

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AN ) RESOLUTION NO. 91-537  
AMENDMENT TO THE SANTA BARBARA ) CASE NO. 81-GP-3  
COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY )  
ADOPTING A NEW AGRICULTURAL )  
ELEMENT )  
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WITH REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING

A. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara adopted a Comprehensive Plan comprised of separate and distinct Elements for the County of Santa Barbara.

B. Agriculture is the largest production industry in Santa Barbara County. The County is moving away from animal industries and dry farming to more intensive types of farming which greatly increase the income potential of agricultural acreage.

C. Agriculture offers employment opportunities for a wide range of skills, education and experience.

D. Agriculture is a major component of the local economy that gives diversity and stability to our County and State economies. Santa Barbara County numbers 16th in gross agricultural value in the State of California and 28th nationally.

E. Agriculture conserves and maintains the open space value of lands in a manner which constitutes important physical, social, economic and quality of life assets to existing or pending urban development.

F. Agricultural lands are necessary for the maintenance of the economy of the State and for the assurance of the continued availability of land for the production of foods and fiber, for scenic enjoyment and conservation of natural resources.

G. The rural area provides important watershed and recharge areas for the County.

H. Considerable scientific evidence suggests that increased vegetation reduces global warming.

I. The promotion of the viability of agriculture is in the best interests of the citizens of the County.

J. California agriculture, including, Santa Barbara County agriculture, represents a significant supply of year-round food and fiber for the United States population.

K. It is now deemed in the interest of the orderly development of the County and important to the preservation of the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of said County to adopt the following new Agricultural Element of the Comprehensive Plan incorporated by reference as shown in attached Board of Supervisors Exhibit 1.

L. Public officials and agencies, civic organizations, and citizens have been consulted on and have advised the Planning Commission on the said new Agricultural Element in a public hearing pursuant to Section 65353 of the Government Code, and the Planning Commission has sent its written recommendations to the Board pursuant to Section 65354 of the Government Code.

M. This Board has held duly noticed public hearings, as required by Section 65355 of the Government Code, on the new Agricultural Element, at which hearings the Element was explained and comments invited from the persons in attendance.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

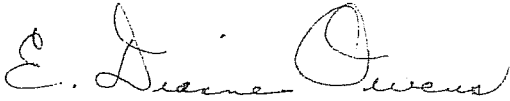
1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 65356 of the Government Code, the above-described change in the Comprehensive Plan are adopted as a new Element.
3. Pursuant to the provision of Government Code Section 65357, the chair and the Clerk of this Board are hereby authorized and directed to sign and certify all documents and other materials in accordance with this Resolution to show the above-mentioned action by the Board.
4. Pursuant to the provision of Government Code Section 65357, the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to send endorsed copies of said Resolution to the planning agency of each city within this County.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of September,  
1991, by the following vote:

AYES: Ochoa, Rogers, Wallace, Owens, Stoker

NOES: None


ABSENT: None



Chair, Board of Supervisors

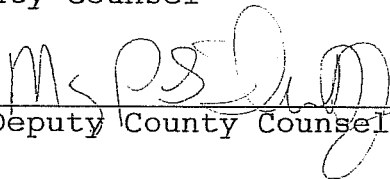
ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By   
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Nawi  
County Counsel

By   
Deputy County Counsel