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GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

May 10, 2010

The Honorable Norma Santiago
El Dorado County Supervisor
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, California 95667

Dear Supervisor Santiago,

Thank you for taking the time to write and share your support for Williamson Act funding in upcoming years. As you likely know from the experience of the past few years, we will face difficult decisions when revising the 2010-11 budget, due to the deep and continuing deficit. Unfortunately, resource conservation, including the Williamson Act, will be among those difficult decisions.

Over the past year, at public events and in private meetings in my office, I have heard from California's agricultural producers, environmentalists, local governments and others who join you in supporting this productive and historic program. As I have said, when this recession ends and revenues return to normal, the Williamson Act will be among the first considered for restoration. My office is working with supporters in an attempt to find innovative solutions for funding agricultural land conservation.

In the meantime, I appreciate your thoughts on such an important and complicated topic. Please know that I will keep your viewpoints in mind over the next few weeks and during budget development in the future. Thank you again for your input.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger

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