



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Clerk, Recorder and Assessor
Department No.: 062
For Agenda Of: August 25, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Clerk-Recorder- Joseph E. Holland
Assessor
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SUBJECT: Williamson Act System Software Agreement

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the License Agreement for Williamson Act System Software, providing the County's Williamson Act System Software (referred to as the Ag Preserve Program) to the Kern County Assessor's office at no charge; and
- b. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the License Agreement for Williamson Act System Software with other counties under the same terms and conditions, with the concurrence of Risk Management and the Offices of County Counsel and the Auditor-Controller; and
- c. Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they consist of administrative activities of the County that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

The Assessor would like to provide the Kern County Assessor's Office with a copy of Santa Barbara's Williamson Act System Software, known as the "Ag Preserve Program" at no charge. Providing the Ag

Preserve Program to Kern, and potentially other California Counties, allows counties to share ideas and further develop the program potentially benefiting all user counties. Collaboration of counties can lead to greater system enhancements, performance and operating efficiencies on the mandated management of Williamson Act properties.

Santa Barbara Assessor will not provide any service to Kern County for the implementation, maintenance, support or updates to this software. Kern County Assessor will have the ability to use the software for the purpose it was designed and may enhance, alter or modify the code for their internal needs. Santa Barbara is providing no taxpayer information to Kern County.

Background:

The Ag Preserve Program is Santa Barbara County’s computer software used for the evaluation, assessment, tabulation and tracking of Williamson Act parcels within the County, as part of the mandate of the Assessor’s office. The system was developed internally by Department programmers and services of a private contractor. It was developed and designed to interface with our current Assessment Property System (APS), but the design and functionality can interface with other county systems.

Santa Barbara and Kern County Assessors have had a long history of sharing programs developed by each other. Santa Barbara Assessor currently uses a discounted cash flow program developed by Kern to value oil & gas properties. Previous to that program, both counties shared a different discounted cash flow program developed by a contracted petroleum engineer working for both Counties.

Performance Measure:

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Narrative:

Santa Barbara County will incur no increased costs in providing the Ag Preserve Program to Kern County.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Send copy of minute order to Wesley Welch in the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor and a copy of the fully executed contracts

Attachments:

License Agreement for Williamson Act System Software

Authored by:

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cc: