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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo**

MEETING DATE: November 10, 2015

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Brian Foss, Planning Director

SUBJECT: Public hearing to consider the nonrenewal of a Williamson Act Contract for an Agricultural Preserve, for Ms. Miriam Liskin, on a 23.82 acre parcel located at 21012 Bald Ridge Drive, Penn Valley.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution to issue a notice of nonrenewal for a Williamson Act Contract.

FUNDING: The nonrenewal of the Williamson Act Contract would result in an increase in the assessed value of the property.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution for issuance of a Notice of Nonrenewal
2. Agricultural Preserve Contract AG89-08
3. Recommendation of the Agriculture Advisory Commission
4. Liskin Notification letter
5. 2013 Agricultural Survey

BACKGROUND: The Agricultural Preserve Contract for APN 50-400-04 was originally established by Resolution No. 90-93, on February 27, 1990. The property owners, at the time, were Lance and Gay Columbel. The current contract number for the parcel is AG89-08.

Resolution 88-36, of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, established the criteria for Agricultural Preserves within the County. Section VI.8.(C) states that failure to show an annual gross profit of \$3,000.00 derived from agricultural production on the property is cause for the Board of Supervisors to consider cancellation or nonrenewal of the contract.

On September 11, 2013, the Nevada County Agricultural Commissioner's office received a returned survey, regarding the Williamson Act Contract on APN 50-400-04, from the current property owner, Miriam Liskin, stating that she was not farming or ranching as a business, on the property.

On June 30, 2015, the Nevada County Agricultural Commissioner's office sent a certified letter to Ms. Liskin, notifying her that her Williamson Act Contract was being considered for non-renewal by the Agricultural Advisory Commission. In August of 2015, Agricultural Department staff drove by the subject parcel to verify if agricultural

operations were being conducted. There did not appear to be any commercial agricultural operations occurring on the parcel.

On August 25, 2015, those members present at the Nevada County Agricultural Advisory Commission (AAC), voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the issuance of a notice of nonrenewal for Agricultural Preserve contract AG89-08. No opposition to the action by the property owner was received.

CONCLUSION: Since APN 50-400-04 does not meet the minimum criteria for an Agricultural Preserve as adopted by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, staff recommends that the County of Nevada issue a notice of non-renewal regarding Williamson Act Contract AG89-08.

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