Plumas County Williamson Act Lands 2008
Land Enrolled in Williamson Act and Farmland Security Zone Contracts as of 01-01-2008

The California Land Conservation Act of 1965 - commonly referred to as the Williamson Act - is a land preservation program that grants local governments the authority to enter into contracts with landowners to conserve and protect agricultural and open space resources. The Act is intended to preserve the agricultural viability of farmland and open space while also ensuring that development is limited to areas that are consistent with land use plans.

To participate in the Williamson Act, landowners must enroll their property in the program, which typically involves entering into a long-term contract with a local government. In return for enrolling in the program, the landowner agrees to restrict certain uses of the property and limit development to specific areas.

The Williamson Act encompasses various types of land, including Prime Agricultural Land, Non-Prime Agricultural Land, Urban and Built-up Land, and Farmland Security Zone Land. Each type of land has specific criteria for enrollment and restrictions on its use.

Prime Agricultural Land: This land is designated for agricultural use and must meet certain criteria such as suitability for agriculture, the absence of significant environmental or historical features, and the ability to be developed in accordance with local plans.

Non-Prime Agricultural Land: This land is defined as Open Space Land that does not meet the criteria for classification as Prime Agricultural Land. It may be used for certain agricultural activities but is not eligible for certain types of development restrictions.

Urban and Built-up Land: This land is defined as land that is currently or potentially subject to urban or built-up use, including areas that are zoned for such use or that have significant infrastructure.

Farmland Security Zone Land: This land is defined as land that is enrolled in the Williamson Act program and is subject to specific limitations on development and use.

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