

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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SUBJECT: Moore/Bailey Agricultural Preserve Replacement Contract

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a date to consider the request of Alicia Harrison, Hatch and Parent, agent for Moore/Holser/Bailey Family, to consider Case No. 05AGP-00000-00038, one Agricultural Preserve Replacement Contract. The replacement contract involves Assessor's Parcel Nos. 093-070-018, -028, located southwest of the intersection of Pine and Bailey Avenues, in the Lompoc area, Fourth Supervisorial District. (SET ON ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA FOR JUNE 20, 2006)

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with actions required by law or by routine business necessity.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The subject property has been in an agricultural preserve (69-AP-058) since January 1, 1972. Due to inconsistency with the Uniform Rules which prohibit multiple ownerships under a single agricultural preserve contract, the Committee recommended that replacement contracts be submitted for contract 69-AP-058. The site is approximately 40 acres and is used for crops.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The Agricultural Preserve Uniform Rules require approval of any new contract and contract cancellations by the Planning Commission (PC) and the Board of Supervisors (BOS); contract non-renewals and replacement contracts require approval by BOS. Uniform Rule #8 prohibits parcels with different titles to be held under one contract.

As part of the APAC's function, parcels under contract are reviewed for conformance with the Uniform Rules when changes in title occur. In this case, the APAC recommended non-renewal of the agricultural preserve contract because while the Holser-Bailey family owned five parcels under one contract, each parcel was owned by different members of the family (so each parcel had different title). In addition, one parcel was sold to a developer (not a member of the family).

The underlying contract was non-renewed by the BOS on March 7, 2006. Following the action of non-renewal, two of the three replacement contracts (case nos. 05AGP-00036 and 00037) were approved by the BOS on March 7, 2006. In addition, the fifth parcel which is now owned by a developer, will not be re-entering into the agricultural preserve program.

Government Code §51200 (known as the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 or the Williamson Act) provides that local jurisdictions may establish an agricultural preserve program having the goal of retaining land in an agricultural use. The County of Santa Barbara has adopted such a program which is codified under the Agricultural Preserve Program Uniform Rules. Both the County's Uniform Rules and the Government Code provide that agricultural preserve contracts between the County and landowners are voluntary. Therefore, there are no state mandates associated with this program.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The costs associated with processing this replacement contract are offset by the \$1,326.00 processing fee required to be paid by the applicant per the Planning & Development adopted fee schedule.

Permit revenues are budgeted in the Permitting & Compliance Program of the Development Review, North Division on Page D-296 of the adopted 2005 – 2006 fiscal year budget.

Special Instructions:

N/A

Concurrence:

N/A

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