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Agenda Item 11a

Kathryn Lyddan, Executive Director
Brentwood Agricultural Land Trust
P.O. Box 2046
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Dear Kathryn,

We recently learned that you have accepted a new position with the California Department of Conservation and are leaving the Brentwood Agricultural Land Trust (BALT).

You will be dearly missed in Contra Costa County. The work you and your Board have accomplished in the past decade has been phenomenal. BALT's work to preserve agricultural land; develop and strengthen local agricultural enterprise zoning, permitting and policies; and foster collaboration among the farming and urban communities has helped build and sustain the future of farming in Contra Costa County.

Your commitment to, and support of, Contra Costa LAFCO has further enhanced LAFCO's work to protect agricultural and open lands through the recent adoption of a LAFCO Agricultural & Open Space Preservation Policy. On a personal note, it has been a pleasure to work together on our common interests.

We will miss your local presence in Contra Costa County; however, we are confident that your work at the State level will take California to new heights in balancing the State's competing interests and in preserving our valuable natural resources – today and in the years ahead.

Congratulations and best wishes!

Sincerely,

Lou Ann Teixeira, Executive Officer
Contra Costa LAFCO

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