



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Planning and
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: November 10, 2009
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. (568-2085)
Contact Info: Michael Hays, Agricultural Land Use Planner (934-6923)
Agricultural Land Use Planning Division
SUBJECT: Monty and Debra Holden New Agricultural Preserve Contract, Cuyama area

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:

Consider Case No. 09AGP-00000-00015 for approval of one new non-prime agricultural preserve contract for Monty and Debra Holden.

- A. Approve and direct execution and recordation by the Clerk of the Board of a new contract 09AGP-00000-00015 involving Assessor's Parcel Number 131-070-031, located at Pine Canyon Road, about 3 miles from Highway 166, west of Tepesquet Road in the Cuyama area, Fifth Supervisorial District.

Summary Text:

The subject property is 180 acres and is used for cattle grazing. On September 4, 2009, the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee reviewed the project and found it to be consistent with the Uniform Rules contingent upon planner verification of an agricultural operation on the property. Staff conducted a site visit and verified there is a legitimate cattle operation on site. Therefore the proposed project is considered 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 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

Fiscal Analysis:

There are no fees associated with agricultural preserve contracts. The cost for the contract review and preparation of this report is estimated to be \$2,280.00, and is budgeted in the Agricultural Planning program on Page D-323 of the adopted 2009–2010 fiscal year budget.

Special Instructions:

Please distribute copies of the recorded contract with attached legal descriptions and copies of the Board of Supervisors Minute Order as follows:

Stephanie Stark, P&D	Contract, Map
Assessor	Contract, Map
Surveyor	Contract
Clerk	Contract
Monty and Debra Holden	Contract, Map
P.O. Box 187	
Nipomo, CA 93444	

The Clerk of the Board shall forward a copy of the Minute Order to Planning and Development, Hearing Support Section, Attn: David Villalobos.

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 65355 and 65090, a notice shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation. The Clerk of the Board shall mail a notice to property owners within 300 feet of the project, including the real property owners, project applicant, and agencies expected to provide essential services shall be done at least 10 days prior to the hearing (Government Code Section 65091) and publish a notice in the Santa Barbara Daily Sound.

Planning & Development will prepare all final action letters and otherwise notify all concerned parties of the Board of Supervisor's final action.

Attachments:

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

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