

Landowners Statement of Compliance with the Williamson Act

PJR-049

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department (PRMD) cannot take action on any application for a new structure or use on a parcel restricted by a Williamson Act Contract until sufficient evidence is presented to the County that the proposed new use or structure is consistent with the Williamson Act Contract. This questionnaire provides information that enables the County to make findings of compliance with the Contract.

Property Owner's Name

Site Address(es)

Mailing Address

City/Town Zip

City/Town State/Zip

Assessor's Parcel Number(s)

Phone Fax

File Number

E-mail address (optional)

Williamson Act Contract Number

1. Description of proposed project:

2. Describe the size of each parcel under the contract and explain how the property is currently being used:

3. Describe all existing buildings on the property, including their size, location and use. Please show them on a site plan:

4. Will the proposed structure or use remove any land area from agricultural production: Yes No

5. Describe the agricultural operation; acres devoted to crop or livestock and annual income from the agricultural operation. What is your long-term intent for the property?

6. Explain how any new structures or operations on the parcel will affect the existing agricultural operations on the existing parcel or on adjoining or nearby lands. Does the use/structure displace any agricultural area or impair agricultural operations?

7. Explain how your agricultural operations will not result in any lands being proposed for withdrawal from the Williamson Act:

8. The Landowner hereby makes the following representations:

- a. I acknowledge that the activity, use, or construction as proposed will be conducted in such a way as to maintain the agricultural viability of the parcel.
- b. I am aware of the provisions of the Williamson Act (Section 51250 of the California Government Code) and of the allowable uses on Williamson Act properties as defined by Sonoma County Code and the Sonoma County Rules and Regulations for Administration of Agricultural Preserves.
- c. I understand that AB1492 (Government Code Section 51250) defines specific and substantial penalties if construction on the parcel is found by the County of Sonoma or State of California to result in a material breach of the contract provisions.
- d. I acknowledge that the contract restricts residential use and that the Department of Conservation has indicated that: "Residences not incidental to an agricultural use are prohibited, and may trigger AB1492 penalties. These may include residences for persons or family members not involved with the agricultural use, or residence constructed on contracted parcels with no commercial-agricultural use."

- e. I acknowledge that the activity, use, or construction as proposed is of size and type that would not adversely affect the on-site or adjacent farming operations and understand that the County has a "Right to Farm" policy.
- f. I understand that it is my sole responsibility as the landowner to ensure that all activities, uses, and construction on this parcel are in compliance with the provisions of the Williamson Act, and that those activities will not result in a material breach of the Williamson Act contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, by their signature below, the Owner and Applicant hereby certify that the information set forth in this Landowners Statement of Compliance is true and correct, and that they have read, understand and agree to perform the obligations under this Statement.

Property Owner(s)

Date

Applicant (if different from above)

Date