

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-XXX

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SHASTA
IMPLEMENTING GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 51244(b) AND 51244.3
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024**

WHEREAS, the California Land Conservation Act (the “Williamson Act”) was enacted on July 14, 1965, to implement a variety of state farmland preservation policies directed at discouraging the unnecessary and premature conversion of farmland to other uses; and

WHEREAS, approximately 189,115 acres in Shasta County are presently conserved by voluntary County and landowner participation in Williamson Act contracts; and

WHEREAS, for decades the State has provided subvention funding to replace the property tax revenues that participating jurisdictions like Shasta County lose as a consequence of extending reduced assessments to the owners of contracted lands; and

WHEREAS, Shasta County received \$0.00 in State subvention funding in Fiscal Year 2022-23. The County’s actual foregone general fund property tax revenue for Fiscal Year 2022-23 was \$289,551. Accordingly, the County received less than one-half of the County’s foregone general fund tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1265 (Stats. 2011, c. 90)(“AB 1265”) is an effort to provide a partial solution to the elimination of subvention funding; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1353 removed the sunset date of January 1, 2016, that was included in AB 1265 and otherwise maintained the provisions of AB 1265 related to Williamson Act contracts; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to make certain findings and take other actions necessary to formally implement AB 1265 and SB 1353 for the year 2024 effective January 1, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Shasta County Board of Supervisors, State of California, hereby makes the following findings and determinations for the year 2024:

1. The Board of Supervisors finds that during the prior Fiscal Year 2022-23 the payments received by the County pursuant to Government Code Section 16142 amounted to less than one-half of the County’s actual foregone general fund property tax revenue.

2. The Board of Supervisors hereby implements Government Code Sections 51244(b) and 51244.3 for the year 2024 effective January 1, 2024.
3. The County Administrative Office and other County staff are authorized to take such necessary and further actions as are appropriate to implement this Resolution and carry out the intent of the Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provisions of this Resolution or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Resolution that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are severable.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of October, 2023, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSE:

PATRICK JONES, CHAIR
Board of Supervisors,
County of Shasta
State of California

ATTEST:
DAVID J. RICKERT
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy