

County of San Luis Obispo

Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board



Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board (ALAB)

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DATE: September 14, 2011

TO: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: ALAB Recommendations Regarding Williamson Act Funding, Program Changes to Eligibility Standards, and Implementation of AB 1265

ALAB members have discussed the latest local and statewide developments regarding the Williamson Act funding options for the past several months. On September 12, 2011, ALAB members received input from the Assessor's Office regarding potential property tax increases associated with the implementation of AB 1265. ALAB members continue to support maintaining the program to ensure the ongoing protection of agricultural and open space resources and recommend that the Board of Supervisors:

- Maintain the status quo of backfilling Williamson Act subvention funding,
- Consider changes to program eligibility standards as presented by the Planning Department, and
- Not implement AB 1265

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Dee Lacey

cc: Warren Hoag
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