

**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: John Baker, Director
Planning and Development Department

DATE: November 29, 2006

RE: Agricultural Preserve Contracts Non-Renewal Information

A number of agricultural preserve contracts are being considered by your Board on December 5 and 19, 2006. This memo is intended to provide an overall context for these requests for non-renewal and replacement contracts.

The following table shows the acreage under contract over the past ten years. The amount of land under contract this year is higher than ten years ago, but lower than the high period in 1998-

Year	Total Acreage under Contract
2006-2007	548,366
2005-2006	548,306
2004-2005	548,742
2003-2004	548,895
2002-2003	548,753
2001-2002	549,237
2000-2001	553,827
1999-2000	551,995
1998-1999	554,438
1997-1998	553,360
1996-1997	518,311

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACT ACREAGE

During 2006, about 10,938 acres were placed into non-renewal. In 2015, these lands will no longer be in contract. Between now and 2015, the amount of tax paid on the property will increase incrementally each year until full tax is paid in 2015 and subsequent years. Information about these non-renewals is provided in the attached chart.

The following is a list of the 11 non-renewals and 5 replacement contracts that will be heard by your Board on December 5th and 19th respectively.

Non-Renewals

December 5, 2006

06AGP-00000-00023	Vista De Lado
06AGP-00000-00025	DeBernardi
06AGP-00000-00026	DeBernardi
06AGP-00000-00027	DeBernardi
06AGP-00000-00028	Rancho La Laguna/Rancho San Juan
06AGP-00000-00029	McEnroe
06AGP-00000-00031	Diaz

December 19, 2006

06AGP-00000-00017	La Paloma Ranch
06AGP-00000-00018	La Paloma Ranch
06AGP-00000-00019	La Paloma Ranch
06AGP-00000-00024	Rancho Feliz

Replacement Contracts

December 5, 2006

05AGP-00000-00016	Wickenden
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December 19, 2006

06AGP-00000-00001	Del Giorgio Corporation
06AGP-00000-00002	Del Giorgio Corporation
06AGP-00000-00003	Del Giorgio Corporation
06AGP-00000-00022	Bliss Family Trust

The attached chart shows the effect of non-renewals over the past ten years as the non-renewals are completed. No lands are coming out of contract in 2006 or 2007, as no non-renewals were processed in 1997 or 1998. From 2008 to 2015, approximately 43,956 acres will come out of contract. Nearly half of this is from the non-renewals filed for Bixby Ranch in 2004. If no new contracts are created over the next nine years, approximately 504,000 acres would remain under contract in 2015.

Total Acreage Under Contract

