

ATTACHMENT A –  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF  
SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE  
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO APPLY  
FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS  
FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT  
OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE FOR THE  
HEALTHY SOILS PROGRAM BLOCK  
GRANT

**Resolution No.:** X

**Meeting Date:** June 24, 2026

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**WHEREAS**, grant funds are made available on a competitive basis by the California Department of Food and Agriculture Healthy Soils Program Block Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, these grant funds can be used to support farmers and ranchers to implement healthy soils practices that build soil organic carbon, reduce land-based greenhouse gas emissions, and strengthen the resilience of California’s farms and ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2024, California voters approved Proposition 4, creating the Climate Bond, which invests \$10 billion in local projects that strengthen communities, by protecting drinking water, reducing wildfire and flood risks, restoring natural places, supporting healthy working lands, and expanding access to parks and outdoor spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, the Climate Bond allocated funding to California Department of Food and Agriculture’s Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability to promote climate smart agricultural practices on farms and ranches that improve soil health or accelerate carbon removal or soil carbon sequestration; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2024 (6), the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors adopted the 2024 Climate Action Plan (CAP) which outlines 21 measures and 70 actions designed to help the County reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve net zero emissions by 2045, in alignment with State requirements, and includes the development of the Sustainable Operations in Land Stewardship (SOILS) Program which grants funds to farmers and ranchers to implement climate smart agricultural practices; and

**WHEREAS**, procedures established by the California Department of Food and Agriculture require a party seeking grant funds to certify by resolution the approval to apply for, accept grant funds, and provide authorization to enter into and perform under the terms of the Healthy Soils Program Block Grant Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego:

1. Authorizes the Director of Planning & Development Services, or their designee, to enter into a grant agreement to accept the award of grant funding from California Department of Food and Agriculture Healthy Soils Program Block Grant, to execute and submit all grant-related documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, annual extensions, revisions, and/or payment requests, that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level and may be necessary for completion of the grant deliverables, and to enter into a memorandum of understanding, grant agreement, or other similar documents with partner organizations and/or agricultural operators.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY  
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