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Mr. Bill Barton, President
Santa Cruz County Fair Board
2601 East Lake Avenue
Watsonville, CA 95076

Dear Bill and Members of the Fair Board:

The Agricultural History Project is asking the Board of Directors for a three year period of time to explore the possibility of developing a Living History Farm on the property from the drive through gate at the east corner of the Agricultural History Project property to the Grange Hall at the eastern corner of the fairgrounds.

The site was one of the first sites identified that would allow the Agricultural History Project to create the Living History Farm on the fairgrounds and expand its present site during the next 5 to 10 years. We also request to be included in discussions for use of all or a portion of the Race Track area should it become available for other uses through termination of the current racing contract.

The Living History Farm will be interpreting the History of Agriculture of our area from 1850-1950 and at the same time, helping the public understand how their food and fiber is grown and processed.

After receiving your approval, we will

- Consult with an architect to develop a master plan for the Living History Farm. At this time, we see the Grange Hall as an Education and Welcome Center for visitors and school classes attending the venue.
- Create a sound fund development plan for the Living History Farm.

Throughout the process, we will keep the Board of Directors informed.

If all goes well, at the end of the three year period or before, we would like to enter into a five year contract with the Fair with options for additional years. Fees could be determined at that time.

Thank you for taking the time to look at our request and proposal.

Sincerely,

John Kegebein, CEO
Agricultural History Project

Enriching our lives with Agricultural History

Proposed site for Jimmy History Farm

Race Track & pits

