



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: July 6, 2010
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: Bliss Agricultural Preserve Replacement Contract, Carpinteria 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-00000-00002 for approval of one agricultural preserve replacement contract for Terry G. Bliss and Patricia D. Bliss Family Revocable Trust.

- A. Approve and direct execution and recordation by the Clerk of the Board of contract 09AGP-00000-00002. The replacement contract involves 17.34 acres and includes Assessor Parcel Numbers 001-090-041 (15.15 acres), 001-090-043 (.53 acres) and 001-090-044 (1.66 acres). The project site is located at 6217 Casitas Pass Road, approximately 2 miles east of the City of Carpinteria, First Supervisorial District.

Summary Text:

The Agricultural Preserve contract is comprised of three Assessor Parcels and is planted with avocados. The parcels are under currently under an contract (76-AP-010) and the owner is seeking replacement contracts to fulfill a condition of approval for Lot Line Adjustment (06LLA-00000-00002). The Lot Line Adjustment was recorded on December 18, 2008. The Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee reviewed the project on May 1, 2009, and found it to be consistent with the Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves and Farmland Security Zones, contingent upon the conditions stated in the County Surveyor Memorandum, dated April 28, 2009 being met. The County Surveyor memo required quitclaim deeds be obtained to ensure ownership will be vested in the proper parties. The necessary quitclaim deeds have been obtained, therefore the project is considered to be 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 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 and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

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 \$3,646.00, and is budgeted in the Agricultural Planning program on Page D-323 of the proposed 2010–2011 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
Assessor
Surveyor
Clerk
Terry and Patricia Bliss
6217 Casitas Pass Road
Carpinteria, CA 93013

Contract, Map
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Attachments:

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

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