

Las Aguilas LLC/Slack & Riley LLC: Division
Request of an Agrigultural Perverse Contract
No. 68-033

1 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN BENITO**

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN BENITO COUNTY) Resolution No. 2021-_____
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING THE)
4 DIVISION OF ONE AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE)
5 UNDER CONTRACT NUMBER 68-033 (LAS)
6 AGUILAS, LLC; AND SLACK AND RILEY, LLC)

7 **WHEREAS**, Counties are authorized to establish agricultural preserves and to establish local
8 procedures for creating, altering and terminating agricultural preserves, under the California Land
9 Conservation Act (Cal. Government Code section 51200 et seq.); and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Benito adopted an ordinance
11 implementing the California Land Conservation Act in the County of San Benito, now codified in the
12 San Benito County Code, title 19, chapter 19.01, article II, commencing with section 19.01.020; and

13 **WHEREAS**, County Code section 19.01.021(B) sets forth the procedural requirements for the Board
14 of Supervisors' consideration of requests for division of existing agricultural preserves; and

15 **WHEREAS**, County Code section 19.01.021(B)(2) requires the Board of Supervisors to make a
16 finding that the newly created agricultural preserves will each meet the minimum acreage and income
17 generation requirements following division, before the Board may approve a division request; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the minimum acreage requirements are 10 acres of orchards, vineyard or irrigated
19 vegetable and field crops, 40 acres of irrigated pasture or dry-land farmed land, or 160 acres of
20 grazing land, or an approved combination of acreage in more than one of these categories, pursuant to
21 County Code section 19.01.021(D)(1)(a); and

22 **WHEREAS**, the minimum income generation requirements are \$3,500 annual gross income from the
23 sale of agricultural commodities, produced for three (3) out of every immediately preceding five (5)
24 consecutive year period, absent an act of God, such as an extended drought, which prevents the
25 achievement of this standard, pursuant to County Code section 19.01.021(D)(1)(b); and

26 **WHEREAS**, the owners of one (1) agricultural preserve, comprising approximately 33,782+ acres
27 of land under agricultural preserve Contract Number 68-033, currently operated as grazing land,
28 requested a division of the existing preserve into six (6) new preserves, to be comprised of
approximately 500+ acres, 400+ acres, 3000+ acres, 20,300+ acres, 1400+ acres, and 8204+ acres,
respectively, and reported annual gross incomes in excess of \$3,500 per year for each of the new
preserves; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee considered the division request, found
that each of the newly created agricultural preserves will continue to meet the minimum acreage and
income generation requirements following division, pursuant to the criteria of San Benito County
Code section 19.01.021(B)(2)(a), (D)(1)(a)(3) & (D)(1)(b), and recommends that the Board of
Supervisors approve the division request; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors held a duly noticed public hearing to consider the division
request; and

1 **WHEREAS**, at the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors heard and received all oral and written
2 testimony and evidence that was made, presented, or filed, and all persons present at the hearing
3 were given ample opportunity to hear and be heard with respect to any matter related to the division
4 request; and

4 **WHEREAS**, at the conclusion of public testimony, the Board closed the public hearing, deliberated
5 and considered the merits of the division request.

5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San
6 Benito that it hereby finds that the proposed six (6) new preserves, to be comprised of
7 approximately 500+ acres, 400+ acres, 3000+ acres, 20,300+ acres, 1400+ acres, and 8204+ acres
8 respectively, will continue to meet the minimum acreage and income generation requirements set
9 forth in San Benito County Code section 19.01.021(B)(2)(a), (D)(1)(a)(3) & (D)(1)(b), because
each of the new preserves will contain more than 160 acres of grazing land, and each of the new
preserves will generate gross income in excess of \$3,500 per year; and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Benito that it
11 hereby approves the division request, based on its findings and determinations, and supported by
12 substantial evidence in the record and the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee's
13 recommendation.

13 **PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN**
14 **BENITO THIS 9th DAY OF MARCH, 2021 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

15 Ayes: Supervisor(s):
16 Noes: Supervisor(s):
17 Absent: Supervisor(s):
18 Abstain: Supervisor(s)

18 By: _____
19 Mark Medina, Chair

20 **ATTEST:**
21 Jennifer Frechette, Clerk of the Board

20 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**
21 San Benito County Counsel's Office

22 By: _____

22 By: Shirley L. Murphy
23 Shirley L. Murphy, Deputy County Counsel

23 Date: _____

23 Date: Feb. 26, 2021