



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Planning and
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: November 12, 2013
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Planning and Development
Director Glenn Russell, Ph.D., Director, 568-2085
Contact Info: Alice McCurdy, Deputy Director, 934-6559
Development Review Division
**SUBJECT: Kick On Ranch, LLC Agricultural Preserve Contract, Los Alamos area, Fourth
Supervisory District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute agricultural preserve replacement contract 11AGP-00000-00007, on a single 1,022-acre parcel (comprised of Assessor Parcel Numbers 101-080-092 and -099) located approximately 1 ¼ miles northeast of the intersection of Harris Grade Road and Highway 135, known as 825 Highway 135, in the Los Alamos area;
2. Execute the attached contract, included as Attachment 1 of this Board Letter, creating Agricultural Preserve, 11AGP-00000-00007;
3. Authorize recordation by the Clerk of the Board; and
4. Find that the proposed action is an administrative activity of the County, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and is therefore not a "project" as defined for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

Summary Text:

This parcel was originally part of Agricultural Preserve Contract 99-AP-006. The replacement contract is being requested due to the recordation of 05LLA-00000-00017 which adjusted the lot lines creating the 1,022-acre parcel. The proposed Kick On Ranch LLC Agricultural Preserve Replacement Contract (11AGP-00000-00007) would be a non-prime preserve consisting of one 1,022-acre legal parcel (comprised of two Assessor's parcels 101-080-092, and -099), located approximately 1 ¼ miles northeast of the intersection of Harris Grade Road and Highway 135, known as 7855 Old Careaga Ranch Road and 825 Highway 135, in the Los Alamos area, Fourth Supervisorial District (Attachment 3).

The parcels contain 10-acres of irrigated row crops, 980-acres of rangeland, and 30-acres of open space. The parcel is zoned AG-II-100 under the Land Use and Development Code. On December 7, 2012, the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee reviewed 11AGP-00000-00007 and determined that the replacement of an agricultural preserve contract is consistent with the Uniform Rules.

Background:

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 Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves and Farmland Security Zones. 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:

Budgeted: Yes

There are no fees associated with replacement agricultural-preserve contracts for applications accepted prior to May 5, 2012. The total estimated cost to process this agricultural preserve contract is approximately \$3,400, and is budgeted in the permitting program of the Department, as shown on page D-168 of the adopted 2013/15 FY budget.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board shall distribute copies of the recorded contract (with legal description and vicinity map) and Minute Order, as follows:

- David Villalobos, Planning and Development Department, Hearing Support
- Florence Trotter-Cadena, Planning and Development Department
- Assessor's Office
- Surveyor's Office
- Clerk Recorder's Office
- Owner: Mr. Steve Lyons, 3015 State Street, Suite D, Santa Barbara CA 93105

Attachments:

1. Agricultural Preserve Contract
2. Legal Description
3. Vicinity Map
4. CEQA Exemption 15378

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