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Re: Blanket waiver of the Attorney General's title regulations  
Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management  
Williamson Act Land Conservation Contract  
7,000 acre Coast Dairies Ranch property  
Santa Cruz County, California

Dear Ms. Zahedi:

You requested a blanket waiver of the Attorney General's title regulations to permit

- ◆ the acquisition by the Bureau of Land Management by donation of fee title to the 7,000 acre Coast Dairies Ranch property, located on the Pacific coast in Santa Cruz County, California, and
- ◆ future land acquisitions by any DOI agency of land in California,

subject to use restriction contained in a Williamson Act Land Conservation Contract.

This is to advise you that your request for a blanket waiver was granted by Assistant Attorney General Ronald J. Tenpas.

This grant of a blanket waiver is conditioned upon compliance with the following as to each parcel acquired in the future subject to a use restriction contained in a Williamson Act Land Conservation Contract:



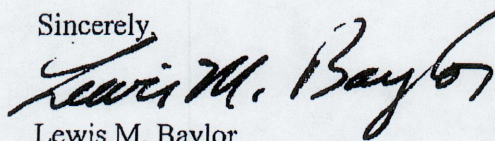
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- a) The acquiring DOI agency must
  - i) advise the reviewing attorney who is preparing the preliminary title opinion under 40 U.S.C. 3111, as to its intended use of the land, and certify that the use restriction contained in the specific Williamson Act Land Conservation Contract in question will not interfere with said use;
  - ii) advise the reviewing attorney that the agency has no plans to dispose of the land; and
  - ii) agree to give, and after the land has been acquired give, written notification of its non-renewal of the Williamson Act Land Conservation Contract, thereby leading to the termination of the contract at the end of the contract term (in 9-10 years).
- b) The reviewing attorney must, in writing in the preliminary title opinion or elsewhere,
  - i) reference the letter from this department notifying DOI of the grant of this blanket waiver;
  - ii) indicate that he/she concurs with the agency that the restrictions contained in the specific Williamson Act Land Conservation Contract in question will not interfere with the agency's contemplated use of the land; and
  - iii) determine that the title is otherwise sufficient as required by 40 U.S.C. 3111.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Lewis M. Baylor

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