



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: June 21, 2011
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, PhD.
Contact Info: Agricultural Land Use Planning
Michael Hays, Agricultural Land Use Planner (934-6923)
SUBJECT: Rancho San Juan Inc. Agricultural Preserve Replacement Contract, Los Alamos area

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider Case No. 09AGP-00000-00029 for approval of one agricultural preserve replacement contract for Rancho San Juan Inc.

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute agricultural preserve contract 09AGP-00000-00029. The replacement contract involves Assessor's Parcel Numbers 133-110-062 and 133-110-064 located at the intersection of Foxen Canyon Road and Los Alisos Canyon Road, approximately 8 miles from Los Alamos, Third Supervisorial District.
- B. Authorize recordation by the Clerk of the Board.

Summary Text:

The 3,462.69 acre project site consists of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 133-110-062 (3,459.16 acres) and 133-110-064 (3.53 acres). Assessor's Parcel Number 133-110-062 is currently under contract (05-AP-010) and was part of a lot line adjustment (Case Number 06LLA-00000-00006) that recorded on December 18, 2008 as Instrument No.2008-0070073. The Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves and Farmland Security Zones requires the landowner to obtain replacement contracts for land currently enrolled in the Agricultural Preserve program. Assessor's Parcel Number 133-110-064 is currently under a different contract (portion of 71-AP-057A) that is in non-renewal. By obtaining a replacement contract, the landowner will be placing both parcels under one contract

and fulfilling a condition of the lot line adjustment. There is no change in the amount of contracted land as a result of this project. Both parcels are used for cattle grazing, dry farm crops and irrigated rotational crops. On October 1, 2010, the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee reviewed the project and found it to be consistent with the Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves and Farmland Security Zones.

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 with the intended goal of retaining land for long term 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 Analysis:

There are no fees associated with replacement contracts. The cost for the contract review and preparation of this report is estimated to be \$3,700, and is budgeted in the Agricultural Planning program on Page D-323 of the adopted 2010–2011 fiscal year budget.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board to distribute copies of the recorded contract (with legal description and vicinity map) and Minute Order, as follows:

- Stephanie Stark, Planning and Development Department
- Assessor's Office
- Surveyor's Office
- Clerk Recorder's Office
- Rancho San Juan Inc.
115 E. Micheltorena, #200
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Attachments:

1. Agricultural Preserve Contract
2. Legal Description
3. Vicinity Map

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