

WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:

Tri-Valley Conservancy
1736 Holmes St.
Livermore, CA 94550

SAMPLE
DEED OF PERPETUAL AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT
DEDICATED PURSUANT TO
SOUTH LIVERMORE VALLEY SPECIFIC PLAN
(Not for execution)

This DEED OF AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT is entered into this ____ day of _____, 200__, by and between _____, (Grantor), and THE TRI-VALLEY CONSERVANCY, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (Grantee).

A. Grantor is the sole owner of certain real property, located within the boundaries of the South Livermore Valley Area Plan, as adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda, California on February 23, 1993 (SLVAP) and the South Livermore Valley Specific Plan adopted by the City of Livermore (City) on November 17, 1997 (Specific Plan). Said real property comprises _____ acres more or less and is more particularly described in Exhibits "A", and "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein (Property).

B. The Property possesses significant agricultural, open space [*add natural, historic, biological, or recreational if applicable*] and scenic values (referred to collectively herein as Conservation Values) of great importance to the Grantor, the people of Alameda County, and the people of the State of California.

C. Pursuant to the Specific Plan and in accordance with the SLVAP and the City's General Plan, the City and the Grantee seek to ensure the permanent preservation of agricultural and open space lands in the South Livermore area. Grantor has offered this

Deed of Agricultural Conservation Easement in satisfaction of certain Specific Plan requirements in order to mitigate the impacts of development within the City. Accordingly, this Deed of Agricultural Conservation Easement names the City of Livermore as an intended Third Party Beneficiary entitled to exercise all rights of Grantee in accordance with the terms of this Easement.

D. The Conservation Values of the Property, including the ability to support the agricultural use of the Property, are documented in an inventory of relevant features of the Property, which consists of reports, maps, photographs, a map of existing uses and other documentation that Grantor and Grantee agree provide collectively an accurate representation of the Property at the time of the execution of this deed, and which is intended to serve as an objective information baseline for purposes of monitoring compliance with the express terms of this deed. This baseline documentation is identified in Exhibit C, is on file at the offices of the Grantee, and are incorporated by reference herein.

E. In agreeing to accept the terms and conditions of this deed, Grantor hereby conveys a perpetual conservation and open space easement to insure that the Conservation Values of the Property be promoted, preserved and enhanced by engaging in land use practices permitted hereby, including those relating to farming, that will preserve and do not impair or interfere with those values.

F. Grantee is a publicly supported, tax-exempt nonprofit organization and a qualified organization under Sections 501(c) (3) and 170(h), respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder (the Internal Revenue Code), whose primary purpose is the preservation, protection, or enhancement of land in its [*e.g., natural, scenic, biological, historical, agricultural and/or open space condition (should be consistent with Recital B)*].

G. Grantee agrees, by accepting this grant, to honor the intentions of Grantor stated herein to promote, preserve and enhance the agricultural potential and Conservation Values of the Property for the benefit of the people of the City of Livermore, the people of the County of Alameda, and the people of the State of California, and agrees to accept the terms and conditions of this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the facts recited above, and the mutual covenants, terms, conditions and restrictions contained herein, and pursuant to the laws of the State of California, and in particular California Civil Code section 815 et seq., and any amendments or successor provisions thereto, Grantor hereby voluntarily grants and

conveys to Grantee for valuable consideration, an agricultural conservation easement in perpetuity and in gross over the Property, of the nature and character hereinafter set forth (hereinafter Easement).

1. Purpose. It is the purpose of this Easement to preserve forever the Conservation Values of the Property, as set forth in the foregoing recitals, and to prevent any use of the Property that will impair or interfere with the Conservation Values. Grantor intends that this Easement will confine the use of the Property to those uses and activities which are consistent with the purpose and allowable by the terms and conditions of this Easement.

2. Rights of Grantee. To accomplish the purpose of this Easement, the following rights are conveyed to Grantee:

a. To preserve and protect the Conservation Values of the Property for the benefit of the general public in accordance with the SLVAP and the Specific Plan, which are on file in the offices of Grantee and is incorporated by reference herein.

b. To enjoin any activity or use of the Property that is inconsistent with the purpose and/or provisions of this Easement, and to require the restoration of such areas or features of the Property that may be damaged by any inconsistent activity or use.

c. To enter upon the Property at reasonable times in order to (i) conduct annual monitoring inspections and tests and other reasonable activities as may be deemed appropriate by Grantee to monitor Grantor's compliance with the terms of this Easement, and (ii) enforce the terms of this Easement as may be authorized by paragraph 4 herein; provided, however, that such entry shall be upon prior reasonable notice to Grantor, and Grantee shall not unreasonably interfere with Grantor's use and quiet enjoyment of the Property subject to the terms hereof.

d. Subject to Grantor's consent, not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed, to erect and maintain a sign or other appropriate marker in a prominent location on the Property as determined by Grantee, visible from a public road, bearing information indicating that the Property is protected by Grantee. The wording of this information shall be determined by Grantee, but shall clearly indicate that the Property is privately owned and not open to the public. Grantee shall be responsible for the costs of erecting and maintaining such sign or marker.

3. Activities and Uses.

a. Any activity on or use of the Property inconsistent with the purpose of this Easement is prohibited in perpetuity. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Exhibit D, attached hereto and incorporated herein, sets forth activities and uses regarding the Property which are consistent with the conservation purpose of this Easement, and which are hereby expressly permitted and, subject to the provisions of paragraph 5 herein below, any permitted use described in Exhibit D shall not require the prior approval of Grantee; and Exhibit E, attached hereto and incorporated herein, sets forth activities and uses regarding the Property which are inconsistent with the conservation purpose of this Easement, and which are hereby expressly forbidden. The activities and uses set forth in both Exhibits D and E are not necessarily exhaustive recitals of consistent and inconsistent activities, respectively. They are set forth both to establish specific permitted and prohibited activities and to provide guidance in determining the consistency of other activities and uses with the conservation purpose of this Easement, and Grantee expressly reserves the right to determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether a specific activity or use of the Property is permitted. Any activities and uses not specified in Exhibit D shall require prior approval of Grantee.

b. In cases where Grantee's approval or consent is required hereunder, such approval or consent shall be based upon compliance with the provisions of this Easement and the likely effect of the proposed activities and uses upon the Conservation Values protected by this Easement. Grantee's decision on a request for approval shall be based on the specific activities and uses in question without following or establishing precedent. Approval or disapproval shall be at the sole discretion of Grantee and may be granted upon conditions which further the purposes of this Easement.

c. In the event Grantor is required to solicit the approval or consent of Grantee pursuant to this Easement, Grantor shall submit to Grantee a written description of the proposed activities and uses, including information of its size, function, capacity, duration and location (proposed use report) no later than sixty (60) days prior to the proposed commencement of the proposed activities and uses. If a permit is required from any governmental entity for the activities and uses, the Grantor shall submit the proposed use report to the Grantee within five days of filing an application for said permit. Grantor shall also submit copies of all proposed use reports to the City's Director of Community Development at the same time the original is submitted to Grantee. Grantee shall issue its written approval, disapproval, consent, or refusal of consent, together with a written statement of explanation if Grantee has disapproved or refused to consent to the proposed use, within forty-five (45) days of the receipt of Grantor's written request. Grantee's failure to respond shall be deemed to be a refusal of consent but in such event Grantee shall, within twenty (20) days of Grantor's request, provide a written statement of

explanation for Grantee's disapproval or refusal to consent. Upon the completion of the proposed activities and uses, Grantee shall, at the request of Grantor or Grantee, inspect the Property and, if the activities and uses was performed in accordance with the terms of this Easement and the approvals or consents issued by Grantee hereunder, issue a certificate to that effect, dated as of the time of inspection.

4. Grantee's Remedies.

a. If Grantee determines that Grantor is in violation of the terms of this Easement, or that a violation is threatened (hereinafter collectively the violation), the Grantee shall give written notice to the Grantor of such violation and demand reasonable corrective action sufficient to cure the violation. Where the violation involves injury to the Property resulting from any use or activity inconsistent with the purpose of this Easement, the Grantee may require reasonable corrective action to restore the portion of the Property so injured. If Grantor: (1) fails to cure the violation within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice thereof from the Grantee; (2) under circumstances where the violation cannot reasonably be cured within thirty (30) days, fails to begin curing such violation within the thirty (30) day period; or (3) fails to continue diligently to cure such violation until finally cured, then the Grantee may bring an action at law or in equity in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Easement, to enjoin the violation, ex parte as necessary and pursuant to applicable statutes and rules of court, by temporary or permanent prohibitory or mandatory injunction, to recover any damages to which it may be entitled for violation of the terms of this Easement or injury to any Conservation Values protected by this Easement, and to require the restoration of the Property to the condition that existed prior to any such injury. Without limiting Grantor's liability therefore, Grantee, in its sole discretion, may apply any damages recovered to the cost of undertaking any corrective action on the Property. Grantee's rights under this paragraph apply equally in the event of either actual or threatened violations of the terms of this Easement, and Grantor agrees that Grantee's remedies at law for any violation of the terms of this Easement are inadequate and that Grantee shall be entitled to the injunctive relief described in this paragraph, both prohibitive and mandatory, in addition to such other relief to which Grantee may be entitled, including specific performance of the terms of this Easement, without the necessity of proving either actual damages or the inadequacy of otherwise available legal remedies; Grantor further agrees that Grantee shall not be required to post any bond in excess of \$10,000 in any action or proceedings pursuant to this paragraph.

b. If Grantee, in its sole discretion, determines that circumstances require immediate action to prevent or mitigate significant damage to the Conservation Values of the

Property, Grantee may pursue its remedies under this paragraph without the requirement of prior notice to Grantor or without waiting for the period provided for the cure to expire; provided, however, that Grantee shall attempt in good faith to provide such written or oral notice as Grantee may deem reasonable under the circumstances, but in no event later than ten (10) days after the date of entry onto the Property. Grantee's rights under this paragraph apply equally in the event of either actual or threatened violations of the terms of this Easement, and Grantor agrees that Grantee's remedies at law for any violation of the terms of this Easement are inadequate and that Grantee shall be entitled to the injunctive relief described in this paragraph, both prohibitive and mandatory, in addition to such other relief to which Grantee may be entitled, including specific performance of the terms of this Easement, without the necessity of proving either actual damages or the inadequacy of otherwise available legal remedies; Grantor further agrees that Grantee shall not be required to post any bond in excess of \$10,000 in any action or proceedings pursuant to this paragraph.

c. Grantee's remedies described in this paragraph 4 shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to all remedies now or hereafter existing at law or in equity.

d. Any mortgagee of the Property which wishes to receive notices of violations from Grantee pursuant to subparagraph 4.a may provide written notice to Grantee in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 24 requesting such notice. Grantee shall provide to any such requesting mortgagee the same notice as provided to Grantor of any violations of the terms of this Easement, and shall provide to any such mortgagee the same opportunity to cure the specified violation as is provided to Grantee under this Easement. Failure to so notify any such mortgagee shall not give rise to any liability on the part of Grantee and shall not limit Grantee's rights to bring an action pursuant to subparagraph 4.a. Any such mortgagee of the Property shall not be required to cure the specified violation; nor shall such mortgagee be liable for any damages for any violation by Grantor, including any costs of enforcement as set forth in paragraph 23 herein. For the purpose of this paragraph, mortgagee shall be defined as any person, corporation, trust, partnership, or entity having a legal or beneficial interest in the Property.

5. Grantee's Discretion. Enforcement of the terms of this Easement shall be at the discretion of Grantee, and any forbearance by Grantee to exercise its rights under this Easement in the event of any breach of any term of this Easement by Grantor shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver by Grantee of such term or of any subsequent breach of the same or any other term of this Easement or of any of Grantee's rights under this Easement. No delay or omission by Grantee in the exercise of any right or remedy upon

any breach by Grantor shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all waivers must be express and in writing.

6. Reserved Rights. Grantor reserves for itself, and its personal representatives, heirs, successors, transferees and assigns, all rights accruing from ownership of the Property, including the right to engage in or permit or invite others to engage in all uses of the Property that are consistent with the purpose, provisions and restrictions of this Easement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following rights are expressly reserved:

- a. The permitted activities and uses contained in Exhibit D herein;
- b. All interest in, and right and title to all tributary and non-tributary water, water rights, and related interest in, on, under or appurtenant to the Property provided that such rights shall not be severed, sold or encumbered separately from title to the Property, and subject further to the limitations contained in paragraph 6 of Exhibit E herein;
- c. All interest in, and right and title to subsurface oil, gas and minerals, subject to the limitations contained in Exhibit E herein;
- d. The right to exclude trespassers from the Property and the right to lease an interest in the Property to others or to sell the Property (but not the right to create or suffer a legal or de facto subdivision of, or otherwise sell, transfer, or convey portions of the Property), subject to the restrictions set forth in this Easement and any and all applicable provisions of law;
- e. The right to plant, raise and harvest agricultural crops, and grazing and raising livestock, by the use of sound, generally acceptable agricultural practices, subject to the limitations contained in Exhibit E herein;
- f. The right to utilize the Property for noncommercial and nonprofit recreational, educational, and other nonagricultural purposes, so long as such uses (such as hunting, fishing, hiking and equestrian trail riding) do not disturb or alter the current physical characteristics of the Property or require surface disturbance or alteration or other development of the Property, except as may otherwise (i) be expressly permitted pursuant to the provisions of this Easement or (ii) be approved by Grantee which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

g. Subject to the provisions of this Easement, Grantor shall have the rights and remedies available to it under the law.

7. Waiver of Certain Defenses. Grantor hereby waives any defense of laches, estoppel, prescription, unclean hands or the doctrine of changed circumstances.

8. Acts Beyond Grantor's Control. Nothing contained in this Easement shall be construed to entitle Grantee to bring any action against Grantor for any injury to or change in the Property resulting from causes beyond Grantor's control, including, without limitation, fire, flood, storm, and/or earth movement, or from any prudent action taken by Grantor under emergency conditions to prevent, abate, or mitigate significant injury to the Property and structures on the Property resulting from such causes; provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to waive Grantor's obligation to maintain the Property in a safe and habitable condition consistent with the terms of this Easement.

9. Access. No right of access by the general public to any portion of the Property is conveyed by this Easement.

10. Condition of Title. Except for the exceptions to title insurance set forth in the policy of title insurance issued to Grantee at the time of execution and recordation of this Easement, Grantor covenants that the Property is, at the time of execution and recordation of this Easement, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, assessments, easements, leases (recorded and unrecorded), and taxes.

11. Subordination. Any financing lien or encumbrance on the Property shall be subordinate to this Easement.

12. Costs and Liabilities. Grantor retains all responsibilities and shall bear all costs related to the ownership, operation, upkeep, and maintenance of adequate comprehensive general liability insurance coverage. Without limiting the foregoing, for a period of at least five (5) years commencing upon the recordation of this Easement, Grantor shall keep the Property free of any mechanics liens arising out of any work performed for, materials furnished to, or obligations incurred by Grantor which may result in a mechanics lien or lis pendens being recorded against the Property.

13. Real Property and Possessory Interest Taxes. For a period of at least five (5) years commencing upon the recordation of this Easement, Grantor shall pay before delinquency all real property and possessory interest taxes, assessments, fees, and charges of whatever description levied on or assessed against the Property by competent authority, including

any taxes imposed upon, or incurred as a result of, this Easement (collectively referred to herein as Taxes). Upon request by Grantee, Grantor shall furnish that Grantee with evidence satisfactory to it that such Taxes have been paid.

14. Hold Harmless. Grantor shall hold harmless, indemnify and defend Grantee and City and their respective officers, directors, governing members, employees, contractors, partners, insurers, attorneys, agents, personal and legal representatives, successors and assigns of each of them (collectively Indemnified Parties) from and against all liabilities, penalties, costs, losses, orders, liens, charges, damages, expenses, causes of action, claims, demands or judgments, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys fees, arising from or in any way connected with:

a. Injury to or the death of any person or physical damage to any property, resulting from any act, omission, condition or other matter related to or occurring on or about the Property, regardless of cause, and including any liability for any active or passive negligence of any of the Indemnified Parties arising out of or related to the administration of this Easement, unless due to the sole negligence or willful misconduct of any of the Indemnified Parties;

b. The obligations specified in paragraphs 12 and 13 herein; and

c. Any claim based on the existence or good faith administration of this Easement.

15. Hazardous Materials

a. Grantor warrants and represents to Grantee, which warranties and representations shall survive the termination of this Easement, that to the best of Grantor's knowledge, and except as disclosed by Grantor to Grantee in writing prior to the date hereof, (i) no material (hereinafter collectively Hazardous Materials) regulated under any applicable environmental, hazardous waste, and/or health and safety laws, statutes or regulations, including, without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (42 U.S.C. Sections 9601 et seq.), the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. Section 6901 et seq.), the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 466 et seq.), the Safe Drinking Water Act (14 U.S.C. Sections 1401-1450), the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. Section 1801 et seq.), the Toxic Substance Control Act (15 U.S.C. Sections 2601-2629), the California Hazardous Waste Control Law (California Health and Safety Code Sections 25100-25600), the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (California Health and

Safety Code Section 13000 et seq.), and the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.), and any and all amendments, modifications, successor and related statutes, regulations, rules and ordinances thereto (hereinafter collectively Applicable Laws), has been used, generated, manufactured, placed, stored, treated, released, disposed, or discharged on the Property in violation of any of the Applicable Laws; (ii) none of Grantor's operations on or at the Property are the subject of any federal, state, county, municipal or other governmental or quasi-governmental investigation evaluating whether any remedial action involving a material expenditure is needed to respond to a release of any toxic or hazardous waste or substance into the environment; and (iii) Grantor has no material contingent liability in connection with any release of any toxic or hazardous material or substance into the environment. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Easement, the term Hazardous Materials shall not include any material customarily used and legally permitted for agricultural or residential purposes, which material is used in customary quantities and in accordance with label instructions and Applicable Laws.

b. Grantor further warrants and represents to Grantee, which warranties and representations shall survive the termination of this Easement, that neither Grantor, nor any of its successors or assigns (including, by way of example but not limitation, lessees, subleases, occupants, or, subject to the provisions of paragraph 27.g of this Easement, purchasers of all or a portion of or interest in the Property) shall in violation of any of the Applicable Laws use, generate, manufacture, place, store, treat, release, dispose or discharge any Hazardous Materials on the Property, or cause or suffer any such activity to occur, in violation of any of the Applicable Laws.

c. Grantor hereby releases and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold Grantee and City and their respective officers, directors, governing members, employees, contractors, partners, insurers, attorneys, agents, personal and legal representatives, successors and assigns, harmless from and against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, costs, demands, penalties, orders, charges, liens and expenses (including reasonable attorneys fees and costs) whatsoever, unless due to the sole negligence, willful misconduct, or affirmative acts of Grantee, regardless of by whom or when asserted, arising out of, connected with or relating to (i) any such use, generation, manufacture, placement, storage, treatment, release, disposal, discharge, or contamination in violation of the foregoing warranties and representations; (ii) any violation or alleged violation of, or other failure or alleged failure to comply with any of the Applicable Laws; or (iii) any investigation and/or remediation of any Hazardous Material; which agreement includes the obligation to provide upon demand a defense for Grantee, against any demand, claim, liability, litigation, claim, investigation, and/or order for remediation, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to

Grantee. The obligations of Grantor hereunder shall include, but not be limited to, investigation and remediation activities with respect to any known or suspected Hazardous Materials, liabilities arising out of any investigation or remediation with respect to Hazardous Materials and any damages claimed by any third party or parties, including claims for personal injury and/or property damage, arising from or relating to any Hazardous Materials, the violation by Grantor of any of the warranties and representations set forth above, or from the investigation, remediation, or other actions of Grantor.

16. Amendment. If circumstances arise under which an amendment to or modification of this Easement is appropriate, Grantor and Grantee may jointly amend this Easement; provided that no amendment shall be allowed that will affect the qualification of this Easement under any applicable laws, including, but not limited to, California Civil Code Section 815.1 and Internal Revenue Code sections 501(c)(3) and 170(h) and any amendments or successor provisions thereto, and any amendment shall be consistent with the purpose of this Easement, and shall not affect its perpetual duration. Any such amendment shall be recorded in the official records of the County Recorder for the County of Alameda, California.

17. Termination of Easement. The parties agree that it is the intent of this Easement to run with the land in perpetuity. If, however, circumstances arise in the future such as to render the purposes of this Easement impossible to accomplish, this Easement may be terminated, in whole or in part, only by judicial proceedings in a Court of competent jurisdiction, and the amount of the compensation to which Grantee shall be entitled from such sale, exchange, or involuntary conversion of all or any portion of the Property subsequent to such termination or extinguishment shall be determined, unless otherwise provided by California law at the time, in accordance with paragraph 18. Grantee shall use all such proceeds in a manner consistent with the conservation purposes of this Easement and approved by the City, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. However, Grantor and Grantee intend that this Easement shall not be terminated as a result of circumstances such as a change in the surrounding land uses, changed agricultural practices, the non-availability of water, or any combination thereof, or any such other change in conditions relating to the Property or the property surrounding or adjacent to the Property.

18. Compensation. This Easement constitutes a real property interest immediately vested in Grantee. For the purpose of paragraph 17 (concerning termination of Easement) the parties stipulate that this Easement has a fair market value determined by multiplying (i) the fair market value of the Property unencumbered by this Easement (minus any value

attributable to improvements) by (ii) the ratio, expressed as a percentage, of the value of this Easement at the time of this grant to the value of the Property (minus any value attributable to improvements) unencumbered by this Easement at the time of this grant. For the purposes of this paragraph 18, Grantor and Grantee agree that the ratio of the value of the Easement to the value of the Property (minus any value attributable to improvements) unencumbered by this Easement is 67% (sixty-seven percent). This ratio shall remain constant for twenty (20) years from the date this Easement is recorded after which date all values shall be determined by appraisal.

19. Condemnation. If all or any part of the Property is taken by exercise of the power of eminent domain or acquired by purchase in lieu of condemnation, whether by public, corporate, or other authority, so as to terminate this Easement, in whole or in part, Grantee shall be entitled to compensation in accordance with the ratio set forth in paragraph 18. All expenses reasonably incurred by Grantor's and Grantee in connection with the taking or in lieu purchase shall be paid out of the amount recovered.

20. Assignment. This Easement is not transferable, except that this Easement may be assigned (1) first to the City or (2) in the event that the City declines to accept assignment of this Easement, to a public entity that is located in eastern Alameda County or to a non-profit entity. Except as to the City or the County of Alameda, any entity to which this Easement is assigned must be established to accept and hold agricultural conservation easements and must be approved by the City. Any non-profit entity to which this easement is assigned must be (a) qualified under section 170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code (or any successor provision then applicable) and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder; (b) authorized to acquire and hold agricultural conservation easements under California Civil Code Section 815.3 (or any successor provision then applicable); and (c) organized in a manner that ensures that a majority of its directors are residents of Alameda County, provided, however, that Grantee shall endeavor to give preferential consideration to an entity organized in a manner that ensures that a majority of its directors are residents of eastern Alameda County. Upon the dissolution or other winding up of Grantee, this Easement shall be assigned to the City or another entity in accordance with this paragraph 20.

21. Subsequent Transfers. Grantor agrees to incorporate by reference the terms of this Easement in any deed or other legal instrument by which it divests itself of any interest in all or a portion of the Property, including, but not limited to leasehold interests. Grantor further agrees to give written notice to Grantee, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 24, of the transfer of any interest in all or any portion of the Property within thirty (30) days after the transfer. The failure of the Grantor to perform any act required

by this paragraph shall not impair the validity of this Easement or limit its enforceability in any way. This Easement shall be recorded, and any transferee of title to all or any portion of the Property shall take title subject to the terms of this Easement, whether or not the Easement is specifically referred to in the deed or other instrument of conveyance.

22. Estoppel Certificates. Upon request by any Party, the others shall execute and deliver an estoppel certificate which certifies the requesting party's compliance with any obligation contained in this Easement and otherwise evidences the status of this Easement.

23. Costs of Enforcement. Any costs incurred in enforcing the terms of this deed including costs of suit and reasonable attorneys fees, and any costs of restoration necessitated by Grantor's violation of the terms of this Easement (including costs of routine monitoring compliance) from such time as the violation was first identified through completion, to the satisfaction of Grantee, of any required restoration, shall be borne by Grantor.

24. Notices. Any notice, demand, request, consent, approval, or communication that any party desires or is required to give to any other party shall be in writing and may be served in any one of the following ways: personally, by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by overnight delivery, such as Federal Express, addressed as follows:

To Grantor:

To Grantee:

Tri-Valley Conservancy
1736 Holmes St.
Livermore, CA 94550

To the City:

City Attorney
CITY OF LIVERMORE
1052 South Livermore Avenue
Livermore, CA 94550

with a copy to:
(which copy shall not
constitute notice)

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or to such other address as any party from time to time shall designate by written notice to all other parties, and to the addresses of Grantor's bona fide lenders as Grantor shall designate by written notice to Grantee. Such notice shall be deemed to be effective when received if served personally or sent via Federal Express, and seven days after being deposited in the mail.

25. Recordation. Grantee and Grantor shall work together to ensure that this instrument is recorded in a timely fashion in the official records of the County Recorder for the County of Alameda, California. The instrument may be re-recorded at any time as may be required to preserve rights in this Easement.

26. City of Livermore Third Party Beneficiary. Grantor and Grantee and their respective heirs, personal and legal representatives, transferees, successors and assigns represent, acknowledge, covenant and agree as follows:

a. The City is an intended third party beneficiary of this Easement, with the right, subject to and on the terms set forth in this paragraph 26, to exercise independent enforcement authority against Grantor to enforce Grantor's obligations and otherwise enjoy all of the rights of Grantee subject to the procedures set forth herein below.

b. If the City in its sole discretion determines that Grantee has approved or consented to a proposed activity or use that is inconsistent with the purpose of this Easement or has not fully and/or effectively enforced any of Grantor's Obligations or otherwise exercised Grantee's rights pursuant to this Easement, the City, as an intended third party beneficiary of this Easement, notwithstanding any prior approval, consent, or representation by Grantee or any exercise or non-exercise by Grantee of its rights, shall have the right, but not the duty, upon reasonable prior written notice to Grantee and Grantor and, where reasonably feasible, after conferring with Grantee and Grantor, to enjoin the inconsistent activity or use, compel performance of Grantor and otherwise exercise any and all of the rights or remedies of Grantee under the provisions of this Easement, including, but not limited to, those set forth in paragraph 4.

c. If the City exercises any of the remedies afforded to it under this paragraph 26, any sum recovered from such suit or other proceeding shall be applied first to cover the City's costs of enforcement, as further defined in paragraph 23.

d. The failure by the City to enforce any of Grantor's Obligations or exercise Grantee's rights shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

e. Grantee and Grantor shall not cancel, terminate, rescind, or materially amend this Easement without the express written consent of the City.

27. General Provisions.

a. Controlling law. The interpretation and performance of this Easement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.

b. Liberal construction. Any general rule of construction to the contrary notwithstanding, this Easement shall be liberally construed in favor of the grant to effect the purpose of this Easement and the policy and purpose of California Civil Code Section 815. If any provision of this instrument is found to be ambiguous, an interpretation consistent with the purpose of this Easement that would render the provision valid shall be favored over any interpretation that would render it invalid.

c. Severability. If any provision of this Easement is found to be invalid, the remainder of the provisions of this Easement, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance other than those as to which it has been found to be invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

d. Entire Agreement. This instrument sets forth the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the Easement and supersedes all prior understandings, discussions, negotiations, or agreements relating to the Easement, all of which are merged herein. No alteration or variation of this instrument shall be valid or binding unless contained in an amendment that complies with paragraph 16 herein.

e. No Forfeiture. Nothing contained herein will result in a forfeiture or reversion of Grantor's title in any respect.

f. Successors. The covenants, terms, conditions, and restrictions of this Easement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective personal heirs, representatives, successors, and assigns and shall continue as a servitude

running in perpetuity with the Property. All such heirs, representatives, successors and assigns shall be bound to every provision in this Easement, whether or not this Easement is referred to in the instrument by which such heirs, representatives, successors or assigns acquire an interest in the Property.

g. Termination of Rights and Obligations. A party's rights and obligations under this Easement terminate upon transfer of the party's interest in the Easement or Property, except that liability for acts or omissions occurring prior to transfer shall survive transfer.

h. Captions. The captions in this instrument have been inserted solely for convenience of reference and are not a part of this instrument and shall have no effect upon construction or interpretation.

i. Cooperation. The parties agree to cooperate in good faith with each other in the administration of this Easement. Each party hereto will, upon the reasonable request of the other party, execute, acknowledge, and deliver, or cause to be executed, acknowledged, and delivered, such further instruments and documents as may be reasonably necessary in order to fulfill the intents and purposes of this Easement.

j. Warranty of Authority. Each person executing this Easement on behalf of a party represents and warrants that such person is duly and validly authorized to do so, has full right and authority to enter into this Easement and all of its obligations hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor and Grantee have executed this agreement effective as of the date first above written.

GRANTOR: *[Insert name of Grantor]*

Date _____

Signature

Name: _____

Title: _____

(Notarization of Grantor's signature)

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GRANTEE:

THE TRI-VALLEY CONSERVANCY
a California nonprofit public
benefit corporation

Date _____

Signature

Name: _____
Chair, Tri-Valley Conservancy

Model Easement
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EXHIBITS

Exhibit A: Legal Description and Map of Property

Exhibit B: Location and Area Map

Exhibit C: Baseline Conditions

Exhibit D: Permitted Activities and Uses

Exhibit E: Prohibited Activities and Uses

Exhibit F: Legal description and Map showing the location and boundaries of Building Site Envelope.

Exhibit G: County of Alameda Zoning Ordinance regulating uses on the Property at time of recordation of Easement.

EXHIBIT D

PERMITTED ACTIVITIES AND USES

The following activities and uses are expressly permitted under this Easement, and they are not to be precluded, prevented, or limited by this Easement.

1. To reside on the Property, including all uses ancillary to residing on the Property, within the building site envelope identified in Exhibit F of this Easement and consistent with the provisions of paragraph 4 below.
2. To engage in uses or activities directly relating to the agricultural use of the Property. For purposes of this Easement, uses or activities directly relating to the agricultural use of the Property must involve or be necessary for planting, raising, irrigating, harvesting, or producing agricultural, viticultural, aquacultural, horticultural or forestry crops and products, including fallowing of land for such purposes. Such uses or activities may not include (a) the establishment or maintenance of any commercial feedlot which is defined for the purposes of this Easement as a confined area or facility within which land is not grazed or cropped at least annually and which is used to receive and feed livestock that have been raised off the Property or (b) uses that are prohibited pursuant to Exhibit E.
3. To maintain and repair existing structures, housing, fences, roads, ditches, and other improvements on the Property in substantially their present location and size.
4. To construct additional improvements, with the approval of appropriate governmental agencies, provided that all such improvements are located within the building site envelope identified in Exhibit F of this Easement and are consistent with the purpose of this Easement and in compliance with the policies of the South Livermore Valley Area Plan, as adopted by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors on February 23, 1993, and with [for lands outside the Specific Plan area: the County of Alameda Zoning District Ordinance regulating the use of the Property at the time of recordation of this Easement, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A [for lands within the Specific Plan area: the Specific Plan and all applicable City ordinances.] The building site shall contain (a) all residential structures and appurtenant uses, including but not limited to: homes, garages, gazebos, swimming pools, patios and driveways; (b)

structures intended for the primary processing, storage, sale, including direct retail sale to the public, of crops and products harvested or produced on the Property, including but not limited to wineries, tasting rooms, olive oil mills or access roads from a public right-of-way to such structures; and (c) any structures necessary for any other permitted use. Grantor shall provide notice to Grantee and to the City's Director of Community Development of its intent to construct additional improvements not less than five days after filing an application for any permit required from any governmental entity for the proposed improvements or not less than 60 days prior to the commencement of construction, whichever comes first. Such notice shall demonstrate that the location of all additional improvements is within the building site envelope. Prior to commencement of construction of the first such additional improvement within a building site envelope, Grantor shall install and thereafter maintain permanent monuments and above-ground markers documenting the boundaries of the building site envelope in order to assist Grantee in future monitoring of compliance with the terms of this Easement.

5. Additional structures, facilities and roads directly related and reasonably necessary to the agricultural uses of the Property, with the exception of those improvements listed in the preceding Paragraph 4 herein, may be constructed outside of the building site envelope identified in Exhibit F, provided that Grantor obtains the express written approval of Grantee, in accordance with paragraph 3.b and 3.c of this Easement, for the construction of such additional structures, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Under no circumstances shall any prohibited activity or use listed in Exhibit E be approved. The purpose of requiring written approval is to afford the Grantee an opportunity to ensure that any construction outside of the building site envelope identified in Exhibit F does not have a significant adverse impact upon the Conservation Values. Additional fencing deemed by Grantor to be reasonably necessary for agricultural activities may be constructed without Grantee's consent. In the event of destruction, deterioration or obsolescence of any improvements, structures, housing, fences, roads or ditches, whether existing at the date of this Easement or constructed subsequently pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, Grantor may replace the same with improvements or structures of similar size, function, capacity and location in a manner that is not inconsistent with the Conservation Values of this Easement.

6. To develop and maintain such water resources on the Property as are necessary or convenient for agricultural, irrigation, and residential uses in a manner consistent with the purpose of this Easement.

7. To use agrichemicals, including, but not limited to, fertilizer and biocides in those amounts and with that frequency of application necessary to accomplish reasonable agricultural purposes and subject to paragraph 15 of this Easement concerning Hazardous Materials.

8. To control predatory and problem animals by the use of selective control techniques and subject to paragraph 15 of this Easement concerning Hazardous Materials.

9. To utilize the Property for noncommercial and nonprofit, recreational, educational, and other nonagricultural purposes, so long as such uses (such as hunting, fishing, hiking, and equestrian trail riding) do not disturb or alter the current physical characteristics of the Property, require surface alteration or other development of the Property, except as may otherwise be (a) expressly permitted pursuant to the provisions of this Easement or (b) approved by Grantee, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

EXHIBIT E

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES AND USES

Any activity on or use of the Property inconsistent with the purpose of this Easement is prohibited in perpetuity. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following activities and uses are inconsistent with the purposes of this Easement and are expressly prohibited in perpetuity:

1. The legal or de facto subdivision, or other transfer or sale of any portion thereof or interest therein, of the Property for any purpose; provided, however, that the following shall not be prohibited by this paragraph: (a) a lease of a portion of the Property for agricultural use; or (b) the transfer or sale of all of the Property.
2. The construction, reconstruction, or replacement of any structure, facility or road, except as provided in Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Exhibit D of this Easement.
3. The establishment of residential, commercial or industrial uses outside of the building site envelope described in Exhibit F of this Easement; provided, however, that agricultural uses, as contemplated by the provisions of Exhibit D, shall not be considered commercial or industrial uses.
4. The filling, dumping, excavating, draining, dredging, mining, drilling, removing, or the exploring for or extracting of minerals, hydrocarbons, soils, sands, gravel, rock or any other material on or below the surface of the Property that is not directly related to accepted agricultural practices, except the extracting of water on or below the surface of the Property.
5. The dumping or other disposal of wastes, refuse, or debris on the Property, except for organic material generated or used for permitted agricultural uses on the Property.
6. Any uses or activities which would pollute or degrade the surface or sub-surface waters on or underlying the Property, except such uses or activities consistent with generally accepted, sound agricultural practices or otherwise permitted pursuant to this Easement.

7. Any use or activity that causes substantial degradation of topsoil quality.
8. Any commercial or for-profit recreational, educational or other nonagricultural use that disturbs or alters the current physical characteristics of the Property or requires surface alteration or other development of the Property, except as may otherwise be (a) expressly permitted pursuant to the provisions of this Easement or (b) approved by Grantee, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.