

Charles P. Varvayanis

From: Roberta Shields [RShields@co.tuolumne.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2009 2:32 PM
To: 'Charles P. Varvayanis'
Subject: RE: Williamson Act Contract 05WA-041 Zone Change 05RZ-040

Charles,

You were granted the 30-day continuance at the January 15th meeting. We are currently preparing for the February 19th meeting of the Ag Advisory Committee. Our department staffs the Committee and Community Development prepares the projects that this Committee reviews. Renee has to have all the projects to me by February 9th so that we can prepare the agenda and distribute copies of all the material to the Committee members. Since you have sent her the e-mail she will request the Committee to continue this item at the February 19th meeting. I will make sure it is on the agenda.

Odd Fellows being an open space contract you had no contact with us. Fish and Game did your inspection and recommendation. All Williamson act contracts that have an agricultural use come to our office for inspection and recommendation.

Roberta Shields
Ag Dept.

From: Charles P. Varvayanis [mailto:charles@varvayanis.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2009 2:07 PM
To: Roberta Shields
Cc: 'Jesse Worsham'; 'Jesse Worsham'
Subject: Williamson Act Contract 05WA-041 Zone Change 05RZ-040

Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association, Inc.

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February 5, 2009

Re: Williamson Act Contract 05WA-041 Zone Change 05RZ-040

Hello Roberta,

I received a message from Renee Hendry a planer for Tuolumne County regarding our Williamson Act Contract. In my response to her we requested an additional 30 day continuance. Please see the forwarded e-mail below.

I have forwarded this e-mail to you to ensure the Agricultural Commissioner and the Agricultural Advisory Committee are aware of our request and reasons for an additional 30 day continuance and request that it be granted.

Could you also let us know of the relationship between your department and Renee Hendry's department regarding this matter?

Sincerely,

2/5/2009



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From: Charles P. Varvayanis [mailto:charles@varvayanis.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2009 12:29 PM
To: 'Renee Hendry'
Cc: 'Jesse Worsham'; 'Jesse Worsham'
Subject: RE: Oddfellows WA

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Dear Renee:

As you know, the question of the status of Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association, Inc.'s [hereinafter "OFSRA"] Williamson act application was originally scheduled to be heard by the Agricultural Advisory Committee on January 15, 2009. On January 12, 2009, the OFSRA Board requested and was granted a 30 day continuance on the hearing so they could address the issue which had not come before them before. As a consequence of this examination, the OFSRA Board has asked our forester, Will Dorrell, to examine completely the uses to which the property currently operating under the Williamson Act is and could be put to determine what is the best status to request from the Board. Mr. Dorrell is currently in the process of making this examination and is scheduled to report to the Board at our February Board Meeting scheduled for February 21, 2009.

We are again scheduled to come before the Agricultural Advisory Committee on February 19, 2009, but we will not yet have received the foregoing report and thus will not have had an opportunity to come to a reasoned conclusion about what status we should be requesting. We would, therefore, request one more 30 day extension of time to address the issue and to appear before your Committee at your mid-March meeting at which time we will have developed a reasoned decision about the Williamson Act question.

We thank you for your courtesy and consideration.

Sincerely,



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From: Renee Hendry
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2009 3:33 PM
To: 'Charles@varveyanis.com'
Subject: Oddfellows WA

Dear Sir:

I am processing the new Williamson Act contract for the Oddfellows parcel that is being used for recreation by the subdivision. The original application was received in 2005 with a proposal of recreation; however, a recreation WA contract must allow all members of the public to use the property free of charge and not just members of the Oddfellows subdivision. Last year, the Department of Fish and Game representation and I met with a gentleman named Mike Rainwater. He showed us the property and the Department of Fish and Game representative felt the property could qualify for an Open Space WA contract due to the presence of special species in the area. This would entail placing Open Space zoning on the property which would restrict the placement of structures on the parcel. Since this parcel was created in the 1940s, it may be that the taxes would not increase significantly if the property was simply taken out of the Williamson Act program. That way the property would not have the Open Space and WA restrictions that would prohibit future development of the property (such as building a Clubhouse, a pool or other such uses). I would like to take this project back before the Agricultural Advisory Committee on February 19, 2009. If your organization no longer wishes to pursue renewal of the Williamson Act contract the authorized "President" needs to sign and notarize a Notice of Nonrenewal form that I can provide you. Let me know as soon as possible what you decide. If you wish to continue the renewal process, I will also need a legal description of the property for the new WA contract. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Renee Hendry
Planner II