

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: 03AGP-00000-00011, Jackson Family Estates II Agricultural Preserve
Non-Renewal

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Accept the request for nonrenewal of Agricultural Preserve 90-AP-010, and;
- B. Execute the attached Notice of Nonrenewal by the County Land Conservation Contract for Assessor's Parcel Nos. 099-050-011, -012, and -014, located approximately 1 ½ miles southwest of the intersection of Alisos Canyon Road and Highway 101, known as 4603 Drum Canyon Road and 10020 Hwy 101 in the Los Alamos area, Third Supervisorial District

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with actions required by law or by routine business necessity.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On July 11, 2003, the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee acknowledged, by a vote of 4 to 0, (Baez absent), the submission of non-renewal of 90-AP-010 by the landowner. The effective date for nonrenewal of the contract will be December 31, 2003. The owners are requesting non-renewal of the contract due to future marketability of the property. The site is approximately 5,332 acres and has not been in cultivation for a number of years.

Section 51245 of the Government Code provides that if either the landowner or the County desires in any year not to renew an agricultural preserve contract, that party shall serve written notice of nonrenewal of the contract upon the other party in advance of the annual renewal date of the contract. The Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee's position is that while it does not encourage removal of property from preserve status, it recognizes that pursuant to the Uniform Rules of the County's Agricultural Preserve Program, nonrenewal is an accepted method for terminating a contract when the landowner chooses to withdraw from the program.

Mandates and Service Levels:

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:

The costs associated with processing this replacement contract are offset by the \$1,196.00 processing fee required to be paid by the applicant per the Planning & Development adopted fee schedule.

Special Instructions:

Please record the attached Notice of Nonrenewal by the Landowner following your Board's approval and execution, and distribute copies of the executed Notice as shown on the notice below.

Landowner: Jackson Family Estates II
421 Aviation Boulevard
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Planning and Development
Assessor's Office
County Counsel
Clerk-Recorder's Office

Concurrence:

N/A

Attachments: Notice of Nonrenewal
 Legal Descriptions
 Vicinity Map