



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

DATE: APRIL 30, 2012
TO: AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE REVIEW COMMITTEE
FROM: TERRY WAHLER, SENIOR PLANNER, CURRENT PLANNING
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEM - ANNUAL WILLIAMSON ACT PROGRAM ACTIVITY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011.

SUMMARY:

At the last meeting (August 29, 2011) APRC members requested that staff provide information about the past year's non-renewal activity. In response staff is providing annual activity statistics for 2011 today at the first meeting of 2012.

RECOMMENDATION:

Evaluate the activity statistics provided below and discuss the implications for the program.

DISCUSSION:**Background**

The information included below is based on the annual Subvention Report provided to the State of California Department of Conservation by the Assessor's office. Planning Department staff and the Assessor staff work together throughout the year to develop prime and non-prime acreage information for new land conservation contracts, amendments to contracts, non-renewals and public acquisition activity as part of the annual Subvention Report. Although the State has retracted Williamson Act Subvention funding to local jurisdictions in past years, the county is continuing to report program activity to support the state-wide program.

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| New Contracts: | 1,573 acres |
| Contracts Entering Non-renewal: | 734.5 acres |
| Expiring Non-renewals: | 78 acres |
| Public Acquisition: | 0 acres |