



# 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:** December 9, 2014  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Planning and Development  
Director Glenn Russell, Ph.D., Director, 568-2085  
Contact Info: Alice McCurdy, Deputy Director, 568-2518  
Development Review Division  
**SUBJECT: Saarloos Agricultural Preserve Contract, Los Olivos area, Third Supervisorial District**

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**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:

Approve the creation of one new prime Agricultural Preserve Contract (Case No. 14AGP-00000-00019) as follows:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a new agricultural preserve contract, included as Attachment 1 of this Board Letter, creating Agricultural Preserve, 14AGP-00000-00019 consisting of one 98-acre parcel (APN: 133-151-077), located at 1 Zaca Station Road, in the Los Olivos area;
2. Adopt a resolution, included as Attachment 2 of this Board Letter, creating Agricultural Preserve 14AGP- 00000-00019; and
3. Determine that the project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15317, as specified in Attachment 3 of this Board Letter, dated December 9, 2014.

**Summary Text:**

The proposed Saarloos Agricultural Preserve New Contract (14AGP-00000-00019) would be a prime preserve consisting of one 98-acre parcel which is currently planted with vineyards, oat hay and is also used for cattle grazing. The parcel contains an agricultural reservoir used for frost protection. The parcel is zoned AG-II-100 under the County Land Use and Development Code Zoning Ordinance. On September 12, 2014, the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee found the new Agricultural Preserve contract consistent with the Uniform Rules.

**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 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

The costs to process the project were borne by the applicant through the payment of processing fees. The total estimated cost to process this agricultural preserve contract is approximately \$ 2,500.00, and is budgeted in the Permitting Program of the Planning and Development Department, as shown on page D-212 of the adopted 2014/16 FY budget.

**Special Instructions:**

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: Harvey and Susan Saarloos, 909 Blue Heron, Seal Beach, CA 90740

**Attachments:**

1. Agricultural Preserve Contract
2. Agricultural Preserve Resolution
3. CEQA Notice of Exemption
4. Approved Legal Description
5. Vicinity Map

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## **ATTACHMENT 1: Agricultural Preserve Contracts**

**ATTACHMENT 2: Agricultural Preserve Resolution**

### **ATTACHMENT 3: CEQA Notice of Exemption**

## **ATTACHMENT 4: Approved Legal Description**

## **ATTACHMENT 5: Vicinity Map**