



California
**Department of
Conservation**
Division of Land
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Williamson Act / SB 574 Changes

Land Conservation Act of 1965

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Senate Bill 574

- Effective January 1st, 2022
- 17 changes to the Williamson Act
- Eliminated certain administrative tasks and consultation requirements
- New WA reporting requirements





Government Code (GC) Section 51203 (Cancellation Valuation)



- Section 51203 was renumbered to 51283.1
- Removed the ability of the landowner and DOC to sidestep the local assessor in regard to cancellation valuation.



GC Section 51207 (Biennial Report)

- Biennial Williamson Act Report
- Williamson Act information will now be posted on the DOC website biennially





GC Section 51237.5 (WA Enrollment Reporting)



- WA enrollment must be reported annually on or before January 30th
- Geographic Information System files
- Reported information only need include the number of acres under contract



GC Section 51245 (Notice of Nonrenewal)



- No longer required to send the Department a Notice of Nonrenewal



GC Section 51246 (Notice of Expiration)



- No longer required to send the Department a Notice of Expiration





GC Section 51249 (Sample Contracts)



- No submittal of sample contracts



GC Section 51283 (Cancellation Fee, Fee Waiver)



- Assessor's valuation of cancellation fees is no longer required to be sent to the Department



GC Section 51283.4 (Tentative Cancellation)

- Assessor's valuation of cancellation fee valid for one year
- Withdrawal of Tentative Cancellation must be sent to the Department





GC Section 51283.5



- Changes remove DOC's involvement in determining the adequacy of the security deposit required for a formal review of cancellation



GC Section 51284 (Cancellation, Public Notice/Hearing



- No longer required to send DOC a notice of public hearing of cancellation





GC Section 51284.1 (DOC review of Cancellation)



- Eliminates DOC's review and comment period for pending Williamson Act cancellations





GC Section 51291 (DOC review of Public Agency/Eminent Domain)



- Eliminates DOC's review and comment period for public acquisition of Williamson Act contracted land





GC Section 51294 (Enforcement of Eminent Domain)



- Eliminates DOC's enforcement of eminent domain findings





GC Section 51294.1 (Eminent Domain/Water Facilities)



- Removes the requirement to notify the Department of Conservation of public acquisition



GC Section 51295 (Eminent Domain /3rd Notice Requirements)



- Removes the language requiring a public agency to notify the Department if the land was not used for the intended public acquisition





GC Section 51297 (FSZ Cancellation)



- DOC no longer approves the cancellation of Farmland Security Zone contracts



THANK YOU

Questions?

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