



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 15, 2016
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: Jeff Wilson, Deputy Director, 934-6559
Development Review Division
SUBJECT: Henri Ardantz Agricultural Preserve Replacement Contract, Santa Maria area,
Third Supervisorial 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:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Agricultural Preserve Replacement Contract 15AGP-00000-00010, a single preserve of 116.17-acres (APNs: 113-090-024, -026, -029, and -031), located approximately one mile southwest of the intersection of Ray Road and Main Street, in the Santa Maria area;
- b) Execute the attached contract, included as Attachment 1 of this Board Letter, creating Agricultural Preserve 15AGP-00000-00010;
- c) Authorize recordation by the Clerk of the Board; and,
- d) 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). A CEQA exemption is included herein as Attachment 3.

Summary Text:

This property was originally part of Agricultural Preserve Contracts 70-AP-139 and 95-AP-013. The replacement contract (15AGP-00000-00010) is being requested due to the recordation of 04TPM-00000-00015 which subdivided 351 acres into three parcels. As a consequence of the subdivision, three replacement contracts (15AGP-00000-00009, 15AGP-00000-00010, and 12AGP-00000-00011) are being processed which would replace the original contracts 70-AP-139 and 95-AP-013.

The proposed Henri Ardantz Agricultural Preserve Contract (15AGP-00000-00010) would be a prime preserve of 116.17-acres comprised of multiple parcels (APNs: 113-090-024, -026, -029, and -031). The 116.17-acres preserve is used for row crops. The parcel is currently undeveloped. The project is located approximately one mile southwest of the intersection of Ray Road and Main Street, in the Santa Maria area, Third Supervisorial District (Attachment 4, Vicinity Map).

The property is currently zoned AG-II-40 under the Land Use and Development Code. On August 14, 2015, the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee reviewed 15AGP-00000-00010 and determined that this 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

The costs to process the project were borne by the applicant through the payment of processing fees. The total estimated cost to process this agricultural preserve contract is approximately \$3,500.00, and is budgeted in the Permitting Budget Program of the Planning and Development Department, on page D-289 of the 2016-17 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: Henri Ardantz, 2222 Arrowhead Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93455

Attachments:

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

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Development Review Division, Planning and Development Department

ATTACHMENT 1: Agricultural Preserve Contracts

ATTACHMENT 2: Approved Legal Descriptions

ATTACHMENT 3: CEQA Exemption

ATTACHMENT 4: Vicinity Map