



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: September 16, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: 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: Alice McCurdy, Deputy Director, 934-6559
Development Review Division
SUBJECT: Rancho San Fernando Rey Agricultural Preserve Replacement Contract, Santa Ynez 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:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute agricultural preserve replacement contract 12AGP-00000-00002, consisting of five parcels: 145-110-031 (4,178.40-acres), 145-130-034 (3,912.67-acres), 145-140-022 (10,036-acres), 145-160-090 (791.65-acres), and 145-170-037 (7,994.47-acres) for a total of 26,913.19-acres, located at 161 Paradise Road, in the Santa Ynez area;
2. Execute the attached contract, included as Attachment 1 of this Board Letter, creating Agricultural Preserve, 12AGP-00000-00002;
3. Authorize recordation by the Clerk of the Board; and
4. 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).

Summary Text:

This property was originally part of Agricultural Preserve Contract 69-AP-007. This preserve consisted of 10 parcels totaling approximately 30,000 acres. A lot line adjustment (94LLA-00000-00001) was approved in 2007. This lot line adjusted the parcel boundaries of three of the parcels thereby requiring replacement contracts.

The proposed Rancho San Fernando Rey Agricultural Preserve Contract (12AGP-00000-00002) would be a non-prime preserve of 26,913.19-acres comprised of five Assessor's parcels (145-110-031 (4,178.40-acres), 145-130-034 (3,912.67-acres), 145-140-022 (10,036-acres), 145-160-090 (791.65-acres), and 145-170-037 (7,994.47-acres), located at 161 Paradise Road, Third Supervisorial District (Attachment 3).

The premises contains 24,373-acres of cattle grazing and 2,539-acres of dry farm (Barley). The property has no structural or non-agricultural development onsite. The property is currently zoned AG-II-100 under the Land Use and Development Code. On May 4, 2012, the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee reviewed 12AGP-00000-00002 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 \$2,900.00, and is budgeted in the Permitting Program of the Planning and Development Department, as shown on page D-212 of the adopted 2014/16 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: C. Michael Cooney, Trustee, P.O. Box 5159, Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Attachments:

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

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ATTACHMENT 1: Agricultural Preserve Contracts

ATTACHMENT 2: Approved Legal Descriptions

ATTACHMENT 4: CEQA Exemption