



**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: May 7, 2013
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
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: Acquistapace/Adam Agricultural Preserve Contract, Santa Maria area, Third
Supervisory 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 11AGP-00000-00026, on a single 40-acre parcel located at the intersection of Betteravia and Simas Roads, in the Santa Maria area;
2. Execute the attached contract, included as Attachment 1 of this Board Letter, creating Agricultural Preserve, 11AGP-00000-00026;
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 parcel was originally part of Agricultural Preserve Contract 70-AP-017. The replacement contract is being requested due to the recordation of 10TPM-00000-00004 which subdivided a 155.22-acre parcel into two currently existing parcels. The proposed Acquistapace/Adam Agricultural Preserve Replacement Contract (11AGP-00000-00026) would be a prime preserve consisting of one, 40-acre legal parcel (APN: 113-080-026), located at the intersection of Betteravia and Simas Roads, Santa Maria area, Third Supervisorial District (Attachment 3). The parcel is developed with an existing 920 square-foot farm-employee mobile home and existing equipment yard containing a 1,500 square-foot tractor barn, a 1,900 square-foot tractor barn, a 108 square-foot shed, a 700 square-foot shop, and two 36 square-foot sheds within the existing fenced equipment yard. This area totals approximately 2.71 acres. The balance of the parcel is cultivated in row crops. The parcel is zoned AG-II-40 under the Land Use and Development Code. On January 7, 2011, the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee reviewed 11AGP-00000-00026 and determined the replacement of an agricultural preserve contract is consistent with the Uniform Rules.

Background:

Government Code §51200 et seq. (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

There are no fees associated with replacement agricultural-preserve contracts for applications accepted prior to May 5, 2012. The total estimated cost to process this agricultural preserve contract is approximately \$2,428.00, and is budgeted in the Permitting and Compliance Program of the Development Review North Division, as shown on page D-138 of the adopted 2012/2013 fiscal year budget.

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: James Acquistapace, 1635 N. Blosser Road, Santa Maria CA 93458

Attachments:

1. Agricultural Preserve Contract
2. Legal Description
3. Vicinity Map
4. CEQA Exemption 15378

Authored by:

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Development Review Division, Planning and Development Department