



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** General Services  
**Department No.:** 063  
**For Agenda Of:** October 16, 2018  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District  
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**SUBJECT:** Farming License for San Ysidro Farms, Inc., on Flood Control Property in San Luis Obispo County (R/P File No.: 003834)

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Manager

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached original and duplicate original License Agreement (License) between San Ysidro Farms, Inc. (SYFI) and the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) for SYFI's right to farm 2.6 acres on a portion of District's land located in San Luis Obispo County (Attachment 1), for a period of three years, with one option to extend the License upon mutual consent for an additional three years, at an annual fee of Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,250.00); and
- b) Determine that the proposed activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land, since it consists of minor public or private alterations in the land for agricultural purposes and direct staff to file and post the attached Notice of Exemption (Attachment 4) on that basis.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the Board’s agenda in order to approve the License Agreement to allow SYFI to farm the District’s underutilized land, and generate annual revenue in the amount of Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,250.00), subject to an annual fixed 3% increase. The License will be for an initial term of three years, with one option to extend the term upon mutual agreement for an additional three years.

**Background:**

Santa Barbara County Flood Control District is the owner of an approximately 35-acre parcel of land (Attachment 3) located in San Luis Obispo County (SLO County), known as San Luis Obispo County Assessor’s Parcel Number 092-231-017, which borders Santa Barbara County and SLO County, near the Fifth Supervisorial District. SYFI is the owner of the adjacent parcel of land known as San Luis Obispo County Assessor Parcel Number 092-231-011 and is farming Santa Barbara County Assessor Parcel Number 117-020-031.

SYFI is a local farming company that farms the adjacent parcels and wishes to use a portion of the underutilized County-owned property to expand farming operations. SYFI farms grass-fed animals in a natural environment with space to roam, and has sold their products at the surrounding local farmers markets for about 18-years. The Premises (Attachment 2) SYFI wishes to farm is not currently needed for District purposes, nor will it be needed during the time of possession.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) 14 CCR Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land, the recommended action is exempt from CEQA review as is consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation for agricultural purposes. Furthermore, any future development that may occur on this parcel will be subject to the Development Review process and CEQA guidelines will be considered at that time in conjunction with any future proposed project.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Execution of this License will not cause any facilities impacts on the District and will support the District’s generation of revenue for Flood Control related projects. The received revenue will go into the Santa Maria Levee Flood Zone account.

**Special Instructions:**

After Board action, please distribute as follows:

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| 1. Copy of License                      | Clerk of the Board Files                 |
| Original and Duplicate Original License | General Services, Real Property          |
| 2. Copy of License and Minute Order     | Auditor-Controller, Attn: Betsy Schaffer |

**Attachments:**

1. License Agreement
2. Farmable Portion of District’s Parcel (the Premises)
3. SLO County APN 092-231-017
4. CEQA Notice of Exemption