



PROCEDURES FOR FILING NOTICE OF NONRENEWAL OF LAND CONSERVATION (Williamson Act) CONTRACTS

1. **GENERAL COMMENTS** - If the landowner desires in any year not to renew the land conservation contract, the landowner shall serve written notice of nonrenewal of the contract upon the Board of Supervisors 90 days in advance of the annual renewal date of the contract. Unless such written notice is served by the landowner's at least 90 days prior to the annual renewal date, the contract shall be considered renewed as provided in Section 51244 or 51244.5 of the Government Code.
2. **FILING NOTICE** - A written notice must be signed by the owner(s) of the contracted land and filed with the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.
3. **RECORDING NOTICE** - Within 20 days of receipt of a correctly filed written notice, the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors will record with the County Recorder a copy of the Notice of Nonrenewal and notify the County Assessor, the Planning Services Division, and the property owner of the recording.
4. **NOTICE TO STATE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION** - The Clerk to the Board of Supervisors will provide a copy of the Notice of Nonrenewal to the Director of Conservation within 30 days of receipt of correctly filed written notice.
5. **EFFECT** - Upon filing Notice of Nonrenewal, the contract will remain in effect for the balance of the period remaining (approximately 9 years) except that taxes will gradually increase towards full unrestricted value. Contact the County Assessor's Office to determine the rate and amount of any tax increase.

NOTE: Notice of Nonrenewal forms are available at the Department of Resource Management, Planning Services Division. It is recommended the form be returned to the Planning Services Division to be checked for completeness prior to filing with the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors for recordation.