

**Santa Barbara County  
Land Development  
Fee Proposal  
Agricultural Preserve Fee  
Reinstatement**

**March 6, 2012**

# Agricultural Preserve Program

- Government Code §51200 et seq., aka the Williamson Act authorizes our agricultural preserve program.
- The goal of the agricultural preserve program is to retain land in an agricultural use.
- County Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves and Farmland Security Zones sets requirements contracted lands.
- Santa Barbara County has 1,300 agricultural preserve contracts of nearly 550,000 acres.

# Agricultural Preserve Fees

- County Uniform Rules for Agricultural require Agricultural Preserve Contracts review
- November 7, 2006 Agricultural Preserve Fees removed
- General Funds allocated to agricultural planning funded Agricultural Preserve contract work.
- If approved future work will be revenue offset

# Proposed Fees

Contract Type	Planning and Development
Assumption	\$350
New/Farmland Security Zones	\$1,500 Deposit
Modification/Replacement	\$1,500 Deposit
Rezone/Community Plan Change	\$1,500 Deposit

# Recommended Actions

- Adopt Resolution to amend Land Development Fees effective on May 5, 2012 (Exhibit A).
- Determine the activity to be exempt via 15273(a) and direct Staff to file the attached Notice of Exemption with the Clerk of the Board (Exhibit B).

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Conclusion