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FROM: Kings County Community Development Agency
Kings County Government Center
Hanford, CA 93230

PROJECT TITLE:
California Land Conservation "Williamson" Act Program Modification Pursuant to Government Code Section 15244(b)

PROJECT APPLICANT:
Kings County Community Development Agency
1400 W. Lacey Blvd, Building #6, Hanford, CA 93230 (559) 852-2670

PROJECT LOCATION - Specific:
Various parcels under California Land Conservation "Williamson" Act contract or Farmland Security Zone contract

PROJECT LOCATION - City
Unincorporated area

PROJECT LOCATION - County:
Kings

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:
In July 2011, the California Legislature enacted Assembly Bill 1265 which amended Section 51244 of the California Government Code. The change authorized counties to reduce the terms of "Williamson" Act and Farmland Security Zone contracts to 9 and 18 years respectively, resulting in a 10% reduction in the landowners' property tax relief. The legislation was to expire on January 1, 2016; however, in September 2014, the State Legislature amended Section 51244 to eliminate the expiration date and allow a jurisdiction to implement the contract reductions in any year that subvention funds are not received.

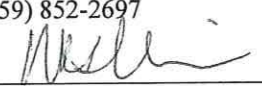
NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:
Kings County Board of Supervisors, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Building #1, Hanford, CA 93230

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:
Kings County Community Development Agency

EXEMPT STATUS: (check one)
 Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268);
 Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(a));
 Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15317, Class 17
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:
Section 15317 of the California Environmental Quality Act & CEQA Guidelines states that Class 17 includes the establishment of agricultural preserves and the making and renewing of open space contracts under the Williamson Act. In addition, none of the special circumstances in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

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