

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF REORGANIZING)
THE AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE) RESOLUTION NO: 07-____
ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

WHEREAS, in July 1967 the Board of Supervisors established the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee (the Committee) as the recommending body of the Santa Barbara County Williamson Act program, a program which the Board administers; and

WHEREAS, the Committee consisted of the Agricultural Commissioner, Agricultural Extension Service, Surveyor, Assessor, County Counsel, Division of Intergovernmental Services, and Planning; and

WHEREAS, there is no longer a Division of Intergovernmental Services, at one point the Clerk of the Board, the Parks department and the Office of Environmental Quality were apparently members but no longer attend and County Counsel has, at least in the last twenty five years, not voted; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors now desires to include members who represent and further the interests of Williamson Act contract holders, a specific economic interest, and these members are required to have the economic interest the member represents (or non contract holder representatives of agricultural production); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to reorganize the Committee to clarify the membership and include members who are Williamson Act contract holders (or non contract holder representatives of agricultural production); and

WHEREAS, Fair Political Practices Commission Regulation 18707.4 was adopted in an effort to reconcile the conflict of interest provisions of the Political Reform Act with other laws that require certain boards and commissions to include persons who represent a specific industry which the board or commission oversees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has conducted a duly noticed public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. The Committee is hereby reorganized and shall consist of the following, two of whom must be Williamson Act contract holders who must be appointed to represent and further the interests of Williamson Act contract holders (or non contract holder representatives of agricultural production):
 - a. Agricultural Commissioner

b. UCSB Cooperative Extension

c. Surveyor

d. Assessor

e. Planning and Development

f. Williamson Act contract holder (or non contract holder representative of agricultural production)

g. Williamson Act contract holder (or non contract holder representative of agricultural production)

h. Williamson Act contract holder, alternate, who will attend if one of the two contract holders are absent (or non contract holder representative of agricultural production)

3. The Committee serves as an advisory body for the County of Santa Barbara by providing recommendations to the decision makers on matters affecting Williamson Act contracts and its members serve at the pleasure of the Board.

4. An election of officers, consisting of at least a Chair, Vice-Chair and Recording Secretary shall take place at the first meeting occurring after the date of the Board of Supervisors action herein.

5. A quorum shall consist of 4 members.

6. The Agricultural Advisory Committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for appointments to the positions of Williamson Act contract holders (or non contract holder representatives of agricultural production)

7. The contract holders may participate only to the extent the decision of the Committee will financially affect the member's economic interest in a manner that is substantially the same, or proportionately the same, as the decision will affect a significant segment of the persons the member was appointed to represent. A significant segment constitutes fifty per cent of the persons the member was appointed to represent.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this ____ day of _____, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

BROOKS FIRESTONE
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:

MICHAEL F. BROWN

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

STEPHEN SHANE STARK
County Counsel

By _____
Deputy County Counsel

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