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Findings

1.0 CEQA FINDING

1.1 The proposed requests for Williamson Act Contracts has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15317 stating that, "class 17 consists of the establishment of agricultural preserves, the making and renewing of open space contracts under the Williamson Act, or the acceptance of easements or fee interests in order to maintain the open space character of the area."

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

2.1 Williamson Act Contract

2.1.1 The subject parcels satisfy the County's criteria 1, 2, and 3 as contained in Resolution No. 188-2002 for the establishment of an Agricultural Preserve, as discussed in the staff report and pursuant to review by the El Dorado County Agriculture Commission. Therefore, the creation of the three new contracts from the original can be approved.

2.2 Boundary Line Adjustment

2.2.1 The Boundary Line Adjustment conforms to the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

2.3 California Government Code Section 51257

- 2.3.1 As new contracts are required, the new contracts will enforceable restrict the adjusted boundaries of the parcel for an initial term not less than 10 years.
- 2.3.2 There is no net decrease in the amount of acreage being restricted; in fact, there will be more acreage under the new contracts.
- 2.3.3 At least 90 percent of the land under the former contract will remain under the new contracts; 100 percent of the land under the former contract will be included in the new contracts.
- 2.3.4 After the Boundary Line Adjustment, the parcels of land subject to contract will be large enough to sustain agricultural use as defined in Section 51222.
- 2.3.5 The Boundary Line Adjustment will not compromise the long term agricultural productivity of the parcel or other agricultural lands subject to a contract.
- 2.3.6 The Boundary Line Adjustment will not result in the removal of adjacent land from agricultural use.

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