

**Resolution No.**

**County of Sonoma  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

**Date: 10/6/2009**

**Resolution Of The Board Of Directors Of The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation And Open Space District, County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Adopting A Mitigated Negative Declaration And Mitigation Monitoring Program For The Montini Open Space Preserve (“the Project”); Approving The Montini Open Space Preserve Management Plan, Making Certain Findings In Connection Therewith.**

**Whereas**, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (“District”) initiated development of the Montini Open Space Preserve Management Plan (“Management Plan”) for protected lands straddling the northern border of the City of Sonoma; and

**Whereas**, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the District has prepared an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project; and .

**Whereas**, on November 24, 2008 the District posted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (NOI) for thirty (30) days at the County Clerk’s office, submitted the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration to the State Clearinghouse and affected public agencies, notified the public that the document was available for public review, and complied with all requirements of CEQA and State and local guidelines; and.

**Whereas**, the comments received during the public review period did not affect the conclusions of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration that there are no potentially significant environmental effects that cannot be reduced to a less than significant level with incorporated mitigation measures; and .

**Whereas**, the Board has considered the comments received during the public review period along with the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration prior to project approval and finds that there is no substantial evidence in the record that the project as mitigated will have a significant effect on the environment; and .

**Whereas**, the Management Plan identifies capital improvements, resource management, and operations and maintenance activities to ensure the protection of the Montini Open Space Preserve’s diverse plant and animal habitat, scenic resources and ecological functions while allowing for low intensity public outdoor recreation; and.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that this Board of Directors hereby finds, determines, declares and orders as follows:

1. The foregoing findings and determinations are true and correct.
2. The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Montini Open Space Preserve Management Plan are adopted. The Board certifies that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed, reviewed, and considered, together with comments received during the public review process, in compliance with CEQA and State and local guidelines, and finds that the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program reflect the independent judgment and analysis of the Board.
3. The Montini Open Space Preserve Management Plan, as presented on September 29, is approved.
4. The District's General Manager is directed to file a Notice of Determination for the project in accordance with CEQA and State and local guidelines.
5. The Clerk of the Board of Directors is designated as the custodian of the record of the proceedings upon which the Board's decision herein is based. These documents may be found at the office of the Clerk of the Board, 575 Administration Drive, Room 100, Santa Rosa, California 95403.

**Supervisors:**

Brown:	Kerns:	Zane:	Carrillo:	Kelley:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

**So Ordered.**