

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SUPPORTING THE ACQUISITION OF APN 0067-020-030
BY THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR MANAGEMENT
AS PART OF THE SAN PABLO BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

Whereas, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) manages the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge (refuge), situated along the northern shore of San Pablo Bay in Solano, Napa and Sonoma counties; and

Whereas, the FWS manages the refuge to protect migratory birds, wetland habitat, and endangered species, and the refuge also provides open space and recreational opportunities to the local population including hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, photography, and environmental education; and

Whereas, the FWS is seeking approval and funding from the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC) for the purchase of a tract situated in Solano County, within the approved boundary of the refuge, and identified herein as APN or Parcel 0067-020-030 (the Property); and

Whereas, the MBCC requires approval by the Governor before it will fund an acquisition, and that approval authority, in California, has been delegated to the Executive Director of the California Fish and Game Commission (FGC), which requires as a condition of approval, a resolution of support from the county in which the acquisition will happen; and

Whereas, the proposed acquisition abuts California State Route 37 (SR 37), a critical east-west regional highway that spans the 4 north bay counties; and

Whereas, SR 37 needs critical improvements, including additional right of way up to 50 acres, to prevent roadway flooding, improve public access, enhance bay ecology, and surmount sea level rise; and

Whereas, 50 acres of the southern portion of the Property, bounded by its southern, eastern and western boundaries, generally shown in Exhibit A, will be needed in the siting, design, and construction of SR 37; and

Whereas, the reconstruction of SR 37 will likely result in the loss of wetland habitat and thus create the need for offsetting mitigation; and

Whereas, and the Property could likely provide restoration opportunities that qualify for needed mitigation credits; and

Whereas, FWS is seeking support from Solano County with regard to the acquisition.

Resolved, the Solano County Board of Supervisors supports FWS acquiring a portion of Parcel 0067-020-030 for addition to the refuge, provided that:

- a) The FWS permits Solano County (County) or other entity as appropriate, to work towards joint procurement with FWS and concurrent purchase of 50 acres of the southern portion of the Property, bounded by its southern, eastern and western boundaries (in the general vicinity as depicted in Exhibit A), directly from the owners at the time that the FWS purchases the balance of the Property;

- b) As appropriate, all directly involved parties will work collaboratively to address the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, the California Environmental Quality Act, and other required regulatory processes; and
- c) If requested and appropriate, the FWS will grant, expeditiously, a permit for a right-of-way to meet the needs of the SR 37 program.

Passed and adopted by the Solano County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on June 11, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:	SUPERVISORS	_____

NOES:	SUPERVISORS	_____
EXCUSED:	SUPERVISORS	_____

ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk