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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
(OAKLAND DIVISION)

RESOURCE RENEWAL INSTITUTE,
CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY,
and WESTERN WATERSHEDS PROJECT

Plaintiffs,

v.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, a federal
agency, and CICELY MULDOON, in her
official capacity as Superintendent of Point
Reyes National Seashore,

Defendants;

JULIE EVANS ROSSOTTI, DAN and
DOLORES EVANS, DAVID EVANS,
ROBERT McCLURE, TIM, TOM, and MIKE
KEHOE, ERNIE, ERNEST, and NICHOLA
SPALETTA, BETTY NUNES, and WILLIAM
and NICOLETTE NIMAN,

Intervenor-Defendants.

Case No.: 4:16-cv-00688-SBA

**DECLARATION OF JAMISON WATTS
ON BEHALF OF MARIN
AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUST IN
SUPPORT OF INTERVENOR
DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED

Action Filed: February 10, 2016

Date: November 9, 2016
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Dept.: 210, 2nd Floor,
1301 Clay Street, Oakland
Judge: Hon. Sandra B. Armstrong

1 I, JAMISON WATTS, declare as follows:

2 1. I am the Executive Director of Marin Agricultural Land Trust (“MALT”). I am
3 authorized by the board of directors for MALT to make this declaration in support of the
4 Intervenor-Defendants’ Opposition to the Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Injunctive Relief in the
5 above-captioned lawsuit.

6 2. Founded in 1980 by a broad coalition of ranchers, environmentalists, and community
7 leaders, MALT is a membership-based nonprofit organization dedicated to permanently protecting
8 Marin County farmland for farming and ranching. In doing so, MALT protects natural resources,
9 wildlife habitat, a family-based farming community, and a bounty of local food for generations to
10 come. As of 2016, MALT has invested over \$67 million to permanently preserve the agricultural
11 utility and natural resources on 78 Marin farms and ranches totaling 48,000 acres. We also work
12 with agricultural landowners and public and private partners to support and enhance agricultural
13 viability and sustainability locally and regionally.

14 3. Approximately half of the land in Marin, 167,000 acres, is in agricultural use,
15 including the approximately 32,000 acres in Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) and Golden
16 Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Agriculture in PRNS and GGNRA represent
17 approximately 17% of Marin County’s agricultural land base and 17% of the County’s agricultural
18 production. If these ranches disappear, we face losing the critical mass necessary to sustain
19 suppliers, processors, and other services crucial to the future of agriculture countywide. Such a loss
20 could devastate the remainder, including the farms and ranches served by MALT.

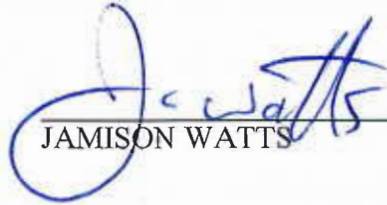
21 4. Land security is critical to both the economic and ecological health of an agricultural
22 operation. Land security, whether through agricultural conservation easements or long-term leases,
23 enables farmers and ranchers to invest in ranch improvements that make the land more productive
24 over the long term and protect sensitive natural resources. For this reason, MALT strongly supports
25 granting long-term leases to agricultural operators on Marin County’s public lands. Such leases are
26 a critically important next step toward obtaining financing for ongoing operations and
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1 improvements on PRNS ranches—investments that would almost certainly benefit the environment
2 on PRNS.

3 5. In and out of PRNS, Marin County is home to multi-generational, family-run farms
4 and ranches that yield a steady supply of sustainably raised local food and a picturesque working
5 landscape that draws visitors from all over the world. Point Reyes National Seashore, where all the
6 dairies are certified organic and the ranchers work closely with the Park Service to cooperatively
7 manage the land, is an example of how agriculture on public land can work well. There are few
8 places in the world where so much sustenance is achieved with such a soft touch on the land.

9 6. MALT unequivocally supports the continuation of sustainable farming and ranching
10 on PRNS and the GGNRA, where it has been an integral part of the landscape for more than 150
11 years.

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3 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the
4 foregoing is true and correct. Executed this date of September 13, 2016.
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