

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO  
WORK WITH OWNERS OF WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACTED LANDS THAT HAVE  
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FOR REZONING TO TIMBERLAND PRESERVE, AND IF SO, WAIVE THE FEES FOR  
PROCESSING SUCH AMENDMENTS**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, in 1965, the State Legislature enacted the California Land Conservation Act (Williamson Act), which authorizes local governments to enter into contracts with private landowners to restrict development on specific parcels to agricultural, open space, and recreational related uses in exchange for reduced property tax assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo has entered into such contracts with certain private landowners; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 22, 2013, the Planning and Building Department recommended that this Board adopt revised Rules and Procedures for such contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to concerns expressed by representatives of agencies and businesses involved in timber harvesting, the Board excluded from the revised Rule

and Procedures that it adopted on October 22, 2013, provisions of the recommended Rules and Procedures addressing timber harvesting; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board directed the Planning and Building Department to report back on timber harvest issues in March 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Planning and Building Department has met with representatives of timber harvest businesses and agencies to address these matters; and

**WHEREAS**, based on input from affected stakeholders, Planning and Building Department staff has determined that using Timberland Preserve zoning rather than Williamson Act contracts is a more appropriate means of facilitating desirable timber harvesting in the unincorporated County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Planning and Building Department to work with owners of Williamson Act contracted lands that have valid timber harvest permits to determine if such lands qualify for rezoning to Timberland Preserve, and if so, to waive the fees for processing such amendments.

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