



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING A WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACT FOR AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE FOR ROBERT HARRIS ON FOUR PARCELS LOCATED AT 16404 SANFORD ROAD AND 18241 GARDEN BAR ROAD, GRASS VALLEY (APNs 54-160-07, 54-170-02, 54-170-08, 54-170-12) (AG16-001)

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada have, by proper resolution, adopted the Williamson Act for the County of Nevada, as provided by the laws of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors by Resolution 88-36, and amended by Resolution 94-518, established criteria for property owners within the County of Nevada to qualify under the terms of said Act; and

WHEREAS, the property owned by Robert Harris, consisting of 1,414 acres of land on four parcels located at 16404 Sanford Road and 18241 Garden Bar Road, Grass Valley (APNs 54-160-07, 54-170-02, 54-170-08, and 54-170-12), near the Nevada-Placer County border in unincorporated Nevada County, CA, qualifies under the criteria established by the Board of Supervisors to come under the provisions of the Williamson Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors approves the Nevada County Agricultural Preserve Contract entered into on the 15th day of November, 2016, executed by Robert Harris, and authorizes the Chairperson of the Board to sign said contract on behalf of the County based on the following findings:

1. This project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15317 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines; and
2. The property exceeds the minimum parcel size requirement for Williamson Act contract eligibility, and is sufficient in size to sustain the proposed cattle ranch agricultural use; and
3. The property exceeds the minimum \$3,000 annual gross profit in at least two of the last three years prior to the application, with a 2015 gross profit of \$55,210.46 and a 2014 gross profit of \$54,932.69; and
4. An Agricultural Conservation Management Plan has been made part of the contract identifying the agricultural operation, accompanied by a schedule prepared by the County Farm Advisor for achieving and maintaining the required \$3,000 minimum annual gross profits from agricultural pursuits on the subject property; and
5. The applicant has provided evidence of capital outlay for agricultural improvements exceeding the \$15,000 minimum required, at over \$360,000; and
6. This project is consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Nevada County General Plan, including Objective 16.8 which encourages the placement of significant agricultural lands into the Williamson Act; Policy 16.1 which encourages agricultural operations in Rural Regions; Policy 16.2 which includes the raising of livestock within the definition of "agricultural operations"; and Policy 16.13 which encourages participation in the Williamson Act program.