

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AGENCY

**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Submittal Date February 21, 2001  
Meeting Date March 6, 2001

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Marcia Raines, Director of Environmental Services *MR*  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution rescinding California Land Conservation (Williamson Act) Contract and replacing it with an Open Space Easement, pursuant to Government Code Section 51255 (Assessor's Parcel Number. 087-220-080; Address 130 Hildebrand)

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the President to enter into an agreement to rescind a California Land Conservation (Williamson Act) Contract and replace it with an Open Space Easement, pursuant to Government Code Section 51255, for Assessor's Parcel Number 087-220-080

**BACKGROUND**

Report prepared by Terry Burnes, Planning Administrator, Telephone 650-363-1861

Applicant Michael McCracken

Owner Michael McCracken et al

Location 130 Hildebrand, La Honda

APN: 087-220-080

Parcel size 40 acres MOL

Existing Zoning Resource Management (RM)

General Plan Designation: Open Space

Existing Land Use. Single family residence

Environmental Evaluation: Categorically exempt under Class 17, which includes " . the acceptance of easements . in order to maintain the open space character of the area."

## DISCUSSION

### **1. The California Land Conservation (Williamson) Act.**

The California Land Conservation Act, also known as the Williamson Act, allows the County to enter into agreements with landowners whereby the owners restrict use of their property in accordance with the terms of the agreement. In San Mateo County, these restrictions generally repeat or parallel the limitations of the applicable zoning district, in this case the Resource Management (RM) District. In return, the owners pay reduced property taxes for the life of the contract.

The contract is a ten-year, annually renewing contract. Unless the owner files for non-renewal of the contract, it automatically renews each year for an additional ten-year period. Upon filing for non-renewal, the contract runs for a final ten-year period.

### **2. Owners have filed for non-renewal.**

On November 2, 2000, the owners filed for non-renewal of the Land Conservation Contract in question. If no other action is taken, the contract will expire on April 11, 2011. At that point only the normal zoning controls would apply to the property.

### **3. Authority to replace a Land Conservation Contract with an Open Space Easement.**

Government Code Section 51255 authorizes the County and the property owner, upon their mutual agreement, to replace a Land Conservation Contract with an Open Space Easement, “ provided that the easement is consistent with the Williamson Act (this chapter) for the duration of the original Williamson Act contract. . . this action may be taken notwithstanding the prior serving of a notice of nonrenewal . . .”

The owner has requested that the County agree to replace the existing Land Conservation Contract with an Open Space Easement. According to Government Code 51255, the basic finding, which the Board must make, is that the easement is consistent with the Williamson Act.

### **4. Owner’s objective.**

The owner’s objective with regard to this property is to subdivide it into two approximately equal parcels, construct a second home and jointly manage the two resultant properties as a wine grape vineyard. This plan and its feasibility are addressed in the attached Agricultural Land Management Plan prepared by the owner’s consultants. The joint agricultural management plan would be formally implemented through CC&Rs and other mechanisms which would be imposed at the time of subdivision.

The property would qualify for two density credits, allowing two parcels and two homes, except for the existing Land Conservation Contract. The County’s RM density calculation regulations limit land under such a contract to one density credit per every 40 acres. Thus, the owner desires to utilize the procedures in Government Code Section 51255 to replace the Williamson Act contract with an equivalent Open Space Easement, which would not have that effect.

**5. Provisions of proposed Open Space Easement.**

The owner proposes that the Open Space Easement would be more protective of the property in two ways First, it would run for a longer term than the ten years remaining on the Land Conservation Contract The owner proposes 30 years, but would accept a longer term Second, it will restrict use of the property to a more limited subset of 14 of the 28 uses allowed by the current contract and the underlying zoning

**6. Benefit to the County.**

Given that the owners have filed for non-renewal of the Land Conservation Contract, the open space protections of that contract would expire in ten years At that point, the property could be subdivided as proposed, and the property would be eligible for the full set of 28 uses allowed by the RM zoning By substituting an Open Space Easement now, with a substantially longer term and a more restricted list of allowed compatible uses. the property would appear to be better protected in the long term

**7. Required finding.**

The proposed Resolution incorporates language to the effect that the proposed Conservation Easement is consistent with the Williamson Act, as required by Government Code Section 51255.

**REVIEWING AGENCIES**

County Counsel

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Resolution.
- 2 Recission of Land Conservation Contract
- 3 Open Space Easement
- 4 Location map
- 5 Application
- 6 Agricultural land management plan

**COPIES**

County Counsel  
Owner/Applicant  
Chair, San Mateo County Agricultural Advisory Committee  
Lennie Roberts, Committee for Green Foothills

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RESOLUTION NO \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESCISSION OF A LAND  
CONSERVATION CONTRACT AND SIMULTANEOUS EXECUTION  
OF A GRANT OF OPEN SPACE EASEMENT PURSUANT  
TO THE OPEN-SPACE EASEMENT ACT OF 1974**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, on April 3, 1990, the County entered into a Land Conservation Contract covering certain land described therein (the "Property"), which contract was recorded in the Official Records of the County of San Mateo on April 11, 1990, as Document No 90048334, and

**WHEREAS**, on October 27, 2000, the owners of the Property served a notice of non-renewal of such contract pursuant to Government Code section 51245; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Government Code section 51255, the current owner of the Property, Ruiz Real Estate Ventures O P , LLC, has made application to simultaneously rescind the Land Conservation Contract and enter into a Grant of Open Space Easement, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Grant of Open Space Easement would benefit the County in that (1) it would secure enforceable open space restrictions on the Property for a minimum period of thirty (30) years, and (2) it would prohibit uses that, while allowed by the underlying zoning, would be inappropriate for the subject Property, and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code section 66474 4 provides that non-prime agricultural land subject to a Williamson Act contract, or a successor Open Space Easement, may be

subdivided into parcels less than forty (40) acres in size upon a finding that the resulting parcels can nevertheless sustain an agricultural use, and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has presented evidence, in the form of a document entitled Willow Spring Vineyard Agricultural Land Management Plan, dated February 2001, demonstrating that a viable vineyard operation can be carried out on non-prime soils on the site notwithstanding that the portion of the Property to be used for a vineyard is less than forty (40) acres in size, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the proposed Grant of Open Space Easement and desires to enter into same,

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the President of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement Rescinding Land Conservation Contract and the Grant of Open Space Easement as presented, and the Clerk of the Board shall attest to his signatures thereto

2 That the Board hereby finds, pursuant to Government Code section 66474.4, and based on evidence presented in the Willow Spring Vineyard Agricultural Land Management Plan and oral testimony presented at the hearing of this matter, that the parcels that would result from the proposed subdivision can sustain an agricultural use notwithstanding that the agricultural use would be carried out on non-prime land less than forty (40) acres in size

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RECORDING REQUESTED BY  
AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO

**AGREEMENT RESCINDING LAND CONSERVATION CONTRACT  
IN ORDER TO SIMULTANEOUSLY ENTER INTO A GRANT OF  
OPEN SPACE EASEMENT PURSUANT TO THE  
OPEN-SPACE EASEMENT ACT OF 1974**

This AGREEMENT RESCINDING LAND CONSERVATION CONTRACT ("Agreement") is made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2001, by and between the COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, a political subdivision of the State of California ("County"), and RUIZ REAL ESTATE VENTURES O P , LLC ("Owner")

**RECITALS**

A Owner is the legal owner of certain real property situated in the County of San Mateo, as particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Property")

B On April 3, 1990, Owner's predecessors in interest in the Property and County entered into a California Land Conservation Contract, No AP 89-2, pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act, Government Code section 51200 et seq , which contract was recorded in the Official Records of the County of San Mateo on April 11, 1990, as Document No. 90048334

C On March 6, 2001, by Resolution No \_\_\_\_\_, the Board of Supervisors determined to simultaneously rescind the above-referenced Land Conservation Contract in order to simultaneously enter into a Grant of Open Space Easement, as authorized by Government Code section 51255

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises contained herein, and for other valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows

**AGREEMENT**

1 California Land Conservation Contract No AP 89-2, recorded in the Official Records of the County of San Mateo on April 11, 1990, as Document No 90048334, as it effects the Property described in Exhibit "A," is hereby rescinded

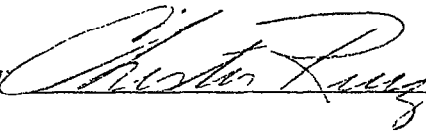
2 This Agreement shall become effective if and only if, a Grant of Open Space Easement effecting the Property is entered into by and between the County and Owner and recorded in the Official Records of the County of San Mateo

3 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written

Dated 02/22/2001

RUIZ REAL ESTATE VENTURES O P , LLC  
A Limited Liability Company ("Owner")

By 

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael D Nevin, President  
Board of Supervisors

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12/23/99

EXHIBIT "A"  
Legal Description

The real property is situated in the County of San Mateo, State of California and is described as follows:

PARCEL I

Parcel "A" as shown on that certain map entitled "Parcel Map of Resubdivision of the South ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 14, T7S, R4W, MDB&M, being a portion of the lands described in 4744 O.R. 195, San Mateo County, California," filed in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California on November 26, 1973, in Volume 23 of Parcel Maps at page 4.

APN 078-220-080



## GRANT OF OPEN SPACE EASEMENT

This Grant of Open Space Easement is made this \_\_\_ day of March, 2001, by and between Ruiz Real Estate Ventures O P , LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, (“Grantor”) and the County of San Mateo, a political subdivision of the State of California, (“Grantee”)

### RECITALS

- A The property which is the subject of this grant is located in unincorporated San Mateo County, State of California, described generally as San Mateo County Assessor Parcel No 078-220-080, more particularly described in Exhibit A hereto (“the Property”)
  - B The Property possesses natural, scenic, open space and agricultural values which are worthy of long-term preservation pursuant to the California Open Space Easement Act of 1974, California Government Code § 51070 et seq (“The Act”)
  - C It is the intention of Grantor to grant to Grantee an Open Space Easement on, over, and across the Property pursuant to the Act
- NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

### AGREEMENT

- 1 **Purpose of Easement.** The purpose of this grant is to preserve the natural, scenic, and open space character of the Property for public use and enjoyment and the agricultural values of the Property for sustained agricultural use

- 2     **Acceptance By Grantee.** By accepting this grant, Grantee agrees to honor the intentions of Grantor and to act in a manner consistent with the purposes of this grant and to preserve and protect for the term of this easement the conservation values of the Property
- 3     **Grant of Easement.** In consideration of the above and the mutual covenants, terms, conditions and restrictions contained in this grant, and pursuant to the laws of California, and, in particular, the Open Space Easement Act of 1974, Grantor voluntarily grants to Grantee an Open Space Easement in the Property for a period of not less than thirty (30) years, subject to the terms of this grant. Every year on a specified date, a year shall be automatically added to the term of this grant deed unless a notice of non-renewal is given as provided in § 51091 of the California Government Code
- 4     **Covenants.** The Property shall be used by Grantor and Grantor's successors only for those purposes that will maintain the open space character of the Property and the agricultural viability of the Property. Specifically, Grantor and its successors shall not do, cause, or permit any use of the Property for any purposes except as is consistent with the stated purposes, terms, conditions, restrictions and covenants of this Open Space Easement and the provisions of the Act. Further, of the twenty eight uses otherwise permitted under section 6315 of the San Mateo County Zoning Regulations, only the agricultural, residential, recreational and commercial uses listed in subsections [a],[b],[c],[d],[f],[g],[h],[i],[j],[k],[l],[m],[n],[o],[p],[q],[r],[s],[t],[u],[v] and [x] and section 6316 [second dwelling units] shall be permitted under this easement. All other uses listed in section 6315 are expressly prohibited. Further,

the property shall not be subdivided except as allowed under the County's density calculation procedures and as authorized by the County pursuant to a vesting tentative map, which Grantor intends to prepare and submit to the County at a future date. [ This grant contemplates that such submittal shall occur in calendar year 2001 Failure by the Grantor to submit a map in this time frame shall not, however, void its right to do so in later years ]

5 **Reservation of Rights.** Grantor reserves the right to all uses and occupancy of, and ingress and egress to and from, the Property in any manner consistent with the purposes, terms, conditions, restrictions, and covenants of this granted Open Space Easement

6 **Right To Prevent Prohibited Use.** Grantor grants to Grantee and Grantee's successors and assigns, for the duration of this grant, the right, but not the obligation, to prevent or prohibit any activity that is inconsistent with the stated purposes, terms, conditions, restrictions, or covenants of this grant, and the right to enter the Property for the purpose of enforcing this right

7. **Enforcement.** Any act or any conveyance, contract or authorization, whether written or oral, by the Grantor which uses or would cause to be used or would permit use of the Property contrary to the terms of this grant will be deemed a breach hereof The Grantee may bring any action in court necessary to enforce this grant, including, but not limited to, injunction to terminate a breaching activity and to force the restoration of all damage done by such activity, or an action to enforce the terms and provisions hereof by specific performance Any forbearance on the part of the Grantee to enforce the terms and provisions hereof

in the event of a breach shall not be deemed a waiver of Grantee's rights regarding any subsequent breach. Any individual citizen may also bring an action in law or equity to enforce this grant. It is understood and agreed that the enforcement proceeding provided in this paragraph is not the exclusive remedy for the Grantee or other enforcing party and that Grantee, or other enforcing party, shall have sole discretion to determine the remedy sought in a such a proceeding.

8 **Acts Beyond Grantor's Control.** Nothing contained in this instrument may be construed to entitle Grantee to bring an action of enforcement against Grantor for any injury to or change in the Property resulting from causes that are beyond Grantor's control, including, without limitation, fire, flood, storm, earth movement, vandalism or any prudent or reasonable action undertaken by Grantor in emergency situations to prevent or mitigate significant damage or injury to the Property resulting from such causes.

9 **No Authorization For Public Trespass.** The granting of this Open Space Easement and the acceptance by Grantee do not authorize, and are not to be construed as authorizing, the public or any member of the public to enter, trespass on, or to use all or any portion of the Property, or as granting to the public or any member thereof any interest or legally cognizable rights in or to the Property.

10 **Costs, Taxes and Liabilities.** Grantor retains all responsibility and shall bear all costs and liabilities of any kind concerning the ownership, operation, and maintenance of the Property.

11 **Condemnation.** If an action in eminent domain or condemnation of any interest in the Property is filed, or if the Property is acquired for public improvement by a

public agency, these restriction shall be null and void as to the interest in the Property actually condemned or acquired. However, all conditions, restrictions and covenants of this grant shall be in effect during the pendency of such an action, if such an action is abandoned before the recordation of a final order of condemnation, any portion of the Property that is not actually acquired for public use shall once again be subject to all of the terms, conditions, restrictions and covenants of this grant. Grantor shall be entitled to an amount of compensation as if the Property had not been burdened by this Open Space Easement, consistent with §51095 of the California Government Code.

- 12 **Liability And Indemnification.** This grant is made and accepted upon the express condition that the Grantee, its agencies, departments, officers, agents, and employees are to be free from all liability and claim for damage by reason of any injury to any person or persons, including Grantor, or property of any kind whatsoever and to whomsoever belonging, including Grantor, from any cause or causes whatsoever, except matters arising out of the sole negligence of the Grantee, while in, or upon, or in any way connected with the Property, Grantor hereby covenanting and agreeing to indemnify and hold harmless the Grantee, its agencies, departments, officer, agents, and employees from all liability, loss, cost, and obligations on account of or arising out of such injuries or losses however occurring. The Grantee shall have no right of control over, nor duties and responsibilities with respect to, the Property which would subject the Grantee to any liability occurring upon the land by virtue of the fact that the right of the Grantee to enter the land is strictly limited to preventing uses inconsistent with the

interest granted and does not include the right to enter the land for the purposes of correcting any dangerous condition as defined by the California Government Code Section 830.

- 13 **Amendment.** This Open Space Easement may not be amended in whole or in part as to any term, condition, restriction or covenant without the prior written consent of grantee.
- 14 **Successors and Assigns.** This grant and each and every term, condition, restriction and covenant of this grant is intended for the benefit of the public and is enforceable pursuant to provisions of the Act. This grant binds Grantor and Grantor's successors and assigns and constitutes a servitude on the Property that runs with the land.
- 15 **Liberal Construction.** This Open Space Easement is to be liberally construed in favor of the Grantee in order to effectuate the purposes hereunder and the policies and purposes of the Act.
- 16 **Severability.** If any provision of this grant is found to be invalid, or if the application of this grant to any person or circumstance is disallowed or found to be invalid, the remainder of the provisions of this grant will be effective and shall remain in full force and effect.
- 17 **Controlling Law.** This grant is to be interpreted, enforced, and performed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
- 18 **Entire Agreement.** This agreement sets forth the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the Open Space Easement and supercedes all previous conversations, negotiations, understandings, settlements, or agreements related to

this Open Space Easement

19 **Enforceable Restriction.** This Open Space Easement is intended to constitute an enforceable restriction pursuant to the provisions of the California Constitution, Article VIII, Section 8, and Sections 402 1 and 421 through 423 3 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code

20 **Counterparts.** The parties may execute this instrument in two or more counterparts, which shall, collectively, be signed by all parties. Each counterpart shall be deemed an original instrument as against any party who has signed it. In the event of any discrepancy between the counterparts produced, the recorded - counterpart controls

DATED February 27, 2001

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Grantor, Ruiz Real Estate Ventures O P , LLC

By 

Chester Ruiz, Member

#### ACCEPTANCE OF OPEN SPACE EASEMENT

Pursuant to the Open Space Easement Act of 1974, the County of San Mateo hereby accepts this Grant of Open Space Easement

DATED February \_\_, 2001

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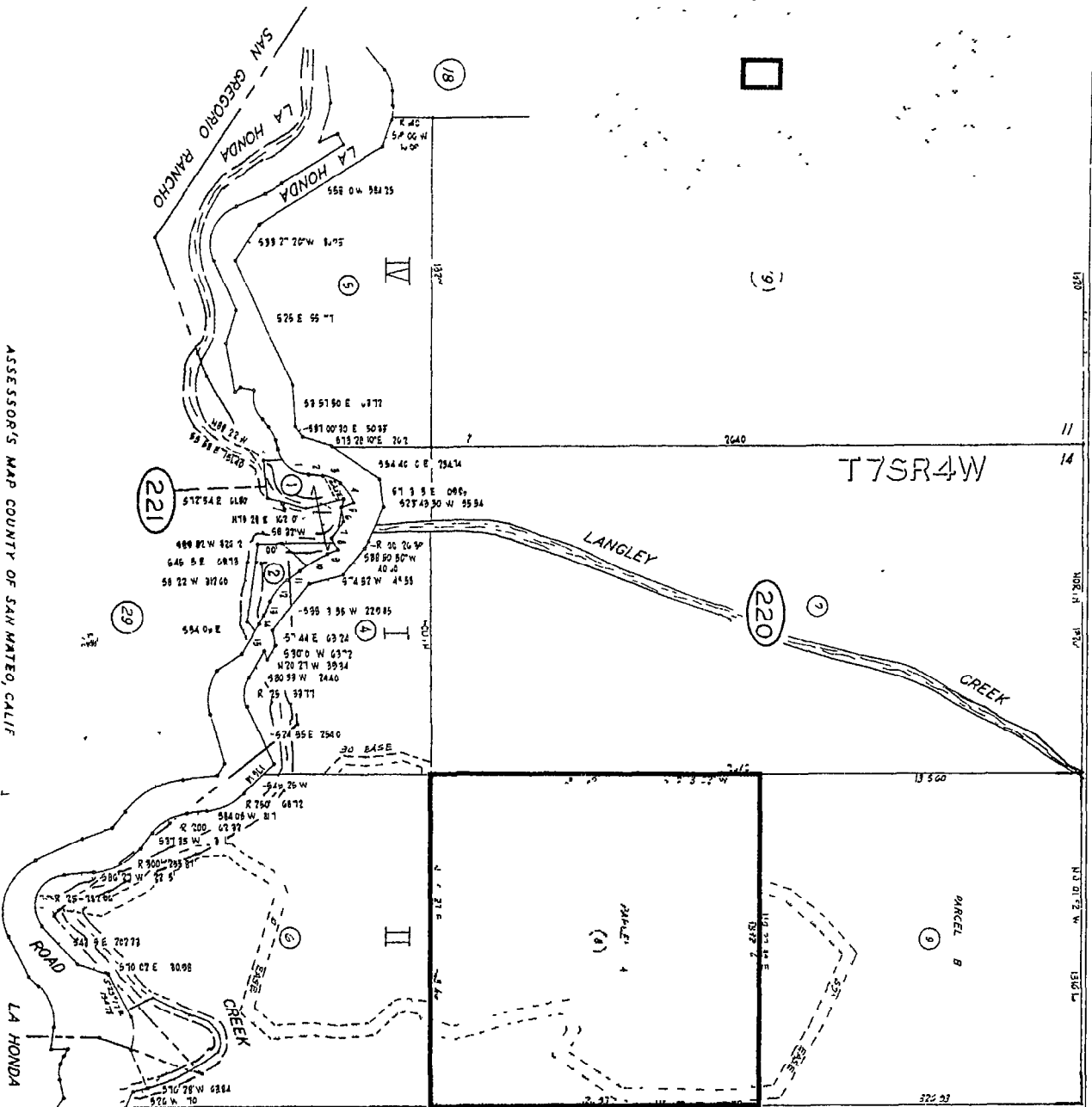


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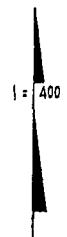
ASSESSOR'S MAP COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, CALIF

PARCEL MAP VOL 20/4  
 LA HONDA PESCADERO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



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TAX CODE AREA  
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Attachment 4



**McCracken, Byers & Haesloop**

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JILL BRIGGS

February 5, 2001

**APPLICATION TO COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO RESCIND  
LAND CONSERVATION CONTRACT  
AND SIMULTANEOUSLY ENTER INTO  
OPEN SPACE EASEMENT**

**INTRODUCTION**

My wife and I are the co-owners of a ± 40 acre parcel on Highway 84 (Woodside/La Honda Road) between Skylonda and La Honda. We have been working several years to acquire this parcel, develop a vineyard on it, and build our permanent home.

There is presently a California Land Conservation Contract (also referred to as a "Williamson Act Contract") recorded on the property. In order for my wife and I to effect our plans, we need to replace this contract (which now has a ten (10) year life) with another recorded land conservation instrument -- an Open Space Easement -- which will have a minimum twenty (20) year life. Please consider this letter my formal application to do so.<sup>1</sup>

**LEGAL AUTHORITY; FINDINGS**

The land use restrictions contained in a Land Conservation Contract are virtually identical to those contained in an Open Space Easement. The **purposes** to be achieved by these two devices -- preservation of land for future agricultural and open space use -- are also identical. The only legal finding you are obligated to make is that the requested conversion from Land Conservation Contract to Open Space Easement be "consistent with the Williamson Act" (Government Code §51255(a)). Our proposal meets this consistency test on either of two grounds. (1) it creates viable agricultural production on the property where none has existed in the past (the attached ALMP documents this fact, and the farming community who is supporting this application will attest to it), and (2) under California law, vineyard property is characterized as prime agricultural land, thus allowing subdivision into parcels of ten (ten) acres or more. Our

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<sup>1</sup> The law permits such a procedure. I have thoroughly discussed this, many times, with Mike Murphy and Terry Burnes, both of whom are well-versed on the facts and law.

President Nevin and Honorable Board Members  
February 5, 2001  
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proposal calls for two twenty acre parcels

Furthermore, from a strictly preservationist viewpoint, our proposal is an improvement over the status quo. The existing Land Conservation Contract has an existing life of ten (10) years. The Open Space Easement we propose will have a minimum **twenty** (20) year life.

### ATTACHMENTS

A ALMP This document, with attachments, (1) compares existing uses of the property with proposed uses, (2) summarizes soil, water, slope and climate conditions relative to a vineyard, (3) addresses land management practices (e.g., drainage, soil conservation, erosion control), and (4) provides legal mechanisms (e.g., deed restrictions) to bind future owners to the operation and maintenance of the vineyard.

B PRELIMINARY VESTING TENTATIVE MAP (Attachment A to ALMP) Under the Resource Management District ("RMD"), we are entitled to two density credits<sup>2</sup>. We propose to subdivide the ± 40 acre parcel into two ± (20) acre parcels, with the vineyard spanning both parcels. Our oldest son will build a home on one of the parcels for us, and a home on the other parcel for resale. We will construct a barn, and appurtenant agricultural structures, on one or both of the parcels. The attached Preliminary Vesting Tentative Map, prepared by my surveyor, Rick Skierka, outlines the two proposed parcels in relation to the vineyard.

C PROPOSED OPEN SPACE EASEMENT (DRAFT) This instrument (in draft form), if approved, will supplant the existing Land Conservation Contract. It complies in all respects with the Open Space Easement Act of 1974, Calif. Gov't Code §§51070 et seq. Prior to the hearing on this application, I will have thoroughly discussed this instrument with your Planning Director and County Counsel.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Very truly yours,

McCRACKEN, BYERS & HAESLOOP



MICHAEL D. McCRACKEN

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<sup>2</sup>Please note: This property is **not** in the California Coastal Zone.

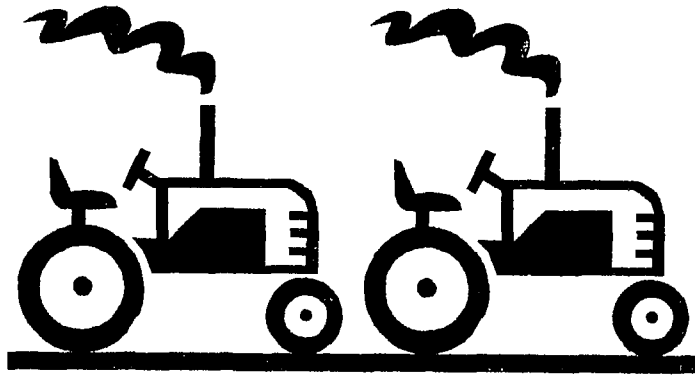
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Attachments

cc Terry Burnes, Planning Director  
Michael Murphy, Assistant County Counsel  
Jack Olson, Executive Director, San Mateo County Farm Bureau

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# Willow Spring Vineyard Agricultural Land Management Plan



Consultants  
Jack Olsen  
Jim Pratt  
February 2001

## I. INTRODUCTION

This Agricultural Land Management Plan ( ALMP or the Plan ) describes a proposed vineyard operation on the property (± 40 acres, zoned Resource Management ( RM ) with a density of 2 units) located off Highway 84 between Skylonda and La Honda. Existing agricultural uses on the property are non-existent [According to aerial photographs and local memories, the property has never been used for agricultural production.]

The Plan is based on a ten (10) acre operation. Budget and cash flow projections have been calculated on ten (10) acres. However, the property may very well allow for additional acreage, and neighboring landowners have expressed an interest in adding their acreage to the operation. Although the Plan is based on ten (10) acres, it allows for the planting of less acreage in the initial year with additional acres to be added in later years. The Plan anticipates cultivation and planting to begin in late Spring or early Summer of this year 2001.

## II. SUMMARY OF VINEYARD PROPOSAL

The proposed area for Willow Spring vineyard is located one half mile north of the town of La Honda, with access off State Highway 84. The property is a forty-acre parcel made up of gentle to fairly steep slopes and several areas of flat to gentle rises. Upon review of records it appears that the only agricultural use over the last fifty years has been limited livestock grazing. There are ten to twelve acres of this parcel that show potential for vineyard development. Varieties to be planted include Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer, Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel will be tried to determine if they can be economically produced on this site. With the planting of wine grapes, we will be able to increase the agricultural productivity of this parcel over ten fold.

## A. Soil, Slope, Water, and Climatic Conditions

The soils on this parcel are of the Sweeney Series (Soil Survey-SAN MATEO AREA, CALIFORNIA-Series 1954 No 13 Sheet #23 & #27 Page #6 & 34) Sweeney Series soils tend to be well drained and fertile. Due to the slope Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) personnel will review the site and offer direction on the best management practices for vineyard development. Soil testing will be done at the end of the rainy season to determine specific requirements needed on this site.

Slope on this site varies from almost flat to very steep. NRCS will work to develop a plan to protect the soil resources and prevent erosion on the site. Planting will occur on the lower, more level areas to protect the soil resources of this site. Use of these areas will help to keep the economic viability of this project in check. Utilization of the lower more level areas will reduce the need to develop terraces on steeper slopes and alter the natural topography of the parcel. In the future, there may be economical ways to protect soil resources and provide for the cultivation of grape vines on some of the more steep areas of this parcel. At this time development of these areas is cost prohibitive.

There are two existing wells on the parcel. Normal planting will be in the neighborhood of one thousand vines to an acre. It takes seventeen gallons per minute to irrigate one acre. The production of the two wells onsite appear to more than adequate to provide the water needed for irrigation and domestic use. NRCS and our vineyard consultant, Jim Pratt of Cornerstone Certified Vineyard will work to design and develop a drip irrigation system to ensure the most efficient and economical water use available. There may be a future need to develop water impoundments on the site but not at this time.

The climate of this area is a class two or three region. This translates into a cool to slightly warm growing area. The varieties of wine grapes best suited for and area of this type are Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer, Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel will also be tied at this location. Review of the weather data from the Woodside and San Gregorio

weather stations will be considered and reviewed to help establish choices of varieties to be planted. Test plantings of selected vines will also occur throughout the life of this vineyard. This particular area may have a select microclimate that will yield some of the more difficult varieties. The area is also situated so as to not require a frost protection system, thus reducing significantly the amount of water need as part of this operation. (UC Davis Statewide Integrated Pest Management Project. California Weather Data, WOODSIDE A, CIMIS station #96 Woodside SNGRGORO C, NCDC #7807, San Gregorio)

### **B. Operational Requirements**

The operational requirements for this operation will be minimal. Please review the attached outline of requirements for the first two years. Jim Pratt of Cornerstone Certified Vineyard, prepared this outline. NRCS will prepare written assessments of all drainage control measures, irrigation system requirements, soil conservation practices, and erosion control measures to be implemented as part of this project. All pesticide use will be done under Integrated Pest Management Project guidelines. This program will be reviewed and regulated by the San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. All agricultural chemical storage and applications will be done according to state and local regulation. Disposal of all waste from this site will be done in accordance with all rules and regulations. Most labor will be provided by an existing local farming operation. This particular operation conducts most of its farming activities at cycles different than a vineyard, enabling the existing labor force to be employed at times when they would not otherwise have been. The contract farmer has adequate housing for the labor force required.

### **C. Vineyard Management**

The owner of the property will have direct control over management of the agricultural operation. Jim Pratt will serve as the vineyard development consultant. Dominic Muzzi, a local farmer, will act as grower and farm manager.



He will oversee the onsite activities relative to the land preparation and actual planting on the parcel. There are five to ten acres on an adjacent parcel that may be developed at the same time. Development cost is an economy of scale. With the inclusion of the neighbors property there will be additional and substantial savings on the installation costs. Mr. Pratt will work with the owner to secure a contract for the sale of the grapes to a winery for end processing.

### **III. ELEMENTS OF ALMP**

#### **A. Existing and Historical Agricultural Use.**

Review of NRCS aerial photos back to 1948 show no sign of planted crops on this site. The only agricultural activity has been the limited grazing of livestock on this parcel. Conversations with many residents that have lived in the area for much longer also substantiate this fact.

#### **B. Suitability of Property For Short-Term and Long-Term Vineyard Operations.**

Development of a vineyard is an expensive venture. Costs can run up to \$30K per acre. Most costs occur in the first two years of operation, and must be recouped over the next six to eight years. . The development of a vineyard is a long-term program—profits are not realized until the fifth or sixth years of operation—but proper installation and maintenance will increase the likelihood of success on a long term investment.

#### **C. Soil, Water, Slope and Climatic Conditions.**

See above discussion in Summary and Attachments A, C, and D.

#### **D. Operational Requirements.**

See above discussion in Summary and Attachment B.

#### **E. Owner's Legal Responsibilities For Long Term Management and Operation.**

It is the owner's intent to subdivide the ±40 acre parcel into two ±20 acre parcels. The vineyard operation would span both parcels (See attached preliminary Vesting Tentative Map, Attachment D). As a condition to subdivision approval, the owner will agree to prepare and record deed restrictions obligating future owners of both parcels to the long-term operation and maintenance of the vineyard. These deed restrictions will first be submitted to your County Counsel and Planning Director for approval. These deed restrictions coupled with the twenty (20) year or more Open Space Easement recorded against the property will assure that future owners of the parcels shall not utilize the property for any purposes inconsistent with the Open Space Easement Act, the Williamson Act, and the Open Space Easement

### **IV LEGAL AUTHORITY**

#### **A. Agricultural Land Management Plan.**

Technically speaking, because this agricultural operation is located in the Resource Management District (as opposed to the Planned Agricultural District), there is no legal requirement to prepare an ALMP. However, we have chosen to do so as proof of both the legitimacy and viability of the vineyard operation. Because all elements of an ALMP must, of necessity, be addressed for purposes of evaluating the feasibility of a vineyard it makes good sense to present this information in the form of this ALMP.

## B. Open Space Easement

There currently exists on the property a California Land Conservation Contract entered into pursuant to Government Code 51200 et seq (also known as the Williamson Act .) As noted above, notwithstanding the existence of this contract the prior owners of this property have never conducted agricultural operations on the property. As a necessary first step in developing the vineyard operation we have applied to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to rescind the existing Land Conservation Contract (which has a ten (10) year life) and replace it with a twenty (20) year or longer Open Space Easement, pursuant to the California Open Space Easement Act (California Government Code 51070 et seq ). To approve our application to rescind the existing contract and replace it with the Open Space Easement requires a single legal finding namely that the Open Space Easement is consistent with the Williamson Act (Government Code 51255(a)) As this ALMP demonstrates, and as the San Mateo County farm community and Farm Bureau will attest, the vineyard operation to be conducted under this Open Space Easement not only is 'consistent with the Williamson Act it enhances the agricultural productivity of this property by many magnitudes This Open Space Easement goes even one step further however **it will substantially restrict uses of the property beyond those permitted in the existing Land Conservation Contract and the underlying RM zoning district**, thereby assuring that future use of the property will be consistent with the purposes and goals of both the Williamson Act and the Open Space Lands Act

## ATTACHMENTS TO ALMP

- A. Soils
- B. Vineyard Development Procedures; Timetable
- C. Weather Data, Temperature Readings
- D. Preliminary Vesting Tentative Map, with  
Vineyard Location and Photographs
- E. Open Space Easement [draft]
- F. Consultants, Advisors

EXHIBIT **A**

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Butano, and Vaqueros formations with smaller areas of basic igneous rocks and one area of acid igneous rocks.

Soil associations have been mapped principally on the basis of soil differences that are related to differences in parent rocks. Soils on sedimentary rocks make up two different associations because there are differences in slope in depth and in kind of soil. The following four soil associations have been mapped and described in the uplands.

- 1 Hugo-Butano Steep and very steep, brownish moderately deep and deep soils on sedimentary rocks under coniferous forest
- 2 Miramar-Sheridan Steep and very steep, dark-colored, shallow to deep soils on acid igneous rocks under shrubs and forest
- 3 Sweeney-Mundego Sloping to very steep, dark-colored, moderately deep soils on basic igneous rocks under grass or forest.
- 4 Lobitos-Santa Lucia-Gazos Sloping to very steep, grayish-brown very shallow to deep soils on sedimentary rocks under shrubs and grass with some trees

### *Hugo-Butano*

The Hugo-Butano soil association consists of well-drained to somewhat excessively drained soils on sedimentary rocks. The soils are predominantly steep and very steep. The forests consist of Douglas-fir, redwood, and a few hardwood trees. Elevations range from near sea level to about 2,400 feet, and the average annual rainfall averages from 35 to more than 45 inches.

The Hugo-Butano soil association occupies about 38 percent of the survey area. It is the most extensive association. It covers most of the southern part of the county, including nearly all of the Skyline crest, and in a few places dips down along coastal drainageways to the lower terraces. The Butano soils occur around Butano and Pescadero Creeks and extend southward.

The principal soils are of sandy loam or loam texture. Sandy loams predominate in the Skyline area, and loams, in the vicinity of La Honda and southward. Most of the soils are deep, ranging in depth from 36 to 60 inches.

The Hugo soils are on the less siliceous sediments of the Butano, Purissima, and Vaqueros formations, where they are closely associated with the Josephine soils. The soils of both the Hugo and Josephine series have a brownish surface soil, but the Hugo soils have a yellowish-brown subsoil, nearly uniform texture throughout, and occupy exposed, steep and very steep slopes. The Josephine soils have a reddish-yellow subsoil of clay loam and occupy concave and protected slopes. The Butano soils are on siliceous shales of the Monterey formation; they have a brownish profile with slightly finer texture in the subsoil than in the upper horizons, and they are strongly acid above the parent rock.

A small acreage of soils developed on basalt or on alluvium has been included in this association. A significant acreage of very shallow, steep, brush-covered soils with conspicuous "chalk cliffs" of Monterey shale is also included. These denuded and sparsely vegetated spots probably resulted from severe erosion in the distant past. Possibly, the erosion was accelerated by fires. Further evidence of severe erosion in these areas is the prevalence

of alluvium from Monterey shale along the southern coastal terraces. A few isolated areas of soils of the Cavazos, Gazos, Lobitos, Los Gatos, and Santa Lucia series also occur. Along Alpine Road east of the Skyline crest, is a deep soil on somewhat soft parent material. This area has hardwood vegetation with a few scattered conifers.

The best use of the Hugo-Butano soil association area is for timber production. Trees mature in about 80 years. Nearly all the forests have been logged at least once, and second-growth stands of timber are common. Forest regeneration is fairly good, although in some areas brush and undesirable hardwoods constitute a large proportion of the stand. A few of the more gently sloping areas have been cleared and are being used for grazing. Housing developments occupy some of the wider ridgetops near the Skyline crest.

### *Miramar-Sheridan*

The Miramar-Sheridan soil association consists of well-drained to somewhat excessively drained soils developed from acid igneous rocks. The soils occur on predominantly very steep slopes that have sharp, narrow ridgetops and on precipitous slopes on either side of the principal ridges. The vegetation consists of shrubs and some grasses, although sites that are sheltered from the wind have coniferous forests at higher elevations. Elevations range from sea level to about 2,000 feet. The average annual rainfall at the summit ranges from 22 to about 45 inches. This association is in the northern uplands and occupies less than 5 percent of the survey area.

The Miramar soils are on the windward, western slopes under shrub vegetation. They are moderately developed and have a surface soil of grayish-brown coarse sandy loam and a subsoil of brownish sandy clay loam. Reaction is slightly acid throughout. The Sheridan soils occupy leeward, very steep, east-facing slopes near the crest of the mountains and have coniferous vegetation. They have a very dark grayish-brown, neutral surface soil and brown, slightly acid subsoil, the texture throughout is coarse sandy loam.

At the base of the western slopes, a few very narrow valleys extend upward into the mountains. Soils on the narrow alluvial plains in these valleys are members of the Farallone series. They are included in the Miramar-Sheridan soil association because of their limited extent.

Some marketable timber is produced on the eastward slopes at high elevations. Because of the steep terrain and high rainfall, however, use of the land for watershed purposes is more important. At lower elevations, a few of the less sloping sidehills and ridges have been cleared. These are used to some extent for hay and range. Shrubs encroach rapidly, and abandoned fields and ranges are soon revegetated with coyotebrush, poison-oak, wild hick, and other woody plants. Periodic fires in the uplands have destroyed vegetation and have resulted in considerable sheet erosion.

### *Sweeney-Mundego*

The Sweeney-Mundego soil association consists of well-drained to somewhat excessively drained soils on basic igneous rocks. The soils are steep or very steep and are on rounded, sloping and moderately steep ridgetops and



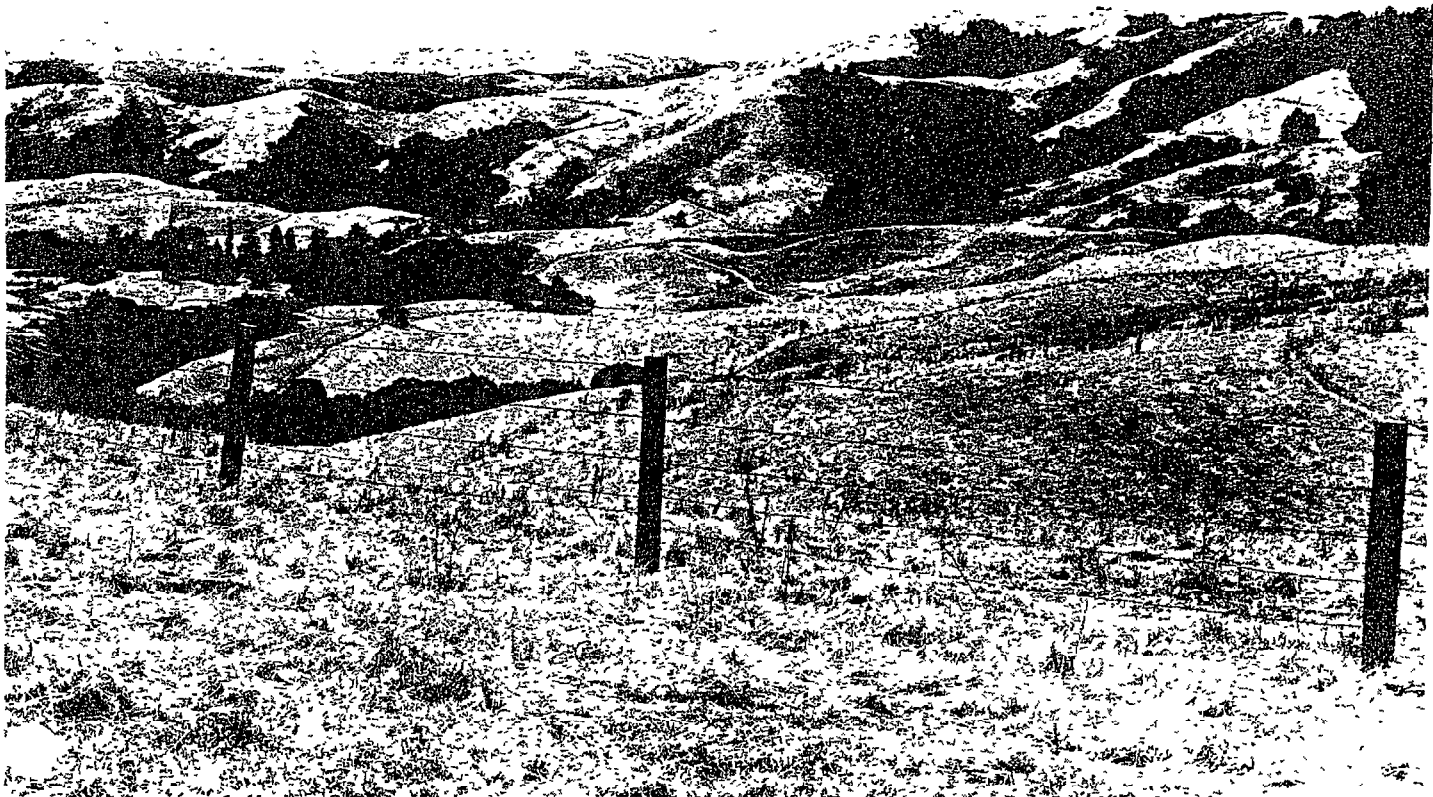


Figure 6.—View near La Honda, about 1,500 feet above sea level Hugo, Sweeney, Laughlin, and Santa Lucia soils

t slopes (fig 6) The higher areas have grass vegetation, with some shrubs and hardwoods on sheltered and north-facing slopes The deep canyons, where more moisture is present, are covered with redwood, Douglas-madrone, and tanbark-oak Elevation ranges from about 1,000 to 2,000 feet, and the average annual precipitation, from 30 to 45 inches The soils are moderately porous or deep.

This association is mainly in the central eastern uplands near the Mindego and Langley Hills and La Honda Ridge in a small area north of Pilarcitos Lake It occupies less than 7 percent of the survey area.

The Sweeney soils are somewhat more extensive than the Mindego soils They are on the warmer and windier northern and western slopes, on the crests of ridges, and especially on the dry sites at high elevations Their surface soil is dark grayish-brown, slightly acid clay loam and the subsoil is similar to the surface soil but is slightly more textured in the upper part and grades to neutral, sandy loam above the parent rock The Mindego soils are in very steep, protected, deep canyons underiferous forests Less evaporation occurs in these canyons than in more exposed places, and fogs and mists are prevalent The soils are similar to the Sweeney soils in many respects but they are very dark grayish brown and have a thicker, neutral surface soil and a more clay subsoil

The Sweeney soils are associated with Montara soils in extreme northern corner of the survey area The

Montara soils are shallow and stony They were developed on serpentine rocks under shrub vegetation In a few areas rock outcrops in variable amounts occur, but these outcrops are of small extent and do not have a consistent pattern

The Sweeney soils, where open and clear, are very productive of forage Some of the more gently sloping soils along the Skyline crest, between Alpine and La Honda Roads, have been used successfully for hay crops and grain, although scattered rock outcrops interfere with farming operations The soils have responded favorably to reseeding to adapted forage crops, fertilization, and other improved cultural practices The Mindego soils produce good stands of timber, particularly of redwood

#### *Lobitos-Santa Lucia-Gazos*

The Lobitos-Santa Lucia-Gazos soil association consists of well-drained to excessively drained soils on sedimentary rocks The landscape consists of a succession of rounded ridgetops and steep-sided canyons Relief ranges from sloping to very steep, but it is predominantly steep and very steep The vegetation is largely shrubs and grasses The elevation ranges from near sea level to 2,000 feet, but it is mostly between 300 and 1,000 feet In general, the average annual rainfall ranges from 22 to 20 inches, but at high elevations the amount in some years is considerably greater

This soil association is extensive and occupies about 30 percent of the survey area It is the most extensive in the

TABLE 6—Relative suitability of soils for general intensive agriculture and for principal crops in the San Mateo Area, Calif.—Continued

Soil	Art- chokes	Bas- rel- spots	Elev- suit	Fl- suit	Oats suit	Ciar- h- (barley or oats)	Irr- gated pasture	Re g e p e n t e		Irr- gated
								Use- ful	Fert- ilized	
Soquel loam over clay nearly level	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	G	VG	G
Soquel loam over clay nearly level poorly drained	P	F	F	F	F	G	G	F	G	P
Soquel loam over clay nearly level imperfectly drained	G	G	G	G	G	VG	VG	G	VG	G
Soquel loam nearly level imperfectly drained	G	G	G	G	G	VG	VG	G	VG	G
Soquel loam gently sloping poorly drained	P	F	F	F	F	G	G	F	G	P
Stabilized dune land	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	P	VP	VP	VP
Sweeney clay loam moderately steep eroded	VP	P	F	F	F	F	F	G	VG	VP
Sweeney clay loam sloping eroded	P	F	F	G	G	G	G	G	VG	VP
Sweeney clay loam steep eroded	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	P	P	G	VG	VP
Sweeney clay loam very steep eroded	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	G	G	VP
Sweeney clay loam, steep and very steep severely eroded	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	F	F	VP
Sweeney clay loam deep sloping eroded	P	F	G	F	G	G	G	G	VG	VP
Sweeney clay loam deep moderately steep eroded	VP	P	F	F	F	G	G	G	VG	VP
Sweeney stony clay loam moderately steep eroded	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	P	P	F	G	VP
Sweeney stony clay loam steep eroded	VP	VP	VP	VP	VI	VP	VP	F	G	VP
Sweeney stony clay loam very steep eroded	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	F	F	VP
Sweeney clay sloping	P	F	G	F	G	G	VC	C	VC	VP
Sweeney clay moderately steep eroded	VP	P	F	F	F	G	G	C	VC	VP
Sweeney loam, sloping eroded	P	F	F	F	F	G	C	G	VC	VP
Sweeney loam moderately steep eroded	VP	P	P	P	P	F	F	G	VC	VP
Sweeney loam, steep eroded	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	P	P	G	VC	VP
Sweeney loam, very steep eroded	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	G	G	VP
Terra escarpments	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP
Terra loam, moderately steep eroded	VP	P	P	P	P	F	F	F	G	VP
Terra loam gently sloping	P	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	G	VP
Terra loam sloping eroded	P	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	G	VP
Terra loam steep severely eroded	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	P	F	VP
Terra loam, steep eroded	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	P	P	F	G	VP
Terra loam moderately steep severely eroded	VP	VP	P	P	P	F	F	P	F	VP
Terra sandy loam, sloping eroded	P	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	G	VP
Terra sandy loam moderately steep eroded	VP	P	P	F	P	F	F	F	C	VP
Terra clay loam sloping eroded	P	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	C	VP
Terra clay loam moderately steep eroded	VP	F	F	P	F	F	F	F	C	VP
Terra sandy loam, acid variant gently sloping	P	F	F	F	F	F	G	F	G	VP
Terra sandy loam acid variant, sloping eroded	P	F	F	F	F	G	C	F	G	VP
Terra sandy loam acid variant moderately steep eroded	VP	P	P	P	P	F	F	F	G	VP
Terra sandy loam, acid variant steep severely eroded	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	P	F	VP
Tunitas clay loam sloping eroded	P	F	G	F	G	C	G	G	VG	VP
Tunitas clay loam nearly level	G	F	G	G	G	G	VG	G	VG	VP
Tunitas clay loam gently sloping	I	F	G	G	G	G	VG	G	VG	VP
Tunitas clay loam moderately steep eroded	P	P	F	F	F	G	C	C	VC	VP
Tunitas clay loam, nearly level imperfectly drained	F	F	G	G	G	G	VG	G	VG	VP
Tunitas clay loam gently sloping imperfectly drained	F	F	G	G	G	G	VG	G	VG	VP
Tunitas loam nearly level	G	C	F	G	F	G	VG	G	VC	VP
Tunitas loam gently sloping	F	F	F	F	F	G	VG	G	VC	VP
Tunitas loam sloping eroded	P	F	F	F	F	G	G	G	VC	VP
Watsonville loam sloping eroded	P	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	G	VP
Watsonville loam gently sloping eroded	P	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	G	VP
Watsonville loam, moderately steep eroded	VP	P	P	P	P	P	F	F	G	VP

See footnotes at end of table

TABLE 10—Approximate acreage and proportionate extent of the soils of the Santa Maria Area—Continued

Soil symbol	Soil	Acreage	Percent	Soil symbol	Soil	Acreage	Percent
Ma	Mixed alluvial land.....	1 349	0.8	Ta	Terrace escarpments.....	772	( )
McF2	Montara stony loam, steep and very steep eroded.....	193	1	TeD2	Tierra loam, moderately steep eroded.....	1 518	( )
PoD2	Pompono loam, moderately steep eroded.....	1 771	1.1	TeB	Tierra loam, gently sloping.....	27	( )
PoC2	Pompono loam, sloping eroded.....	492	3	TeC2	Tierra loam, sloping eroded.....	663	( )
PpE2	Pompono loam, steep eroded.....	908	5	TeE3	Tierra loam, steep, severely eroded.....	1 249	( )
PoC2	Pompono clay loam, sloping eroded.....	68	( )	TeE2	Tierra loam, steep eroded.....	2 146	( )
PoD2	Pompono clay loam, moderately steep eroded.....	178	1	TeD2	Tierra loam, moderately steep, severely eroded.....	108	( )
Rb	Rough broken land.....	9 800	5.8	TaC2	Tierra sandy loam, sloping eroded.....	257	( )
SaF2	Santa Lucia loam, very steep eroded.....	5 396	3.2	TmD2	Tierra sandy loam, moderately steep eroded.....	336	( )
SaC2	Santa Lucia loam, sloping eroded.....	454	3	TcC2	Tierra clay loam, sloping eroded.....	82	( )
SaD2	Santa Lucia loam, moderately steep eroded.....	2 127	1.3	TcD2	Tierra clay loam, moderately steep eroded.....	110	( )
SaE2	Santa Lucia loam, steep eroded.....	3 298	2.0	TsB	Tierra sandy loam, acid variant, gently sloping.....	532	( )
SaF3	Santa Lucia loam, steep and very steep, severely eroded.....	346	2	TsC2	Tierra sandy loam, acid variant, sloping eroded.....	347	( )
SbE2	Santa Lucia stony loam, steep eroded.....	362	2	TsD2	Tierra sandy loam, acid variant, moderately steep eroded.....	56	( )
SbF2	Santa Lucia stony loam, very steep eroded.....	2 311	1.4	TsE3	Tierra sandy loam, acid variant, steep, severely eroded.....	52	( )
SbF3	Santa Lucia stony loam, steep and very steep, severely eroded.....	179	1	TuC2	Tunitas clay loam, sloping eroded.....	205	( )
ScF3	Santa Lucia stony loam, very shallow, steep and very steep, severely eroded.....	332	2	TuA	Tunitas clay loam, nearly level.....	53	( )
SrF	Sheridan coarse sandy loam, very steep.....	1 091	6	TuD2	Tunitas clay loam, moderately steep eroded.....	97	( )
ShE	Sheridan coarse sandy loam, steep.....	129	1	TwA	Tunitas clay loam, nearly level, imperfectly drained.....	140	( )
ShD	Sheridan coarse sandy loam, moderately steep.....	41	( )	TwB	Tunitas clay loam, gently sloping, imperfectly drained.....	180	( )
SkA	Soquel loam, nearly level.....	287	2	TxA	Tunitas loam, nearly level.....	18	( )
SkB	Soquel loam, gently sloping.....	167	1	TxB	Tunitas loam, gently sloping.....	167	( )
SkC2	Soquel loam, sloping eroded.....	46	( )	TxC2	Tunitas loam, sloping eroded.....	131	( )
SoA	Soquel loam over clay, nearly level.....	177	1	WmC2	Watsonville loam, sloping eroded.....	911	( )
SrA	Soquel loam over clay, nearly level, poorly drained.....	69	( )	WmB2	Watsonville loam, gently sloping eroded.....	572	( )
SsA	Soquel loam over clay, nearly level, imperfectly drained.....	48	( )	WmD2	Watsonville loam, moderately steep eroded.....	436	( )
SmA	Soquel loam, nearly level, imperfectly drained.....	42	( )	WnA	Watsonville loam, nearly level.....	517	( )
SpB	Soquel loam, gently sloping, poorly drained.....	24	( )	WrB	Watsonville loam, gently sloping.....	71	( )
Sd	Stabilized dune land.....	308	2	WnC3	Watsonville loam, sloping, severely eroded.....	40	( )
SwD2	Sweeney clay loam, moderately steep eroded.....	73	5	WmE3	Watsonville loam, moderately steep and steep, severely eroded.....	68	( )
SwC2	Sweeney clay loam, sloping eroded.....	70	( )	WnA	Watsonville loam, nearly level, poorly drained.....	35	( )
SwE2	Sweeney clay loam, steep, eroded.....	676	4	WnB	Watsonville loam, gently sloping, poorly drained.....	24	( )
SwF2	Sweeney clay loam, very steep eroded.....	522	3	WaA	Watsonville clay loam, nearly level.....	31	( )
SwF3	Sweeney clay loam, steep and very steep, severely eroded.....	99	1	WaB	Watsonville clay loam, gently sloping.....	54	( )
SxC2	Sweeney clay loam, deep sloping eroded.....	192	1	WaC2	Watsonville clay loam, sloping eroded.....	36	( )
SxD2	Sweeney clay loam, deep, moderately steep eroded.....	239	1	WsC2	Watsonville sandy loam, sloping eroded.....	719	( )
SzD2	Sweeney stony clay loam, moderately steep, eroded.....	243	1	WsB2	Watsonville sandy loam, gently sloping eroded.....	173	( )
SzE2	Sweeney stony clay loam, steep eroded.....	704	4	WsB	Watsonville sandy loam, gently sloping.....	313	( )
SzF2	Sweeney stony clay loam, very steep eroded.....	1 169	7	WsD2	Watsonville sandy loam, moderately steep eroded.....	346	( )
StC	Sweeney clay, sloping.....	51	( )	W.B2	Watsonville sandy loam, thick surface, gently sloping eroded.....	92	( )
StD2	Sweeney clay, moderately steep eroded.....	157	1	WoB	Watsonville loamy sand, gently sloping overblown.....	131	( )
SyC2	Sweeney loam, sloping eroded.....	47	( )		Cravel pits.....	17	( )
SyD2	Sweeney loam, moderately steep eroded.....	173	1				
SyE2	Sweeney loam, steep eroded.....	207	1				
SyF2	Sweeney loam, very steep eroded.....	441	3				
					Total.....	165 898	99

Less than 0.1 percent. These soils total 0.9 percent.

EXHIBIT **B**

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## Vineyard Development Procedures Feasibility and Planning

### Concept

#### 1 Initial Site Review

- Soil Analysis
  - Back hoe pits, approximately 1 or more per acre
  - Option of using GPS and maps
- Water Analysis
  - Quality and availability
- Environmental Impact
  - Private assessment regarding vernal pools, Valley Oak Trees, etc
  - Underground pipes, tanks location
- Drainage
  - Natural surface drainage (swails, creeks)
    - Use and modification of topographical map
  - Drainage enhancement via grading
    - Surface and subsurface

#### 2 Variety, Clone, and Rootstock Assessment

- From soil information
- From regional climate data
- From winery needs
  - Can a contract be secured?
- Nursery availability
  - To secure bare root dormant vines (preferred over green house vines), an order must be placed by February of the year preceding planting

#### 3. Site Plan

- Configuration of vineyard blocks
  - Determine vine and row spacing, row direction, trellis type, harvest method
- Configuration of irrigation blocks
- Detail of grading and drainage
- Configuration of loading/equipment areas

Attachment B

## Implementation

- 1 Initial Land Preparation
  - Removal of trees, buildings, and other obstructions
  - Initial disc down
  - Grading for drainage
- 2 Deep Ripping of Vineyard
  - Addition of amendments prior (lime, gypsum)
  - Actual ripping, 3 cross sections suggested, slip plow
  - Disc down to plantable cover
- 3 Drainage Installation
  - Installation of subsurface drainage pipes, culvert (non-surface drainage features)
- 4 Well installation
- 5 Vineyard Layout
  - Actual marking for vines
- 6 Irrigation Installation
  - Drip irrigation
  - Overhead frost protection (if needed)
- 7 Plant Vines
- 8 Install Trellis
  - All or part can be installed
  - Can wait until following year
- 9 First Year Vine Maintenance
  - Begin irrigation and fertilization program
  - Potential to train up stake first year
  - If training begins, begin sulfur program
  - Begin weed program (mechanical and by hand) in rows and between vines
  - Prune at winter time to 2 buds or top of stake, depending on growth

## 10 Second Year Vine Maintenance

- Complete trellis installation
- Strip spray weeds in winter
- Replant vines (expect 3% loss of dormant, 10% loss of green house vines)
- Continue fertilizer and sulfur program
- Train to fill out trellis

EXHIBIT C



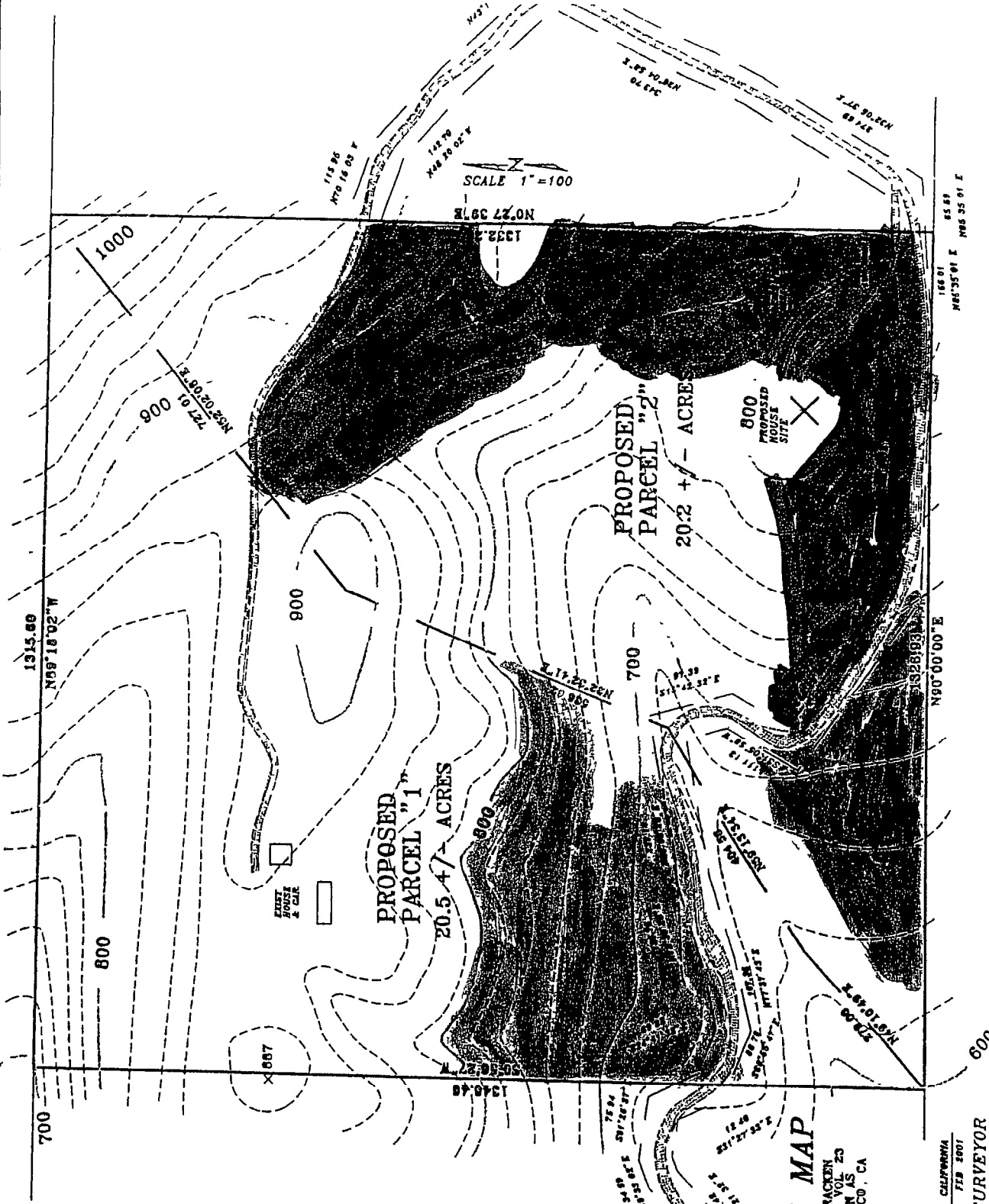
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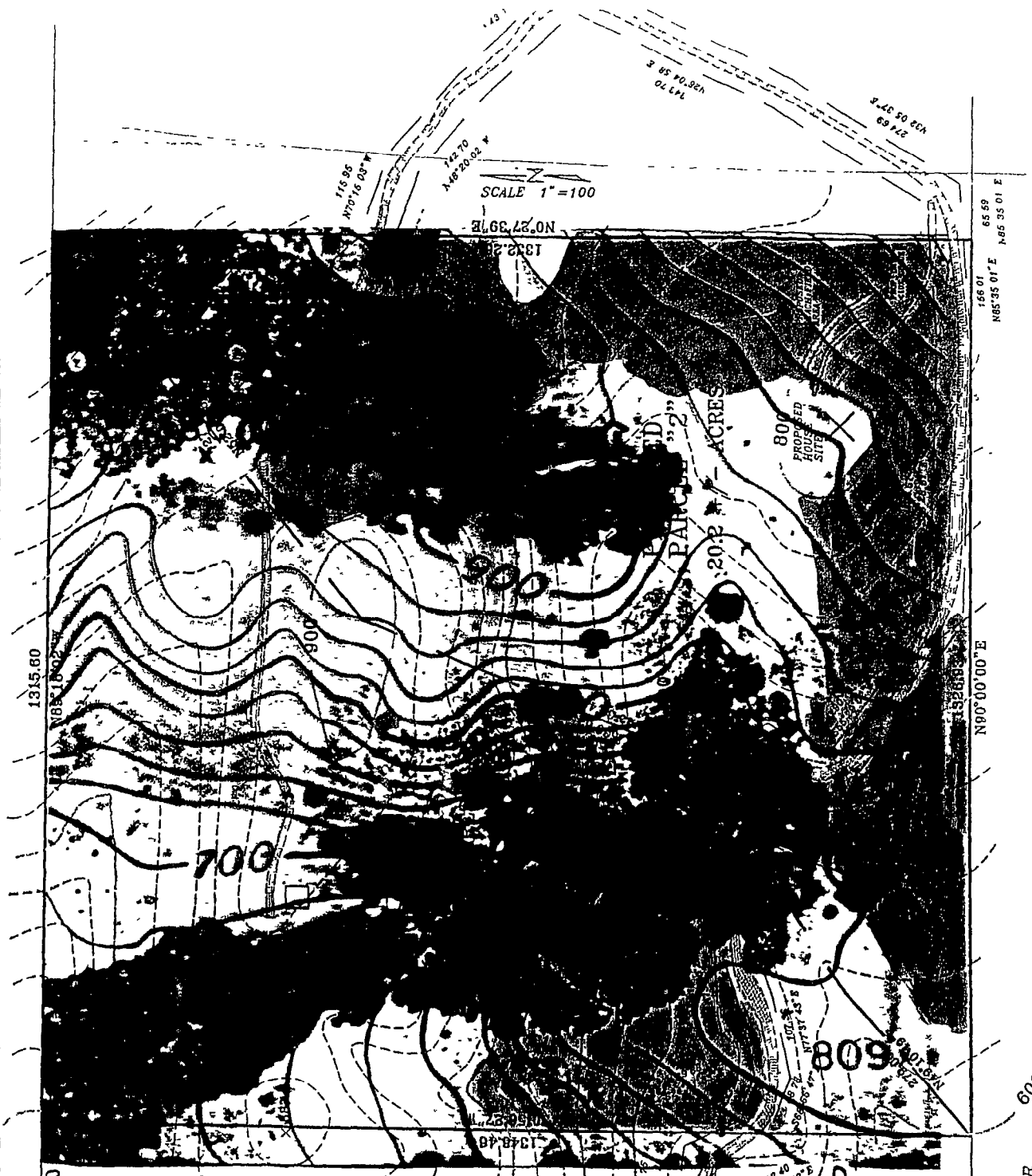
**VESTING TENTATIVE MAP**

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This photo depicts vineyard-planting area #1, shown in blue on the proposed vesting tentative map. Photo was taken from the road in the southwest corner. Planting will occur across the face of the hillside and in a small area below the road.



This photo shows vineyard-planting area #2. Shown in green on the proposed vesting tentative map. The area is along the southern boundary of the property, and moves down at a gentle slope. The photo does not truly show the area depicted on the map.

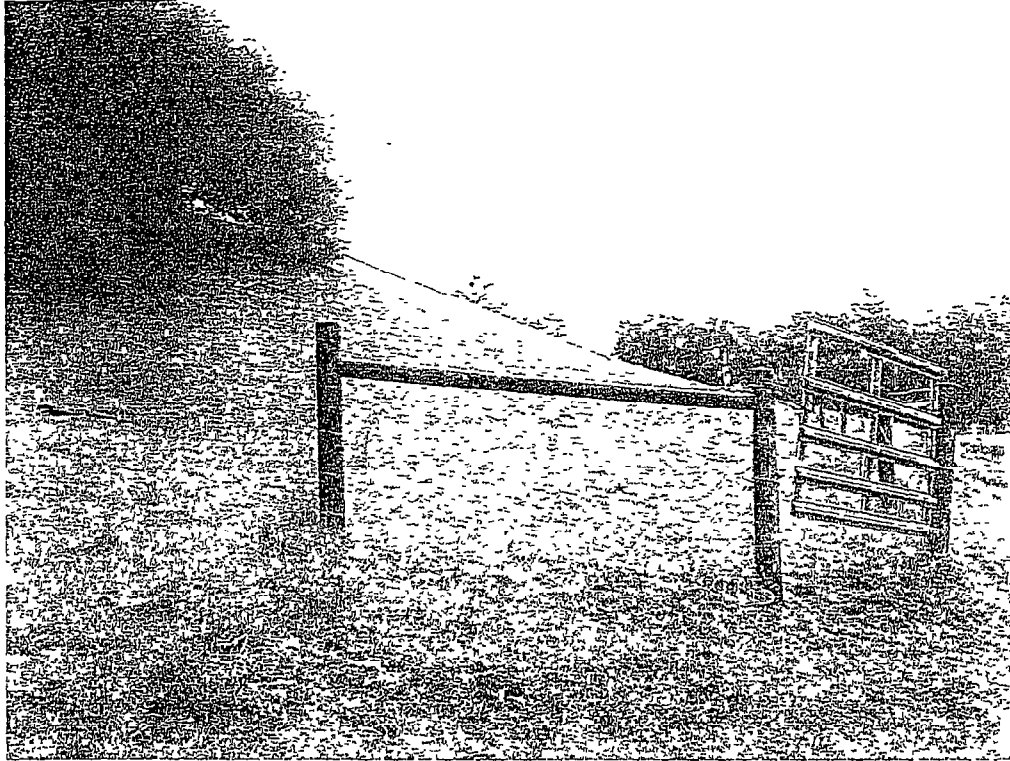


Photo is the first of three showing planting area number #3. This area is shown in pink on the proposed vesting tentative map. The area will wrap around the hill side come in behind the proposed house site and then move up the hill the east of the house site. There are two additional photos on the next page to show the area.





EXHIBIT *F*

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**James F. Pratt**, Cornerstone Certified Vineyard and Professional Services Experience gained from working with others and managing and operating my own vineyard and nursery allow a practical approach to my consulting services

**Vineyard Development**

- Site assessment and vineyard potential
- Rootstock, varietal, and clonal selections
- Project management. Advice or coordination of any of the following:
  - Site plan, land preparation, irrigation and trellis systems, vineyard planting, young vine care and management
  - Development of time line and budgets for project effectiveness
  - Coordination with nurseries to ensure quality control

**Vineyard Management**

- Discussion and advice on vineyard management for all stages of vineyard
  - Vineyards at the planting stage
  - Vineyards at the training stage
  - Vineyards in the harvest stage

**Labor and Personnel Issues**

- Consultation on all matters regarding labor, management, and winery issues to achieve optimum vineyard quality and production in the field and at the winery

I have been in the nursery and viticulture industry since 1980, and have the following background:

- President and Owner, Cornerstone Certified Vineyard, 1988 to present
- Grower Relations, Williams and Selyem Winery
- Vice President, Vinifera, Inc. Grapevine Nursery, 1995-1998
- Vice President, Sonoma Grapevines, Inc. 1980-1995
- B.A., Botany, Humboldt State University, 1980
- Research Chair, CA Rootstock Improvement Commission, 1997- present
- Member, California Fruit Tree, Nut Tree, and Grapevine Improvement Advisory Board (CDFA), 1994- present

**Fees:** Work is usually done on a contracted, per hour basis, at \$100 per hour. Fees may also be billed on a retainer or project basis.

**References**

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