

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 2/14/02
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Placement: Departmental
Estimate Time: 15 Minutes
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Gail Marshall
Third District Supervisor

STAFF CONTACT: John Buttny, 686-5095

SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors Letter to California U.S. Senators regarding the 2002 Farm Bill

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached letter addressed to the California United States Senators in support of selected provisions of the federal 2002 Farm Bill.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

A Community that is Economically Vital and Sustainable.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

As of February 13, 2002, the United States Senate has completed work on their version of the 2002 Farm Bill. The next step in the progress of this legislation will be the forming of a conference committee that will then work on merging the House and Senate versions of the bill.

The purpose of the attached letter is to express support for selected elements of the bill that could contribute to the continued success and advancement of the county's farming and ranching industries.

The 2002 Farm Bill is a multi-hundred page legislative act that contains scores of provisions. Titles include Commodity Programs, Conservation, Trade, Nutrition, Credit, Rural Development, Research, Forestry and Energy. The letter we are asking you to approve does not seek to address the bill in its entirety. It focuses on specific locally relevant issues.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No change to programs or service level.

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Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

No fiscal or facilities impacts.

Special Instructions:

Upon execution of letter the Clerk of the Board shall send an original to United States Senator Barbara Boxer and Senator Dianne Feinstein and send a copy of the executed Board letter and Minute Order to U.S. Congressmembers Lois Capps and Elton Gallegly (all addressed envelopes are attached), John Buttny, in the Third District Office and Abe Leider in Planning and Development.

Concurrence:

N/A