September 1, 2015

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxton Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Agricultural Preserve Boundary Maps
(Fiscal Impact: None) All S.D.s

Pursuant to Section 51237 of the State of California Government Code, whenever an agricultural preserve is established, and so long as it shall be in effect, a map of such agricultural preserve and the Resolution under which the preserve was established shall be filed and kept current by the city or county with the County Recorder. Section 51237.5 further requires that on or before the first day of September of each year, each city or county in which any agricultural preserve is located shall file with the Director of Conservation a map of each city or county and designate thereon all agricultural preserves in existence at the end of the preceding fiscal year.

The Kern County Agricultural Preserve Boundary maps for all 20 of the existing preserves are updated annually. These maps reflect all changes and alterations that have occurred within the agricultural preserve boundaries that were approved by your Board during the past year. The County is required to send a complete set of updated agricultural preserve boundary maps to the Director of the State Department of Conservation at this time each year, and actions recommended below will ensure that this requirement is satisfied.

As previously stated, these maps are a compilation of revisions to the agricultural preserve boundary maps resulting from your Board's approval of various projects during the past year. In preparing the updated maps for your Board's confirmation, Staff has considered the applicable provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines. Based upon the information contained in the record to date, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, evaluation of this project does not require the preparation and review of an environmental document.
IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board adopt the necessary resolutions confirming the boundaries of each of the 20 agricultural preserves, direct the Clerk of the Board to record the resolutions and direct the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of each resolution and map to the State of California, Director of Conservation.

Sincerely,

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cc  County Administrative Officer
    County Counsel
    Development Services Agency
    Grand Jury
NOTE:
Sections within Rancho
boundaries are projected only!