



Resource Management Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: December 17, 2024 - REVISED

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

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SUBJECT: Land Conservation Contracts and Contract Amendments

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the execution of amendments to the Land Conservation Contracts for Agricultural Preserve Enlargements and Reinstatements as listed on exhibit A.
2. Approve the execution of new Land Conservation Contracts for Agricultural Preserve Establishments; and
3. Authorize the Chair to sign the amendments to the Williamson Act Contracts and the new Williamson Act Contracts.

SUMMARY:

Twenty-six (26) new contracts and contract amendments are part of this consent calendar item. The Board of Supervisors approved the twenty (20) new Agricultural Preserves at a public hearing on November 5, 2024 and approved six (6) new Agricultural Preserves at a continued hearing on December 3, 2024.

The new and amended Land Conservation Contracts will affect a total of 3,677+ acres.

The deadline for filing applications for establishment of Agricultural Preserves and Farmland Security Zones is August 31st of each calendar year. A public hearing before the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider and approve new or enlarged Agricultural Preserves. The landowners shall enter into contracts with the County agreeing to abide by the Uniform Rules of the preserve as established by the Board of Supervisors. The deadline for the return of properly executed contracts is October 15th of each calendar year.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net Cost to the General Fund to process applications as the applicant pays a flat fee to cover staff costs when establishing, expanding and/or reinstating Agricultural Preserves (\$1,000) and Williamson Act/Land Conservation Act Contracts (\$500) plus a \$10 computer maintenance fee per application.

The County of Tulare recaptures a portion of forgone general fund tax revenue by increased assessments under AB 1265. These AB 1265 charges are now greater than the forgone annual subvention payments. Nevertheless, there will be an undeterminable but limited reduction in property tax revenue.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the "Economic Well Being Initiative – New agricultural preserves will continue to protect the County's agricultural economy, and to promote the continuation of the agriculture, by creating flexibility for farmers, while implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Aaron R. Bock

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Assistant Director
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Michael Washam, A.C.E.
Associate Director

/s/ Reed Schenke

Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment: Exhibit A – Schedule of Attachments
(Draft Contracts and Graphics)