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December 13 , 1999

Agenda: January 25, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

SUBJECT: Pinto Lake County Park Farming Lease

Dear Members of the Board:

On September 21, 1999 your Board directed the Parks Department to return on this date with a discussion on the terms of the Pinto Lake County Park farming lease. As your Board will remember, the County entered into this lease on June 1, 1998 for a term of 5 years ending June 1, 2003. The lessee, Lakeside Organic Gardens, was chosen after a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued. The lease allows for use of the 25 acres of undeveloped land at Pinto Lake County Park for organic farming purposes.

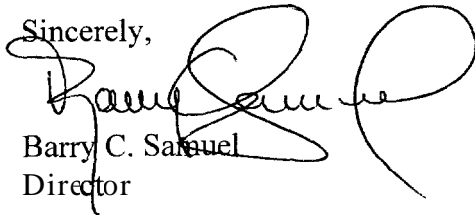
The Lessee pays the County \$15,000 per year (\$600/acre) for use of the premises. Use of the premises is defined as planting, growing and harvesting of organically grown row crops and other purposes normally incident to such purposes. The Lessee is responsible for securing any and all permits and/or approvals required for such use. The Lessee is allowed to use water from Pinto Lake for irrigation purposes but is responsible for obtaining any necessary permits or approvals required to pump water from the Lake. In the event of a drought the Lessee shall no longer be allowed to draw water from Pinto Lake.

Under the current terms of the lease, effective June 1, 2000, the County can cancel the lease on 3 months advance written notice, for any reason except to lease the land for agricultural purposes to another company. In addition should the Lessee default in the performance of any covenant, condition, or agreement contained in the lease the Lessors may terminate the lease and regain the premises.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board accept and file this report.

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Sincerely,



Barry C. Samuel
Director

RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

cc: CAO, Auditor-Controller, County Counsel, POSCS