



New Williamson Act Reporting Requirements

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Section 51237.5: **(County WA reporting requirements)**

- Section 51237.5 now requires that on or before January 30th of each year, each city or county in which an agricultural preserve is located shall provide the Department with geographical information system (GIS) data files of all agricultural preserves and Williamson Act contracted land in existence at the end of the preceding year.

Reporting of Williamson Act enrollment will no longer be collected through the Open Space Subvention Survey; instead, enrollment reporting will be simplified through the collection of data via GIS files. GIS files reported to the Department should be in the format detailed below, and need only include the following attribute fields and values:

Format:

Software – ESRI

File Format - file geodatabase (.gdb) or shapefile (.shp)

Projection – California Albers (or California Teale Albers)

Datum – North American Datum 1983 (NAD83)

Linear Unit – meters

Attribute Table Fields and Values:

- County_City: Data Type=Text, entry should state county or city name.
- Year: Data Type=Short Integer, data values should be four digits such as “2021”.
- Acreage: Data Type=Double (two decimal places).
- WA_Type: Data Type=Text, contract enrollment status and values should be “Prime”, “Nonprime”, “FSZ”, or “Nonrenewal”.
- APN_Number: Data Type=Long Integer or text if using dashes or spaces.

Williamson Act enrollment data (GIS files) should be submitted to:

Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
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