



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Planning and
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: April 10, 2007
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: 2 minutes on 5/8/07
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department John Baker, Director
Director(s) Planning and Development
Contact Info: Zoraida Abresch, Deputy Director (934-6585)
Development Review - North County
SUBJECT: Wickenden Agricultural Preserve Replacement Contract, Santa Maria

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing on April 10, 2007 at the request of John Wickenden, agent for Wickenden Family Trust, to consider Case No. 05AGP-00000-00019 for approval of an agricultural preserve replacement contract.

At the May 8, 2007, hearing, the Board of Supervisors action should include the following:

- A. Approve and direct execution and recordation by the Clerk of the Board of new contract 05AGP-00000-00019 replacing a portion of the original Agricultural Preserve 70-AP-058. The replacement contract involves Assessor's Parcel No. 101-050-016 (portion of), located on the north side of Foxen Canyon Road, in the Santa Maria area, Fifth Supervisorial District. (SET ON ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA FOR May 8, 2007)

Summary Text:

A recent Certificate of Compliance (99-CC-053) modified the boundaries of the existing parcel thus causing the need for the replacement contract. No land under contract was removed as part of the approved Certificate of Compliance. The subject property has been in an agricultural preserve (70-AP-

058) since January 1, 1971. The site is approximately 312 acres and is used for dry farming and cattle grazing.

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 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:

Budgeted: Yes

The costs associated with processing this replacement contract are offset by the \$1,326.00 processing fee required to be paid by the applicant per the Planning & Development adopted fee schedule.

Fees were collected on this agricultural preserve in accordance with the Board Resolution in effect at the time of application submittal (2005). On November 14, 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved a revised fee schedule which eliminated specific categories of agricultural preserve application fees. This fee schedule went into effect on January 13, 2007 (60 days after approval).

Permit revenues are budgeted in the Permitting & Compliance Program of the Development Review, North Division on Page D-296 of the adopted 2006 – 2007 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:

P&D	Contract, Map
Assessor	Contract, Map
Surveyor	Contract
Clerk	Contract
John Wickenden	Contract, Map
5642 Antelope Trail	
Santa Maria CA 93455	

Attachments:

1. Agricultural Preserve Contracts

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2. Legal Descriptions
3. Vicinity Map

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