# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 568-2240 **Agenda Number:** 

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** 03AGP-00000-00004, Refugio Ranch, LLC Agricultural Preserve

Replacement Contract

### **Recommendation:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and direct execution and recordation by the Clerk of the Board of new replacement contract 03AGP-00000-00004, replacing a portion of the original Agricultural Preserve 98-AP-003. The replacement contract involves Assessor's Parcel No. 141-280-037, located at 350 S. Refugio Road, in the Santa Ynez area, Third Supervisorial District.

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with actions required by law or by routine business necessity.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The subject property has been in an agricultural preserve (98-AP-03) since January 1, 2000. The site is approximately 413.9 acres used for cattle grazing.

### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

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 Agricultural Preserve Program Uniform Rules. 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:**

The costs associated with processing this replacement contract are offset by the \$1,196.00 processing fee required to be paid by the applicant per the Planning & Development adopted fee schedule.

## **Special Instructions:**

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

P&D Contract, Map
Assessor Contract, Map
Surveyor Contract
Clerk Contract
Refugio Ranches, LLC Contract
Kevin Gleason
2802 Paces Ferry Road, S.E. Suite 200

Concurrence: N/A

#### **Attachments:**

1. Agricultural Preserve Contracts

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- 2. Legal Descriptions
- 3. Vicinity Map

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