



I/we, the undersigned, intend to grade for agricultural purposes as allowed by Section 22.52.070C of the Land Use Ordinance and Section 23.05.032.c of the Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance for the parcel(s) described in this application.

Agricultural Grading in the Coastal Zone is not authorized until approved by the Coastal Commission.

Applicant Information

Landowner Name: Daytime Phone:

Mailing Address:

City: State: Zip:

Property Information

APN(s): Total Size of the Site\*:

Project Address:

Describe the current agricultural use of the property:

Is the project site in the Coastal Zone?

\*All contiguous parcels under common ownership

Paso Robles Groundwater Basin

Is the site in the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin? Yes No If yes, see page 5.

- Agricultural Grading - The following agricultural grading projects do not require a grading permit but must comply with the minimum standards for permit exemption:
New Fields/Pastures. Preparing new land for crop production or grazing on slopes with a natural gradient less than 30% (including drainage improvements related to crop production and range improvements).
Small Reservoir. A small storage reservoir constructed to regulate or store a supply of water for frost protection and seasonal irrigation. Must be designed to contain no more than one acre-foot of water and storage must be entirely below grade.
Upland Restoration. Projects which are undertaken for soil, water quality, habitat, or wildlife restoration, conservation, or enhancement occurring outside of the channel of a stream.
Imbalanced grading. Grading projects intended to accommodate one or more of the projects identified above or as exempt grading per Section 22.52.070B, and involving importation or exportation of no more than 2,000 cubic yards on a site per year.

# Agricultural Grading Form

**You may proceed with work once this form has been filed with and received by the Department of Planning & Building.**

Via US Mail or drop-off location: Permit Center  
976 Osos Street, RM 200  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Via email: [planning@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:planning@co.slo.ca.us)

## Description

Describe the nature of the proposed grading activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. Area of Disturbance: \_\_\_\_\_ Steepest gradient where grading will occur: \_\_\_\_\_

Grading Quantities: (Cut) \_\_\_\_\_ (Fill) \_\_\_\_\_

Export Destination / Source of Import: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Frame for Work: (Est. Start Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Est. End Date) \_\_\_\_\_

## Certification

Check the box below and provide a copy of the applicable course certification that authorizes you or your contractor to perform the above-referenced agricultural grading activity.

- Certified Professional in Erosion and Sedimentation Control (CPESC), Certified Professional in Stormwater Quality (CPSWQ), and Certified Erosion, Sedimentation, and Stormwater Inspector (CESSWI)
- Certification in Erosion and Sediment Control
- Resource Conservation District Erosion and Sedimentation Control Short Course
- Certified California Sustainable Winegrowing (CCSW)
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) – Only for NRCS-accepted grant projects
- Irrigated Agriculture Discharge Waiver
- Farm / Ranch Water Quality Short Course

## Outside Agencies

Though your project may be exempt from County grading permits, there are other state, local, and federal agencies that may require permits. The County does not verify that all proper permits have been obtained for agricultural grading. If your project includes any of the following activities, the agency listed to the right of the activity should be contacted.

Activity	Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Altering a stream or watercourse or doing work near wetlands.	Department of Fish and Game (559) 243-4005 Army Corps of Engineers North of Cuesta Grade (415) 977-8601 South of Cuesta Grade (213) 452-3921 US Fish and Wildlife Service (805) 644-1766 National Marine Fisheries Service (562) 980-4026

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<input type="checkbox"/> Site work to be done in endangered/threatened species habitat.	Department of Fish and Game (559) 243-4005 US Fish and Wildlife Service (805) 644-1766
<input type="checkbox"/> Utilizing surface water or riparian underflow in a pond/reservoir.	Department of Water Resources (916) 653-5791
<input type="checkbox"/> Site disturbance of 1 acre or more.	Regional Water Quality Control Board (805) 549-3147 State Water Resources Control Board (916) 341-5455

## Best Management Practices (BMPs)

You are responsible for implementing BMPs for your project. Agricultural grading requires implementation of appropriate BMPs to minimize the potential for erosion and sedimentation from your grading activities (22.52.070C.1.c). Provide a list of appropriate BMPs that will be implemented on your project (use another sheet if necessary), and graphically represent the BMPs on the attached site plan. If you are not experienced in implementing BMPs, consider consulting with the local Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) or Resource Conservation District (RCD) office for guidance.

## List of BMPs To Be Implemented

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## Acknowledgement of Standards and Limitations

- I understand that the County has not verified if permits from state and federal agencies are needed prior to starting work.
- I plan to incorporate all reasonable measures to ensure against erosion and sedimentation both during and after grading activities.
- I understand that any grading activities that may result in hazardous conditions are not exempt from grading permit requirements. A hazardous condition exists when activities create a risk to life and limb; endanger property; adversely affect the safety, use, or stability of a public right-of-way or drainage channel; or create a significant environmental impact.
- I understand that failure to adhere to these standards and limitations may result in a code enforcement violation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

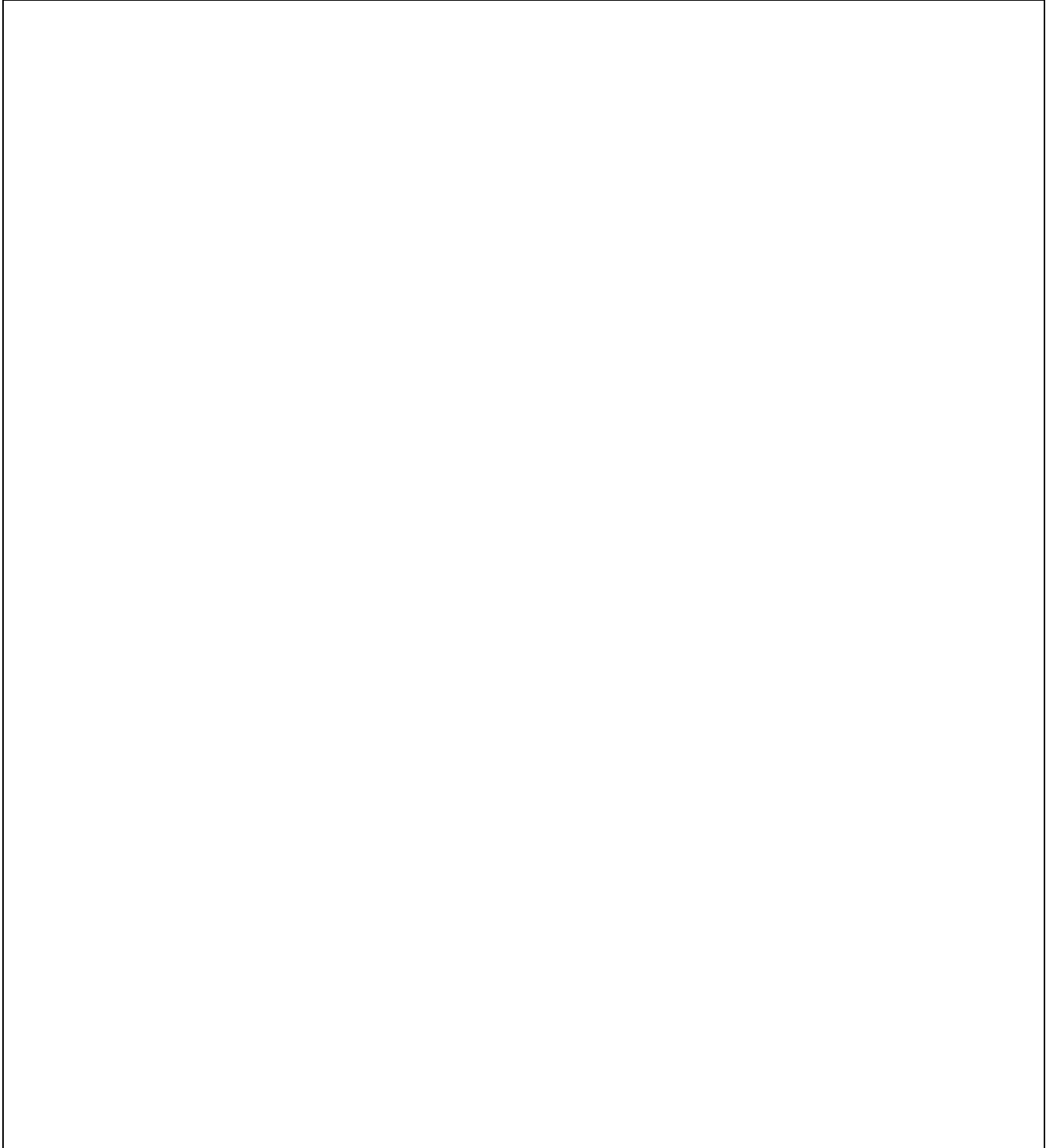
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## Site Plan

Draw a rough diagram depicting parcel boundaries, roads, and the location of the proposed grading. Include a north arrow and labels, as appropriate (use another sheet if necessary):



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## PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER BASIN

Do you have an active Ag Offset Clearance Application? Yes  No  Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

If the answer is NO, sign the statement below.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the property owner of the parcel listed above, understand that Title 22 Section 22.30.204 prohibits new or expanded irrigated crop production overlying the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin without first obtaining an agricultural offset clearance from the Department of Planning & Building. By signing below, I certify that the proposed grading will not serve any new or expanded irrigated crop production that is not permitted by an agricultural offset clearance. If at any time new or expanded agriculture is proposed for the subject property, the provisions of Title 22.30.204 may apply, and I will contact the Department of Planning & Building to obtain the necessary clearances.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name