



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: October 13, 2009
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department: Planning & Development
Director: Glenn Russell, Director (568-2085)
Contact Info: Michael Hays, Agricultural Land Use Planner (934-6923)
Agricultural Land Use Planning Division
SUBJECT: **Rancho Feliz, LLC, New Agricultural Preserve Contract, Carpinteria area**

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:

Consider Case No. 09AGP-00000-00008 for approval of one new prime agricultural preserve contract for Rancho Feliz, LLC.

- A. Approve and direct execution and recordation by the Clerk of the Board of new contract 09AGP-00000-00008. The new contract involves Assessor's Parcel numbers 001-030-027 and -037, located at 6200 Casitas Pass Road, near Lillingston Canyon Road, east of the City of Carpinteria, First Supervisorial District.

Summary Text:

The subject property has been in the agricultural preserve program (68-AP-010) since December 9, 1968. The owner filed for non-renewal in 2007 and the existing contract is in non-renewal status. The owners are seeking to go back into the agricultural preserve program with a new agricultural preserve contract. Entering into a new contract will void the original contract. The new preserve will contain the same amount of land as the original preserve, 45.36 acres and is used for the production of avocados. On June 5, 2009, the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee found the project to be consistent with the Uniform Rules provided the "planner needs to verify that the house and garage are within 3% limitation and that the second house is occupied by a farm employee." Staff has since verified both items and the project 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

Fiscal Analysis:

There are no fees associated with agricultural preserve contracts. The cost for the contract review and preparation of this report is estimated to be \$1,824.00, and is budgeted in the Permitting & Compliance Program of the Development Review, South Division on Page D-308 of the adopted 2009–2010 fiscal year budget.

Special Instructions:

Please distribute copies of the recorded contract with attached legal descriptions and copies of the Board of Supervisors Minute Order as follows:

Stephanie Stark, P&D	Contract, Map
Assessor	Contract, Map
Surveyor	Contract
Clerk	Contract
Rancho Feliz, LLC	Contract, Map
6200 Casitas Pass Road	
Carpinteria, CA 93013	

Attachments:

1. Agricultural Preserve Contracts
2. Legal Descriptions
3. Vicinity Map

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