorizes entrance into a grant agreement with the Department of Conservation for the project and agrees to the template included in the SALC Guidelines as a provided in Attachment B.
- (6) The Commission authorizes the Executive Officer to be the agent to accept the award of grant funding and to, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, and payment requests which may be necessary for development of the grant award.
- (7) The Commission CONDITIONS all approval on the following terms:
  - a) The Executive Officer is authorized to sign the grant award should it be approved and prescribe all duties and matching contributions required as part of the SALC grant subject to review and approval of the Commission Counsel and Commission.

This resolution is hereby adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025 in Santa Barbara, California.

AYES: Commissioner Freeman, Hartmann, Kyriaco, Nelson, Patino, and Stark

NOES: Commissioner Geyer

ABSTAIN: None

Santa Barbara County Local Agency  
Formation Commission

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SALC Grant

By:   
Chair, Patino  
Date: 6/5/25

ATTEST:



Natasha Carbajal, Analyst/Clerk  
Santa Barbara County  
Local Agency Formation Commission