

**Recording Requested by:**

HUMBOLDT COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Eureka, California

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Planning Department  
3015 H Street  
Eureka, CA 95501  
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**LAND CONSERVATION CONTRACT**  
**("Hunter Ranch" Preserve)**

THIS CONTRACT is dated this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, by and between HUNTER RANCH, LLC. referred to as OWNER, and the COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY.

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, OWNER warrants that they own certain land particularly described hereinafter, which is presently devoted to agricultural and compatible uses; and

WHEREAS, said land is located in the Korbel area of Humboldt County;

WHEREAS, OWNER and COUNTY by signing this Land Conservation Contract mutually agree to enter into this new contract pursuant to Section 51254 of the California Government Code and the County's Williamson Act Guidelines and to establish binding restrictions which will limit the use of said land to agricultural and incidental compatible uses;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. This contract is made and entered into pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 (Chapter 7 of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title 5 of the California Government Code, commencing with Section 51200, hereafter referred to as the "Act"), and pursuant to the County's Resolution adopting Guidelines for Agricultural Preserves which implements the Act in

Humboldt County (hereafter "local resolution") and the County's Resolution Establishing an Agricultural Preserve with Uniform Rules Including Compatible Uses (hereafter "authorizing resolution"), and is subject to all the provisions of the Act and County resolutions as they now exist, and as may be hereafter amended.

Section 2. The land to which all provisions of this contract shall apply is described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. It is not intended to include in this contract any land zoned Timberland Production (TPZ) pursuant to Government Code Section 51100, et seq.

Section 3. During the term of this contract or any extension thereof, the land described herein shall be used only for agricultural uses, as defined by the Act or authorizing resolution, and those "compatible uses" as set forth in the Act or authorizing resolution, and shall not be used for any purpose other than said agricultural uses and compatible uses.

Section 4. This contract shall be effective on the date first written above, hereinafter the anniversary date, and shall remain in effect for an initial term of ten (10) years. On the first anniversary date and on each succeeding anniversary date, one year shall automatically be added to the unexpired term unless notice of non-renewal is given as provided by law.

Section 5. This contract shall run with the land described herein and shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, all successors in interest of the OWNER. Neither the owner nor any successor in interest shall divide the land described herein, except that the County may approve a division of such land subject to the terms and conditions of the Act or local resolution if the proposed division meets all of the following conditions:

(a) Each preserve resulting from the division shall meet the minimum size requirements of the Act and local resolutions which are applicable to the land which is the subject of this contract, as provided in section 6 hereof; and

(b) Each parcel which is the subject of, or which results from the division shall meet the minimum size requirements of the Act and local resolutions which are applicable to the land which is the subject of this contract; and

(c) All successors in interest to owner shall enter into contracts at the time they assume title to any or all of the land described herein enforceably restricting said land pursuant to the statutory provisions referred to in Section 1 above.

Section 6. If the land subject to this contract is in a Class B Agricultural Preserve, it shall not be divided into preserves of less than 600 acres except that portions of the preserve may be rented or leased for agricultural and compatible uses. If the land subject to this contract is in a Class A or Class C Agricultural Preserve, it shall not be divided into preserves of less than 100 acres except that portions of the preserve may be rented or leased for agricultural and compatible uses. If the land subject to this contract is in a Class D Agricultural Preserve, it shall not be divided pursuant to the State Subdivision Map Act and must be sold, transferred or conveyed as a single unit of land.

Section 7. As used in this contract, the terms "divide" and "division" shall include any sale, transfer, encumbrance or any change in the manner in which title to all or any portion of the herein described land is held, whether immediate or future, but shall exclude "Immediate Family Transfers" approved by COUNTY pursuant to Government Code §51230.1. "Division" includes but is not limited to conveyance by deed, installment sales contract, contract of sale, contract for sale, deed of trust, gift or mortgage. Any purported division of the land described herein in violation of any provision of this contract shall be void.

Section 8. Any party signing this contract as a secured lender agrees to subordinate his security interest in the subject property to the rights, benefits and restrictions contained herein.

Section 9. Whenever notice must be given to COUNTY, it may be given by mailing it postage prepaid, addressed to the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, County Courthouse, Eureka, California 95501; notice to OWNER may be given by mailing it first class postage prepaid addressed to 1157 Coast Village Rd Ste A, Montecito, CA 93108, or at such other address OWNER may hereafter designate in writing. Delivery shall be deemed complete the day after the date of mailing.

Section 10. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this contract, the local resolutions and the Act, those provisions which most restrict the right to divide the land subject to this contract or to use said land for non-agricultural purposes shall govern.

Section 11. In the event of Cancellation of this contract pursuant to the Act and local resolution, the OWNER shall pay to the COUNTY a cancellation fee equal to 12.5% of the cancellation valuation as calculated in accordance with Section 51283 of the California Government Code.

Section 12. OWNER agrees to permit COUNTY physical inspection of the subject real property and make available for examination such other information or records pursuant to Section 441(d) of the Revenue and Taxation Code as is reasonable and necessary for administration of this contract.

Section 13. This contract may be dated by COUNTY to correspond with the date its Chairman is authorized to execute this contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed the within contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Humboldt, State of California.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

KATHY HAYES  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Humboldt, State  
of California.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT        )

On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022, before me, \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Clerk of  
the Board personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_,

Who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on behalf of which person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Witness my hand and official seal.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Owners of Record**

By \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

**(Signature(s) to be Notarized)**

**Interest in Property**

Section 8B of the Humboldt County Williamson Act Guidelines states that "all parties having any interest in any real property included in the contract which could ripen into a fee interest or be exercised in a manner inconsistent with the purpose of the preserve, such as a security interest, shall be required to join in the execution of the proposed contract before such contract is executed by the Board of Supervisors".

The following parties have a security interest in the real property included in this contract which could ripen into a fee interest:

*TWO SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED FOR CORPORATIONS:*

*(1) CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD, PRESIDENT OR VICEPRESIDENT; AND*

*(2) SECRETARY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, OR TREASURER.*

By \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Corporation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Corporation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Signature(s) to be Notarized)**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By \_\_\_\_\_

County Counsel