



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **FRESNO COUNTY ASSESSOR-RECORDER REDUCES ASSESSMENTS ON DROUGHT STRICKEN GRAZING PARCELS**

**Fresno, California-** Recognizing Decline in Value Due to Drought, Fresno County Assessor-Recorder reduces the assessments on Grazing Parcels that are subject to a Williamson Act contract. Since irrigation is not generally used for grazing parcels, the current drought has significantly reduced the animal carrying capacity of grazing parcels within Fresno County. Recognizing the decline in value caused by the reduced capacity, Assessor-Recorder Paul Dictos has directed those assessments to be reduced. The assessments are expected to be lowered by an average of 50% for the 2014-15 assessment roll.

“This decline in value will provide some tax relief to the owners of those parched properties”, said Dictos.

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